

I Mina'trentai Sais Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
BILL STATUS

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES	NOTES
217-36 (LS)	Therese M. Terlaje	AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 13.2 TO CHAPTER 1 OF DIVISION 1, TITLE 5, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING THE GUAM WORLD WAR II RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2021 TO COMPENSATE CLAIMS OF THE GREATEST GENERATION OF GUAM FOR THE ATROCITIES SUFFERED DURING THE WORLD WAR II OCCUPATION OF GUAM.	10/25/21 11:03 a.m.					11/5/21	Public Hearing Waiver 10/25/21



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MEMO

To: **Rennae Meno**
Clerk of the Legislature

From: **Senator Amanda L. Shelton**
Acting Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Re: **Fiscal Notes on Bill Nos. 217-36 (LS) and 218-36 (LS)**

Håfa adai,

Attached, please find the fiscal notes for the following bills:

Bill No. 217-36 (LS)

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Please forward the same to Management Information Services (MIS) for posting on our website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mary Maravilla, Committee on Rules Director at 472-2461.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.



**Bureau of Budget & Management Research
Fiscal Note of Bill No. 217-36 (LS)**

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Department/Agency Appropriation Information	
Dept./Agency Affected: Office of the Governor of Guam	Dept./Agency Head: Honorable Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero, Governor of Guam
Department's General Fund (GF) appropriation(s) to date:	\$5,851,424
Department's Other Fund (Indirect Cost Fund) appropriation(s) to date:	\$293,825
Total Department/Agency Appropriation(s) to date:	\$6,145,249

Fund Source Information of Proposed Appropriation			
	General Fund:	(Specify Special Fund):	Total:
FY 2021 Unreserved Fund Balance		\$0	\$0
FY 2022 Adopted Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2022 Appro. (P.L. 36-54)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sub-total:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less appropriation in Bill	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Estimated Fiscal Impact of Bill						
	One Full Fiscal Year	For Remainder of FY 2022 (if applicable)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
General Fund	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Fund	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	1/	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

- Does the bill contain "revenue generating" provisions? / / Yes /X/ No
If Yes, see attachment
- Is amount appropriated adequate to fund the intent of the appropriation? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
If no, what is the additional amount required? \$ _____ /X/ N/A
- Does the Bill establish a new program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
If yes, will the program duplicate existing programs/agencies? /X/ N/A / / Yes / / No
Is there a federal mandate to establish the program/agency? / / Yes /X/ No
- Will the enactment of this Bill require new physical facilities? / / Yes /X/ No
- Was Fiscal Note coordinated with the affected dept./agency? If no, indicate reason: /X/ Yes / / No
/ / Requested agency comments not received by due date / / Other:

Analyst: <u>Joaquin A.J. Guerrero II</u> Date: <u>11/1/21</u>	Director: <u>Lester L. Carlson, Jr.</u> Date: <u>NOV 05 2021</u>
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Notes:
1/ See attached comments.

Bureau of Budget and Management Research
Comments on Bill No. 217-36 (LS)

The proposed legislation intends to add a new Section 13.2 to Chapter 1 of Division 1, Title 5 of the Guam Code Annotated, to be known as the “*Guam World War II Reconciliation Act of 2021*,” for the compensation of claims for the greatest generation of Guam for the atrocities suffered during the World War II occupation of Guam. The Bill cites that *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* must submit an implementable plan to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* within thirty (30) days of enactment for the payment of war claims to claimants whom under no fault of their own, failed to meet the one (1) year filing deadline under Section 1705(B) of U.S. Public Law 144-328. Further, the Bill authorizes the deposit of monies reimbursed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury into the Guam War Claims Fund, which was established by Public Law 35-61, for the above-mentioned purpose. However, should funding not suffice for the implementation of the Act, *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* will be authorized to transfer such sums as may be available to her.

It is estimated that there are at least seven hundred (700) individuals who could be positively impacted by provisions of this legislation. Per local media sources, the measure should cost less than \$10 million as the average individual war claim is approximately \$10,000.

Lastly, it should be noted that the Bill is similar to the recently-passed Bill No. 130-36 (LS) that was signed into law as Public Law 36-59, though it modifies the claimant eligibility measures with the removal of the criteria for the payment of war claims regardless of the date of death of the claimant.