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## **Opioid Overdose Prevention Heads to Adelup; Expanded Access on the Way**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (March 7, 2023 – Hagåtña, Guam)** – Bill No. 10-37(COR) also known as the *Opioid Overdose Prevention Act of 2023* has been unanimously passed by the 37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature.

During the deliberation on the session floor, senators shared experiences about the personal impacts of drug abuse on Guam and lent their support for the bill. By providing and expanding access to opioid antagonists such as Naloxone to law enforcement, first responders, peace officers, trained school personnel, and community-based organizations, this measure helps to ensure lifesaving treatment is readily available to reverse the effects of an opioid overdose in emergency situations. Speaker Terlaje thanks the different law enforcement and health agencies for coming together to support the measure.

Speaker Terlaje stated, "We are rushing to save lives by distributing this medication before it is needed in a crisis by our schools, first responders and throughout our community. This bill grants lifesaving capabilities to almost all of us in the community and could be the difference in saving the life of loved ones".

The bill is being transmitted to Adelup for further action by the Governor.

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