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Bill 360 Already Exempts World War II Unexploded Ordnances

***Hagåtña, Guam* – Senator Sabina Flores Perez on Monday issued the following statement regarding Bill 360-36 (COR):**

“I write to clarify the record and address recent statements released by Rear Admiral Benjamin Nicholson concerning Bill No. 360-36 (COR), which passed with a majority vote of 13-2 on Friday. On Dec. 1, I received a letter from the Rear Admiral expressing his concern that the original Bill would negatively affect the disposal of WWII unexploded ordnances. Taking this into consideration, Bill 360 was subsequently amended to allow for an exception for WWII unexploded ordnances, until such time that our island is equipped with safer alternatives for disposal of these unexploded ordnances. I thank the Rear Admiral for his interest in this legislation and look forward to more citizen-centered collaboration with Joint Region Marianas for the people of Guam. The passage of this Bill brings us one step closer to protecting our island from the harmful effects of open burning and open detonation of hazardous waste while prioritizing public safety. Other jurisdictions in the U.S. already exercise safer alternatives to OB/OD. This Bill codifies our people’s expectation that our children, man’åmko, and our veterans will be treated equal to our fellow Americans in the continent in line with existing USEPA guidelines. We await the Governor’s support in signing this legislation into law.”

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