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**2022 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 266-36 (COR)**

Introduced by:

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1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the  
3 delayed discovery of and response to water leaks on private property of residents  
4 and unnecessary or inefficient use of potable water can pose economic hardship for  
5 certain low-income households and contributes to preventable waste of our precious  
6 water resources.

7 *I Liheslatura* further finds that assisting residents who have economic  
8 difficulty in addressing water leaks on private property and facilitating efficient use  
9 of water would mitigate these economic hardships and conserve our water resources.  
10 Additionally, reducing water waste on the private property side is an important  
11 measure in water resource management, a responsibility all residents of Guam and  
12 one which both *I Liheslatura* and the Guam Waterworks Authority, support in the  
13 interest of the ratepayers of Guam.

14 *I Liheslatura* finds that enabling Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) to  
15 enhance its customer assistance initiatives to facilitate leak detection, leak repair and  
16 water conservation activities for low-income customers is essential to the public

1 welfare. Such measures should include access with the consent of the property owner  
2 to detect and address leaky pipes in a timely manner, conduct water conservation  
3 inspections and assessments, and assistance with the procurement and use of water  
4 conserving fixtures. Additionally, *I Liheslatura* finds that such customer assistance  
5 initiatives are being implemented in other jurisdictions across the nation in  
6 alignment with water utility industry recommendations, and these measures will aid  
7 GWA’s implementation of a customer assistance program for low income  
8 households that supports affordable access to clean drinking water, facilitates water  
9 conservation education, and promotes protection of our precious water resources.

10 *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* intends to authorize GWA to assist residential  
11 customers through the establishment of an enhanced Customer Assistance Program  
12 which, among other things, allows GWA to work with low-income customers to  
13 address water leaks on private property in a timely manner in order to ensure access  
14 to clean drinking water for all, significantly reduce water loss and associated costs  
15 for the ratepayer, and protect our precious water resources.

16 **Section 2.** A new § 14104(p) is *added* to Article 1, Chapter 14, Division 1  
17 of Title 12, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

18 “(p) Customer Assistance Program.

19 (1) On or before July 1, 2022, the Guam Waterworks  
20 Authority shall establish a rate-funded Customer Assistance Program  
21 to provide financial and other assistance to eligible ratepayers.

22 (2) The Guam Waterworks Authority shall establish income  
23 eligibility standards for a residential class ratepayer to receive financial  
24 assistance under this subsection.

25 (3) Financial assistance provided under this subsection shall  
26 include:

27 (i) a volumetric discount for water and wastewater  
28 services,

- 1                           (ii) leak detection and repair services,  
2                           (iii) supplemental bill assistance for hardship; and,  
3                           (iv) the reduction or waiver of fees, including late fees.  
4                   (4) Other assistance provided under this subsection shall  
5 include:  
6                           (i) water conservation inspection and assessment  
7 services,  
8                           (ii) rebates or discounts for the use of water conserving  
9 fixtures,  
10                          (iii) education and information on water conservation  
11 practices and resource management.”

12           **Section 3. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
13 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or contrary to law, such invalidity shall  
14 not affect other provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect  
15 without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this  
16 Act are severable.