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Senator Perez Introduces Bill to Facilitate Water Leak Repairs and Reduce Costs for Eligible GWA Ratepayers

Hagåtña, Guam - On Wednesday, Senator Sabina Perez introduced Bill 273-37, co-sponsored by Speaker Therese Terlaje and Senator Chris Barnett, authorizing GWA to establish a Customer Assistance Program (CAP) to assist low-income ratepayers through supplemental bill assistance through credits, discounts, and the reduction or waiver of fees. Additionally, the program would help facilitate water leak repairs on private property, while promoting water conservation.

“Customer assistance programs are implemented in other jurisdictions in the U.S. that ensure access to clean drinking water for its residents,” stated Senator Perez. “This measure addresses the delayed discovery of, and response to, water leaks occurring on private property that may exacerbate access to clean drinking water. Additionally, reducing water loss on the private property side is an important measure in reducing the amount of non-revenue water of Guam Waterworks Authority, reducing operational costs, and ultimately supporting ratepayers of Guam,” added Senator Perez.

Bill 273-37 authorizes water conservation initiatives, including rebates for water conserving fixtures, water conservation audits and information.

“With the advent of El Niño and the prediction of a subsequent dry spell, it is essential that water conservation measures are implemented to protect a vital resource and to sustain life on Guam,” said Senator Perez.

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