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**Senator Perez Introduces Bill to Improve Retention and Dissemination of Procurement  
Records for Greater Transparency and Efficiency**

*Hagåtña, Guam* - On Wednesday, Senator Sabina Perez introduced Bill 272-37 (COR) to enhance efficiency and transparency in our government's procurement process. Co-sponsored by Speaker Therese Terlaje and Senators Chris Barnett, Roy Quinata, and Jesse Lujan, the measure permits the retention and dissemination of procurement records to be made available through searchable Portable Document Format (PDF).

Access to the records of procurement actions are public record, and Guam Procurement Law mandates that any person may inspect and copy any portion of the record, with limited exemptions such as for privacy or confidentiality. Modernizing this process through permitting the digital storage and transfer of procurement records increases the convenience and ease of public access, which in turn, enhances the accountability and the transparency of our government.

Government agencies are required to retain procurement records for a minimum of five years before they can be disposed of, resulting in the need for storage accommodations to house the records, many of which are hundreds upon hundreds of pages of communications, specifications, certifications, and other documents relevant to procurement. "Bill 272-37 could potentially lighten the arduousness of exclusively maintaining hardcopies, and lessen the wastes and the costs of exclusively providing hardcopies to each request of a procurement record," stated Senator Perez.

"Ensuring ease of storage and access of the procurement record promotes transparency and accountability, essential aspects to ensuring public confidence in how our government spends precious taxpayers' money. This measure is just one of many steps it'll take to fill the gaps in our procurement processes, we must be equally vigilant that each step moving forward builds upon this integrity," added Senator Perez.

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