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**Senator Perez's Bill For GWA Financing of Partial Consent Decree Projects and
Treating PFAS and Dieldrin Signed Into Law**

Hagåtña, Guam - Senator Sabina Perez's Bill 274-37 enabling the Guam Waterworks Authority to fund capital improvement projects needed to comply with the 2024 Partial Consent Decree and to treat dieldrin and PFAS, the 'forever chemical', was signed into law by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* Lourdes Leon Guerrero on Wednesday.

Bill No. 274-37, now P.L. 37-103, provides GWA flexibility in financing required to complete capital improvement projects within ten years that include the short-term tax-exempt commercial paper that could save ratepayers approximately \$80 million. The bill also authorizes low-interest long-term loans through the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) or USDA that can further reduce financing costs.

“This measure will help overhaul Guam’s legacy infrastructure and treat contaminants ensuring reliable and safe drinking and clean water supply for generations to come,” Senator Perez said.

Senator Perez thanked Governor Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero for her support of P. L. 37-103. She also thanked her co-sponsors, Speaker Therese M. Terlaje and Sen. Chris Barnett, colleagues, GWA, GEDA, and the community for their engagement in the legislative process leading to its passage.

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