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**VICE SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**

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*I Mina'trentai Tres na Liheslaturan Guåhan*

**THE 33RD GUAM LEGISLATURE**

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## **Cruz Resolved to Raise Minimum Wage**

### **MAKES GOOD ON COMMITMENT TO RE-INTRODUCE \$10.10 PROPOSAL**

(May 5, 2016 – Hagåtña) Undeterred in his pursuit to improve the lives of thousands of minimum wage workers on Guam, Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz introduced Bill No. 312-33 (COR) late yesterday afternoon, continuing his previous effort to incrementally raise Guam's minimum hourly wage to \$10.10 by January 2018.

*"No one who works a full-time job should have to live in poverty—which is why I fought to raise the minimum wage two years ago, and why I introduced Bill 312 to finish what we started,"* said Cruz, who introduced his much-anticipated measure despite bureaucratic delays in the release of the Independent Economic Impact Statement (EIS).

The EIS was part of the unanimous, bipartisan compromise implemented to allay concerns of both private and public sector stakeholders who were critical of Bill No. 316-32 (LS), Cruz's original measure to boost Guam's minimum hourly wage to \$10.10 in three annual 95-cent increments. After days of public hearings and a threat of a veto, a pared-down version reducing the increase to a single dollar was passed and enacted into law as Guam Public Law 32-178.

As an assessment on the effects of the 2015 minimum wage increase, the EIS was required by P.L. 32-229 to be transmitted to Speaker Judith T. Won Pat no later than April 30, 2016. However, despite having more than a year to find funding, prepare a Request for Proposal, and conduct the study, both the Guam Economic Development Authority and the Guam Department of Labor – the entities assigned to ensure the conduct of the EIS – have yet to complete the statement.

*"Thousands of working families have been patient, but I won't allow delay to equal denial,"* said Cruz, who notes that funding for the EIS was found only after he filed Freedom of Information Act requests to both entities in January. *"These families need a raise, and the forces that oppose them can't win by simply kicking the bureaucratic can down the road."*

Picking up where P.L. 32-178 left off, Bill No. 312-33 (COR) repeals and reenacts a section of the Minimum Wage and Hour Act of Guam's Fair Labor Standards (22 GUAM CODE ANN. §3105), requiring employers to pay workers an hourly rate of no less than \$9.20 by Jan. 1, 2017 and \$10.10 by Jan. 1, 2018.

*"When employers don't pay the people who work for them a decent wage, taxpayers pick up the tab,"* said Cruz, referring to the devastating effects of low wages. *"We pay \$56 million a year in Earned Income Tax Credits to underpaid employees – many of whom are in the private sector. It's no wonder that tax refunds are slower than they should be."*

Contrary to the predictions of an economic apocalypse that surrounded discussions of P.L. 32-178, Cruz notes that – with or without the study – unemployment and overall inflation on Guam have decreased since the enactment of the wage increase last year. According to the most recent Bureau of Labor and Statistics employment report, Guam's economy has witnessed an additional 1,220 private sector jobs in December 2015, compared to the previous year. Similarly, economist Joseph Bradley predicted a 3% to 4% economic growth in his latest forecast, suggesting an environment conducive to a second wage increase for Guam since the federal minimum wage was increased to \$7.25 in 2010.

*"If you take an honest look at the facts, you will find that, contrary to what opponents have contended, raising the minimum wage will not eradicate jobs, incite massive inflation, or spur the use of public benefits,"* said Cruz. *"By giving minimum wage workers and their families a raise, we recognize right as well as reality."*

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*For more information, call the Office of Vice Speaker Cruz at #477-2520/1.*

**I MINA'TRENTAI TRES NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
2016 (SECOND) Regular Session**

Bill No. 312-33 (COR2)

Introduced by:

B. J.F. Cruz

2016 MAY -4 PM 4:40

*Jim Mike*

**AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 3105 OF  
ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22, GUAM CODE  
ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RESPONSIBLY RAISING  
THE MINIMUM WAGE.**

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

2 **Section 1.** § 3105 of Article 1, Chapter 3 of Title 22, Guam Code  
3 Annotated, is hereby *repealed* and *reenacted* to read:

4 **“§ 3105. Minimum Wages.**

5 Every employer *shall* pay each person employed by him wages at a  
6 rate *not less than* Nine Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$9.20) per hour, effective  
7 January 1, 2017, and Ten Dollars and Ten Cents (\$10.10) per hour, effective  
8 January 1, 2018.”

*I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Received*  
**Bill Log Sheet**

BILL NO.	SPONSOR	TITLE	DATE INTRODUCED	DATE REFERRED	CMTE REFERRED	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE COMMITTEE REPORT FILED	FISCAL NOTES
<b>316-32 (LS)</b> <b>P.L. 32-178</b>	Benjamin J.F. Cruz	AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §3105, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO RESPONSIBLY RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE	04/14/14 9:51 a.m.	04/14/14	Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign, & Micronesian Affairs, Human & Natural Resources, and Election Reform	4/23/14 5:30 p.m.	6/27/14 7:29 p.m.	<b>Fiscal Note Request Received 4/15/14</b> <b>Fiscal Note Received 7/2/14</b>
	DATE PASSED	TITLE	TRANSMITTED		DUE DATE	DATE SIGNED BY I MAGA'LAHEN GUAHAN	PUBLIC LAW NO.	NOTES
	7/1/2014	AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 3105 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RESPONSIBLY RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE.	7/2/14	9:10 a.m.	07/14/14	7/10/2014	32-178	<b>As substituted by the Committee on Rules; Federal, Foreign &amp; Micronesian Affairs; Human &amp; Natural Resources; and Election Reform; and amended on the Floor.</b>  <b>Fiscal Note 7/2/14</b>



EDDIE BAZA CALVO  
Governor  
RAY TENORIO  
Lieutenant Governor

*Office of the Governor of Guam*

JUL 15 2014

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
155 Hesler Street  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 316-32 (LS) "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT § 3105 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RESPONSIBLY RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE" which I signed into law on July 10, 2014 as Public Law 32-178.

*Senseramente,*

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

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Office of the Speaker  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Date: 7/15/14  
TIME: 2:17 PM  
Received by: GRE SANABEZ

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*I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session


CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *IMAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN*

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 316-32 (LS), "AN ACT TO *REPEAL AND REENACT* § 3105 OF ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO RESPONSIBLY RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE," was on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2014, duly and regularly passed.




Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker

Attested:

  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July,  
2014, at 9:10 o'clock A.M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahaen's* Office

APPROVED:

  
EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*

Date:

JUL 10 2014

Public Law No. 32-178

*I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
**2014 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 316-32 (LS)**

As substituted by the Committee on Rules;  
Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs;  
Human & Natural Resources; and Election Reform;  
and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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***I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***

**THIRTY-SECOND GUAM LEGISLATURE**

155 Hesler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

July 1, 2014

The Honorable Edward J.B. Calvo  
*I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*  
*Ufisinan I Maga'lahi*  
*Hagåtña, Guam 96910*

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
CENTRAL FILES

RECEIVED BY *J. Dela Rosa*  
TIME *9:10 am* DATE *7/2/14*

Dear *Maga'lahi* Calvo:

Transmitted herewith are Bill and Substitute Bill Nos. 249-32 (COR), 312-32 (LS), 316-32 (LS), 317-32 (LS), 318-32 (COR), 319-32 (LS), 340-32 (COR) and 355-32 (COR), which were passed by *I Mina'Trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on July 1, 2014.

Sincerely,

TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES  
Legislative Secretary

Enclosures (8)

**I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**2014 (SECOND) Regular Session**

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Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker

Attested:

  
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 2nd day of July,  
2014, at 9:10 o'clock A.M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahi's Office*

APPROVED:

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EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga'lahen Guåhan*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Law No. \_\_\_\_\_



***I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2014 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 316-32 (LS)**

As substituted by the Committee on Rules;  
Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs;  
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# LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN

### 2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

### Voting Sheet

BILL NO. 310-32 (LS)

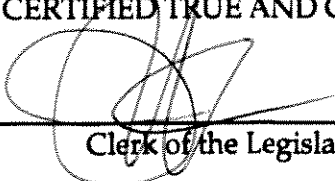
Speaker Antonio R. Unipingco Legislative Session Hall

DATE: 7/1/14

NAME	Yea	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent
Senator Thomas "Tom" C. ADA	✓				
Senator V. Anthony "Tony" ADA	✓				
Senator Frank Blas AGUON Jr.	✓				
Vice-Speaker Benjamin J.F. CRUZ	✓				
Senator Christopher M. DUENAS	✓				
Senator Michael LIMTIACO		✓			
Senator Brant McCREADIE	✓				
Senator Thomas "Tommy" MORRISON	✓				
Senator Tina Rose MUÑA BARNES	✓				
Senator Vicente (ben) Cabrera PANGELINAN					✓ Ex.
Senator Rory J. RESPICIO	✓				
Senator Dennis G. RODRIGUEZ, Jr.	✓				
Senator Michael F. Q.SAN NICOLAS	✓				
Speaker Judith T. WON PAT, Ed.D.	✓				
Senator Aline A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.	✓				

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:



Clerk of the Legislature

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Governor

RAY TENORIO  
Lieutenant Governor

*Office of the Governor of Guam.*

DEC 31 2014

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker  
*I Mina'trentai Dos Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
155 Hesler Street  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

33-15-0017

Office of the Speaker  
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Date: 01/06/2015

Time: 3:54 PM


Received By: CARL SANCHEZ MPA

Dear Madame Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 376-32 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 3105.1 TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THE COMPLETION OF AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE MINIMUM WAGE ON GUAM" which I signed into law on December 30, 2014, as Public Law 32-229.

*Senseramente,*

  
EDDIE BAZA CALVO

2015 JAN -6 PM 4:31  


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*I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*  
2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN***

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 376-32 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD A NEW § 3105.1 TO ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 3 OF TITLE 22, GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING THE COMPLETION OF AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE MINIMUM WAGE ON GUAM," was on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014, duly and regularly passed.



Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.  
Speaker

Attested:



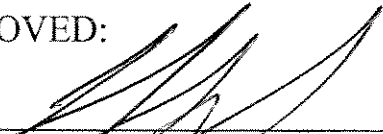
Tina Rose Muña Barnes  
Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guåhan* this 21 day of Dec,  
2014, at  
6:35 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahi's Office*

APPROVED:



EDWARD J.B. CALVO  
*I Maga'lahen Guåhan*

DEC 30 2014

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Law No. 32-229

***I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN***  
**2014 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 376-32 (COR)**

As substituted by the Committee on Rules, Foreign and  
Micronesian Affairs, Human & Natural Resources, and  
Election Reform; and amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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AN INDEPENDENT ECONOMIC IMPACT  
STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE MINIMUM WAGE  
ON GUAM.**

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

2 **Section 1.** A new § 3105.1 is hereby *added* to Article 1, Chapter 3 of Title  
3 22, Guam Code Annotated, to read:

4 **“§ 3105.1 Independent Economic Impact Statement.** On or  
5 before June 1, 2015, the Director of the Department of Labor *shall* issue a

1 Request for Proposal for the purpose of conducting a one (1) year  
2 Independent Economic Impact Statement, relative to the minimum wage  
3 increase authorized through P.L. 32-178. The Department of Labor, in  
4 collaboration with the Guam Economic Development Authority, *shall*  
5 identify the resources necessary to fund the Independent Economic Impact  
6 Statement. The Department of Labor, in collaboration with the University of  
7 Guam, *shall* determine the study parameters.

8 The Independent Economic Impact Statement *shall* be completed by  
9 an identified group that includes an Economist with a Master's degree or  
10 Ph.D. in Economics from an institution of higher learning accredited by an  
11 accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education, or  
12 similar accredited body that is recognized internationally, *no later than*  
13 March 30, 2016, and *shall* be transmitted to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan*  
14 *Guåhan* and to *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan* on or before April 30, 2016.”

# LEGISLATIVE SESSION

## I MINA'TRENTAI DOS NA LIHESLATURAN

### 2014 (SECOND) Regular Session

### Voting Sheet

**Bill No. 376-32 (COR)**

Speaker Antonio R. Unipingco Legislative Session Hall

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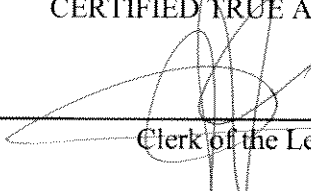
December 17, 2014

<u>NAME</u>	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Not Voting/ Abstained</u>	<u>Out During Roll Call</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Senator Thomas "Tom" C. ADA	✓				
Senator V. Anthony "Tony" ADA	✓				
Senator Frank Blas AGUON Jr.	✓				
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Senator Michael F. Q.SAN NICOLAS	✓				
Speaker Judith T. WON PAT, Ed.D.	✓				
Senator Aline A. YAMASHITA, Ph.D.	✓				

**TOTAL**

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Yea	Nay	Not Voting/ Abstained	Out During Roll Call	Absent	

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 Clerk of the Legislature

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**VICE SPEAKER BENJAMIN J.F. CRUZ**  
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January 8, 2016

**Transmitted via Hand Delivery and Electronic Mail**  
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Ms. Maria S. Connelly  
Director  
Guam Department of Labor  
414 West Soledad Avenue  
Suite 400 (4th Floor), GCIC Building  
Hagatna, GU 96910

**Re: Information Request: Economic Impact Statement**

*Håfa adai*, Ms. Connelly!

As I am sure you are aware, Guam Public Law 32-229, signed into law by Governor Edward J.B. Calvo on December 30, 2014, requires that the Director of the Department of Labor (GDOL), in cooperation with the Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA), issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to conduct a one-year independent Economic Impact Statement relative to the minimum wage increase authorized under P.L. 32-178.

Additionally, under P.L. 32-229, the aforementioned Economic Impact Statement must be completed no later than March 30, 2016, and subsequently transmitted to both the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* and the Governor of Guam no later than April 30, 2016. With a clear statutory deadline for this Economic Impact Statement approximately fast approaching, I am concerned that our community has yet to receive an update on the statement's progress. Despite this apparent lack of progress, even Governor Calvo has demonstrated recent interest in an increase to the minimum wage.

Thus, pursuant to the authority granted by the *Sunshine Reform Act of 1999* (5 GUAM CODE ANN. § 10103), I hereby request for the GDOL to submit a copy of the following:

**Any and all public records, with/without attachments, related to the Economic Impact Statement required by P.L. 32-229, including but not limited to the full procurement file for any RFP issued under the authority granted by P.L. 32-229 and all correspondence, including electronic mail.**

Under § 10103(d) of 5 GCA, you shall comply within four (4) working days from the date of receipt of this request. These items may be submitted electronically to senator@senatorbjcruz.com or delivered to my office. Please call my office at 477- 2520/1 should you require assistance or additional information.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and I look forward to your prompt response.

*Si Yu'os ma'åse'*,

Benjamin J.F. Cruz

cc: Mr. Jon J. Rojas, Acting Administrator, GEDA, jrojas@investguam.com



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January 8, 2016

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vrojas@investguam.com

Mr. Jon J. Rojas  
Acting Administrator  
Guam Economic Development Authority  
Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**Re: Information Request: Economic Impact Statement**

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and I look forward to your prompt response.

*Si Yu'os ma'åse'*,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Benjamin J.F. Cruz".

Benjamin J.F. Cruz

cc: Ms. Maria S. Connelly, Director, GDOL, connent gmail.com