

**I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN
RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution No.	Sponsor	Title	Date Intro	Date of Presentation	Date Adopted	Date Referred	Referred to	PUBLIC HEARING DATE	DATE AUTHORS REPORT FILED	NOTES
19-38 (COR)	Committee on Rules	Relative to authorizing the Legislative Counsel, or other retained counsel, to represent <i>I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guáhan</i> in the Supreme Court of Guam in <i>Thomas J. Fisher v. Telo Taitague, in her Official Capacity as Senator of the 37th Guam Legislature</i> , Supreme Court Appeal Case No. CVA25-001/Special Proceedings Case No. SP097-24.	2/17/25 4:32 p.m.		2/25/25					

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2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

Committee on Rules

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1 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF *I***
2 ***MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN*:**

3 **WHEREAS**, Petitioner, Thomas J. Fisher (“Petitioner”) filed an Alternative Writ
4 of Mandate in *Thomas J. Fisher v. Telo Taitague, in her Official Capacity as Senator*
5 *of the 37th Guam Legislature*, Special Proceedings Case No. SP097-24, on July 9, 2024.
6 In his suit, Petitioner alleges Respondent, Senator Telo Taitague, in her Official
7 Capacity (“Respondent”) did not timely respond to Petitioner’s request for public
8 records in violation of the Sunshine Act, Chapter 10, Title 5 Guam Code Annotated;
9 and

10 **WHEREAS**, on January 6, 2025, the Court issued its Decision and Order RE
11 Alternative Writ of Mandate holding a senator’s office is an “agency” when it possesses
12 public records; and

13 **WHEREAS**, on February 5, 2025, Respondent, Senator Telo Taitague filed a
14 Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court appealing Judge Dana Gutierrez’s January 6,
15 2025 Decision and Order RE Alternative Writ of Mandate; and

16 **WHEREAS**, the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan*
17 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, intend to file a response,

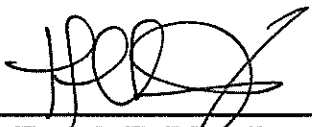
1 amicus, motion to intervene or other appropriate pleading sufficient to present *I*
2 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s position relative to the Court's January 5, 2025 Decision and
3 Order RE Alternative Writ of Mandate, now therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai*
5 *Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* is authorized to retain, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan*
6 *Guåhan*, such legal counsel as he may deem necessary and appropriate to represent the
7 interests of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* in the aforementioned litigation; and be it further

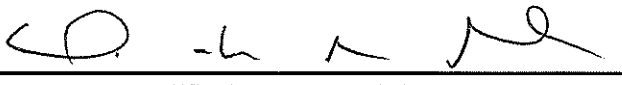
8 **RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai*
9 *Ocho na Liheslaturan Guåhan* is authorized to negotiate a contract for legal services
10 for no more than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000) to be expended from *I*
11 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*'s Central Operations Fund for legal fees and costs in this matter,
12 and shall be paid pursuant to submitted legal billings not to exceed a combined total of
13 Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000); and be it further

14 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
15 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
16 the same be thereafter transmitted to all the members of *I Mina'trentai Ocho na*
17 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*; to Mrs. Joann G. Camacho, Executive Director of *I Liheslaturan*
18 *Guåhan*; and to Ms. Agnes Cruz, Chief Fiscal Officer of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*.


**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE ON RULES OF
I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN ON THE 25TH DAY
OF FEBRUARY 2025.**



Frank F. Blas Jr.
Speaker



V. Anthony Ada
Chairperson, Committee on Rules



Sabrina Salas Matanane
Legislative Secretary



COMMITTEE ON RULES


VICE SPEAKER V. ANTHONY ADA, CHAIRPERSON

I Mina'trentai Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan

38th Guam Legislature

COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

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	INITIAL	DATE	TO ADOPT	TO NOT ADOPT	TO ABSTAIN
Vice Speaker V. Anthony Ada Chairperson	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
Senator Christopher M. Dueñas Vice Chairperson	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
Speaker Frank F. Blas, Jr. Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
Legislative Secretary Sabrina Salas Matanane Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
Senator Vincent A.V. Borja Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
Senator Shelly Calvo Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
Senator Eulogio Shawn Gumataotao Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
Senator Jesse Anderson Lujan Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
Senator Telo Teresa Taitague Member					
Senator Tina Rose Muña Barnes Minority Member					
Senator Joe S. San Agustin Minority Member	COMMITTEE MEETING	2/25/25	✓		
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Sponsor Signature: 					
Staff Contact Person: Kamarin Nelson					
For COR/Clerk's Office Use Only					
<u>9</u> Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Jennalyn-Rose Aflague					
Date: March 26, 2025 at 12:09 p.m.					
Notes:					