

**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
20-38 (COR)	Committee on Rules	Relative to Authorizing the Reimbursement of Legal Fees to the Office of Senator Telo T. Taitague for Legal Fees Expended in Defense of her office in Thomas J. Fisher v. Telo Taitague, in her Official Capacity as Senator of the 37th Guam Legislature, Superior Court Special Proceedings Case No. SP097-24.	2/20/25 10:30 a.m.		2/25/25					

I MINA'TRENTAI OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2025 (FIRST) Regular Session

Resolution No. 20-38 (COR)

Introduced by:

Committee on Rules

Relative to authorizing the reimbursement of legal fees to the Office of Senator Telo T. Taitague for legal fees expended in defense of her Office in *Thomas J. Fisher v. Telo Taitague*, in her Official Capacity as Senator of the 37th Guam Legislature, Superior Court Special Proceedings Case No. SP097-24.

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 records
8 in violation of the Sunshine Act, Chapter 10, Title 5, Guam Code Annotated; and

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

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

15 **WHEREAS**, the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho na Liheslaturan*
16 *Guåhan* does hereby, on behalf of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, intend to reimburse the
17 Office of Senator Telo T. Taitague for legal fees expended to date and pursuant to

1 Senator Taitague’s request on February 12, 2025, in the amount of Twenty-three
2 Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-one Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$23,621.50), not including
3 charges for business privilege tax; now therefore, be it

4 **RESOLVED**, that the Committee on Rules of *I Mina'trentai Ocho Na*
5 *Liheslaturan Guåhan* does hereby authorize the expenditure and reimbursement in the
6 amount of Twenty-three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-one Dollars and Fifty Cents
7 (\$23,621.50) from the Central Operations Lapse Fund, for the purpose of reimbursing
8 the Office of Senator Telo T. Taitague for legal fees expended to date and pursuant to
9 Senator Taitague’s request on February 12, 2025 in defense of *Thomas J. Fisher v. Telo*
10 *Taitague, in her Official Capacity as Senator of the 37th Guam Legislature*, Special
11 Proceedings Case No. SP097-24; and be it further

12 **RESOLVED**, that the Speaker and the Chairperson of the Committee on Rules
13 certify, and the Legislative Secretary attest to, the adoption hereof, and that copies of
14 the same be thereafter transmitted to the members of *I Mina'trentai Ocho na*
15 *Liheslaturan Guåhan*; to Mrs. Joann G. Camacho, Executive Director of *I Liheslaturan*
16 *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					
9 Certified _____ Returned					
Name: Jennalyn-Rose Aflague					
Date: March 26, 2025 at 12:09 p.m.					
Notes:					