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MEDIA STATEMENT

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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement on Bill 214 which lapsed into law as Public Law 38-122. The new Public Law modernizes the Guam Ethics Commission's (Commission) enabling statute.

“Public Law 38-122 strengthens the Commission’s ability to address non-criminal Standards of Conduct violations. This measure is about giving the Commission’s enabling laws the teeth they need to respond to and deter future unethical behavior and actions that undermine public trust in our government institutions.

Additionally, this measure strengthens the Commission’s independence by allowing community organizations such as the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and the Guam Chamber of Commerce to recommend individuals to the Governor for potential appointments to the Commission. While the Governor reserves the right to appoint whomever she believes is best suited to serve on the Commission – subject to the legislative confirmation process, Public Law 38-122 recognizes the value of engaging professional organizations in our community regarding potential appointments that reflect Guam’s broader workforce.”

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