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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement on the Legislature's approval of Bill 1 (3-S) appropriating \$40 million for GMHA facility improvements and vendor payments:

“While I hesitate to pour more money into GMHA without a state of emergency declaration consistent with our fiscal and procurement laws and regulations, particularly when senators are fully aware of the most recent incident at our only public hospital - a fire that occurred just a few weeks ago, I recognize that resources are needed right now in FY 2025 to stabilize GMHA operations and ensure facility repairs are made as soon as humanly possible.

Strengthened by the 38<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature during this special session, the Governor's GMHA-funding proposal Bill 1 (3-S) ensures GMHA receives the resources it needs without threatening other critical services including public safety and education which our people pay for and expect.

GMHA has seen better days-both outside and inside. From the birth of my children to the death of family members to supporting my own medical needs, I have had many experiences at GMHA. I do not think these are unique just to me. Good medicine does happen there thanks to the professional and support staff - and community volunteers who have for many years offered their time, talents, and treasures to helping patients and families during some of their most challenging moments in life.

There are still good days ahead. Beyond the daily headlines and frequent use as a political football, this historic facility – GMHA – remains a symbol of our care and support for every man, woman and child of Guam.”

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