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Gumataotao Identifies CLTC Land in *Malesso* ' to Support National Guard and Law Enforcement Training

Legislation enhances military and law enforcement readiness; provides framework for host community relationship

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Senator Shawn Gumataotao today introduced Bill No. 182-38 (COR) transferring Chamorro Land Trust Commission (CLTC) property in *Malesso* ' to the Guam National Guard (GUNG).

In a letter to CLTC dated November 6, 2024, Adjutant General Michael Cruz presented GUNG's request to use Lot 527-R1 in *Malesso* ' as a local training area. The Guam National Guard proposes to develop the *Malesso* ' property to support both military training and to make the area available for use by the community including our local public safety and law enforcement agencies. Priority of use will be given to GUNG during their monthly weekend drills and annual training exercises.

Examples of GUNG training requirements and activities include: dismounted personnel maneuvers areas for up to company size light units; cantonment areas to support units such as restrooms, bleachers, parking, and all-weather access road; bivouac areas for up to battalion size units with motorized and trailer mounted equipment; storage of non-sensitive training aids in a fenced area; pre-positioned concrete overhead and pads for bivouac sites; and facilities for training simulation devices. GUNG informed CLTC that no live fire ranges would be built on the property.

Adjutant General Cruz has committed to shouldering all costs associated with developing the *Malesso* ' property for GUNG training requirements, including cadastral surveys to define property boundaries. The Guam National Guard will also be responsible for securing all environmental assessments and approval required for its training activities at no cost to the Government of Guam.

Bill No. 182-38 (COR) recognizes the critical training resources that are required of the only U.S. National Guard established in our part of the world, particularly at a time when the State of Hawaii contemplates adjustments to state-provided National Guard training sites.

As of August 25, 2025, the Secretary of the U.S. Army continues to work with the State of Hawaii to retain access to key training sites, including 23,000 acres of state-owned land comprising a portion of the 132,000-acre Pohakuloa Training Area on Hawaii Island and about 6,000 acres of state land across Kahuku Training Area, Kawaihoa-Poamoho Training Area and Makua Military Reservation. The *Malesso* ' site represents just 1% of the total area being used in Hawaii, but that's 242 acres of Guam land that can generate economic benefit to the people of Guam and specifically the community of *Malesso* '.

Bill No. 182-38 (COR) provides that GUNG and the *Malessso* ' Municipal Planning Council may establish a Memorandum of Agreement guiding the public's use of National Guard training areas and facilities on the subject property, including revenue that may be available by GUNG to support community projects prioritized by the host village of *Malessso* ' including, but not limited to, the expansion of or improvements to community centers, public parks, sports fields, and public gathering areas.

“As an operational force, the Guam National Guard represents the best value for Guam and for America,” Senator Gumataotao stated. “Supporting capability in the Guam National Guard is not only the right thing to do, it makes good business sense. The 980,605 square meters of a proposed *Malessso* ' Training Center will bring much to Guam as other training sites in this part of the world being reconsidered or could scale back.”

“If approved, Bill No. 182-38 (COR) provides our women and men in uniform with the space and corresponding facilities they need to train and remain prepared for known and emerging threats within and beyond our shores,” Senator Gumataotao added. “Our National Guard has asked for help and this measure delivers on our commitment to supporting Guard members – our mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters in uniform to whom we owe a debt of gratitude for their service and sacrifice.”

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