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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement on the override of vetoed Bill No. 44-38 (COR), the FY 2026 Budget Act, by the Guam Legislature:

“Our Co-Equal Branch stood up and did the right thing for all the people of Guam. This override vote was taken with great care and consideration for a common-sense policy that benefits both the public and private sectors. The time for budget preparation talk is now behind us-budget action must now take place for the next 12 months. I thank my colleagues for sustaining the important legislative action on Bill No. 44-38.

Not only does the government’s spending policy for the new fiscal year provide the resources we need to deliver critical public services in health, safety, and education, it represents this legislature’s pledge to prioritize long-term economic recovery over growing an already unsustainable bureaucracy.

Moving forward, my legislative committee is committed to coordinating closely with the Committee on Finance and Government Operations to be able to respond to public policy issues that may arise between now and September 30 of next year with the enactment of Bill No. 44-38 (COR) into law. I ask the community to get behind all efforts to support and strengthen our island economy and keep the actions in the new budget law front and center of our minds for the sake of all the people of Guam.”

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