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## **TAXPAYERS EXPECT MORE FROM PUBLICLY FUNDED GOVERNMENT TRAVEL**

*Senator James Moylan calls for transparency with the Government Travel Law to ensure that every taxpayer dollar spent on government travel is justified and accounted for; seeks justification on junket trips*

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Senator James C. Moylan introduced Bill 176-35, which would modernize the *Government Travel Law* to ensure that taxpayer funded government travel is justified and establishes certain stringent provisions to the current *Government Travel Law*. The current proposed measure seeks to mandate the following:

- "Justification statements" to validate the purpose of the travel for individuals including, but not limited to, justification statements for junket trips.
- Submission of itemized statement of account including receipts; not mandated by current law.
- Establishes standard per diem rate.
- Requirement to post certain information on agency website.

*"Taxpayers should expect more from government officials. Publicly funded travels to party in New York City or sending entourages off island for ceremonial events is not a mandate from the people of Guam. These travels cost money that should be used to better our quality of life here on Guam and not elsewhere,"* stated Senator Moylan. *"If one taxpayer dollar is being spent on government travel, we deserve to see where that dollar was spent. If it was a junket trip, the people of Guam should know about it. My proposal is to curtail waste, fraud, and abuse while promoting government transparency,"* added Senator Moylan.

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