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## **INCREASING GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURES IS NOT THE WAY TO ADDRESS GOVGUAM'S ANNUAL SHORTFALLS**

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*Hagåtña* - Senator James Moylan shares his concerns with Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's first Executive Order (EO) which separates the Chamorro Land Trust Commission (CLTC) and the Guam Ancestral Lands Commission (GALC) from the Department of Land Management, primarily with the reality that this would create new expenses as new entities of the government of Guam, along with new Administrative Directors.

**"Increasing government expenditures by re-establishing duplicative agency services is not the way to address GovGuam's annual shortfalls which result from numerous outstanding liabilities; and it is definitely not the way to follow the General Fund's cash management," Senator Moylan said. "We will never realize change in how we spend taxpayers monies if we continue to place unfunded mandates and liabilities on our people."**

The transition committee reported the General Fund deficit was negative \$73 million. Previously, it had been reported that the Department of Interior's recent finding of a government-wide deficit of \$889 million, including all the pension liabilities.

**"Any expenditures from GovGuam should only be in the areas directly associated with education, healthcare and public safety," said Senator Moylan.**

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