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### ***LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TO JUMP START GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION***

*Hagåtña* - Senator James Moylan introduced Bill 195-35 today, which would create a *Commission on Government Reorganization*, with the intent of fulfilling the objectives of Public Law 34-087:5, which passed in 2018. P.L. 34-087:5 not only set up the parameters for reorganization, but it also provided the Governor of Guam the complete authority to right size the government via an Executive Order.

*"The reason we introduced this measure was to merely jump start the process of government reorganization that already exists in public law,"* stated Senator Moylan. *"We believe that a balanced commission, which the bill provides for, would be able to offer a more detailed plan on rightsizing the government. If we as elected officials are committed to reducing regressive taxes - assuring that our teachers, nurses and public safety officials are properly compensated - and that critical services are efficiently funded, then we need a serious discussion on reorganization right now,"* added Senator Moylan.

With the recent discussions on reducing regressive taxes, and its potential impact on the collections of the government of Guam, now, more than ever, a thorough plan of reorganization is needed with the intent of creating cost saving measures to compliment new revenue options. However, since such decisions would require a thorough analysis and a balanced discussion, it is vital that not only a commission be created, but one that consists of members from all three branches of the government, the business sector, and the general public. Bill 195-35 would accomplish this.

Bill 195-35 would not only create a *Commission on Government Reorganization*, but it would also require that the commission provide a rightsizing plan to the Governor of Guam within 180 days for consideration. This would allow the Chief Executive to utilize the provisions outlined in P.L. 34-087:05 if she decides to enact all or some of the plan, and she may also elect to avoid or postpone the recommendations if that is the decision of her governance.

*"The existing law does not mandate that the Governor implement all or part of what the commission recommends. However nothing precludes the current or future legislatures from considering the recommendations as cost cutting measures, therefore the efforts of this body would ultimately establish a framework for reorganization,"* said Senator Moylan. *"Remember, we do not know what the savings element might be when we right size things, as it may be \$50 million, or it might be \$1 million, but we won't know until we attempt the process. Doing nothing is not an option,"* he added.

Bill 195-35 also stipulates that there shall be no funding authorized for the Commission to accomplish its objectives, and any or all needed resources shall come from existing agency budgets. *"It wouldn't be appropriate to authorize taxpayer funding for a commission whose sole purpose is to establish a plan to save taxpayer dollars,"* Senator Moylan concluded.

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