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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.*

Senator James C. Moylan introduced Bill 176-35 last week, 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. While travel for the purposes of marketing Guam to increase our tourist arrival numbers or to improve the skills of our public sector employees through trainings are critical, there are certain trips that need to be further justified. These travels cost money that should be used to better our quality of life here on Guam,”* 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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