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July 5, 2023

**HONORABLE THERESE M. TERLAJE**, *Speaker*  
*I Mina'trentai Siette Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
37<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature  
Guam Congress Building  
163 Chalan Santo Papa  
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**Re: Bill No. 130-37 (COR) - AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF CONCESSION AGREEMENTS OF THE ANTONIO B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

*Håfa Adai* Madame Speaker,

Bill No. 130-37 (COR) authorizes the Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam ("GIAA") to negotiate extensions of its existing concession agreements for up to an additional three (3) year period following expiration of the current contractual term, subject to the approval of the GIAA Board of Directors.

As our tourism industry recovers from the impacts of both Typhoon Mawar and the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that we work to ensure our only public airport's financial security. Due to current circumstances, it is impracticable for GIAA to negotiate long-term concession contracts. An extension of existing contracts represents a reasonable short-term measure that will give the airport more bargaining power and enable it to enter into more favorable long-term concession agreements, ensuring its financial stability during this necessary recovery period, for the benefit of all the people of Guam. For this reason, I am signing Bill No. 130-37 (COR) into law as *Public Law No. 37-23*.

*Senseramente,*

**LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO**  
*Maga'hågan Guåhan*  
Governor of Guam


Enclosure: Bill No. 130-37 (COR) nka P.L. 37-23

cc via email: *Honorable* Joshua F. Tenorio, *Sigundo Maga'låhen Guåhan*, Lt. Governor of Guam  
Compiler of Laws

***I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN***  
**2023 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN***

This is to certify that **Bill No. 130-37 (COR)**, "AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF CONCESSION AGREEMENTS OF THE ANTONIO B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, GUAM," was on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2023, duly and regularly passed.

  
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**Therese M. Terlaje**  
**Speaker**

Attested:


  
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**Chris Barnett**  
**Acting Legislative Secretary**

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This Act was received by *I Maga'hågan Guåhan* this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July,  
2023, at 3:36 o'clock P.M.

  
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**Assistant Staff Officer**  
***Maga'håga's Office***

APPROVED:

  
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**Lourdes A. Leon Guerrero**  
***I Maga'hågan Guåhan***

Date: 7/5/2023

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**Bill No. 130-37 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

Joe S. San Agustin  
Roy A.B. Quinata  
Jesse A. Lujan  
Dwayne T.D. San Nicolas  
William A. Parkinson  
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**AN ACT RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE  
EXTENSION OF CONCESSION AGREEMENTS OF THE  
ANTONIO B. WON PAT INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
AUTHORITY, GUAM.**

1        **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2        **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds  
3 that given the damage and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, Typhoon  
4 Mawar, and other geopolitical issues and hardships that have arisen over the past  
5 several years, it is projected to take at least several years for Guam's visitor industry  
6 and for the A.B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) to achieve

1 the enplanement trajectory and financial stability, through the restoration of  
2 operating reserves and capital improvement funds, expected prior to the COVID-19  
3 pandemic. Accordingly, *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds that the current GIAA  
4 concessions are in the best interest of the GIAA and Guam; and that an extension of  
5 such concessions is in the best interest of GIAA and the island.

6 **Section 2. Authority to Extend Concession Agreements.** The A.B. Won  
7 Pat International Airport Authority, Guam is authorized to negotiate extensions of  
8 its concession agreements for up to an additional three (3) years from the end of the  
9 then-current term upon terms and conditions in the best interests of GIAA, subject  
10 to approval by the GIAA Board of Directors.

11 **Section 3. Effective Date.** This Act shall be effective upon enactment.

12 **Section 4. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any  
13 person or circumstance is found to be invalid or inorganic, such invalidity shall not  
14 affect other provisions or applications of this Act that can be given effect without  
15 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
16 severable.