



# Office of the Speaker

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*I Mina'trentai Sais na Liheslaturan Guåhan* | 36th Guam Legislature  
Committee on Health, Land, Justice and Culture

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**Transmitted via Electronic Mail:**

**The Honorable James C. Moylan**

Senator

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**SUBJECT: Request for Emergency Session**

Dear Senator Moylan,

I agree with you about the urgent need for relief to all gas consumers. That is why I placed Bill No. 261-36 (COR), which is an Act to repeal the Liquid Fuel Tax, onto the potential items list for the current session agenda so that we might have an opportunity to discuss the measure and provide immediate relief to gas consumers. For your information, Bill No. 261-36 was introduced in early February, a public hearing was held in early April, and a committee report has not yet been reported out of the Committee on Appropriations despite my repeated requests to the Chairman. The other measures that you mentioned in your letter are also with the Committee on Appropriations and have not been reported out yet in order to be placed on a session agenda. I urge you to assist me in seeking a committee report on Bill No. 261-36 from the Chairman, or making a motion to place the bill on the floor, notwithstanding the standing rules.

Also, the standing rules state: *“Any Member may petition for an Emergency Session. Such petitions shall be filed with the Speaker’s Office. The proposed legislation to be discussed at the Emergency Session shall be appended to a petition, along with the following: (A) a statement justifying the existence of an emergency; (B) a statement demonstrating the intended outcome of the proposed legislation in addressing the emergency; (C) a statement of the anticipated fiscal impact of the proposed legislation; and (D) if available, the Legal Bureau’s review of the proposed legislation as to conformance with these Standing Rules and the Organic Act of Guam.”*

If your letter dated June 2, 2022 is a petition from your office for an Emergency Session, please comply with the standing rules listed above.

Lastly, I have been advocating since February for relief for all gas consumers and have been calling for urgent action for months. While an emergency session can be called, my Bill No. 261-36 can be acted on in the current session pending a committee report from the Committee on Appropriations, or will require eight (8) votes to move it on to the session agenda notwithstanding the rules if it is not reported out by the Chairman.

Sincerely,

  
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