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## **The Office of the Governor Addresses Legislative Response to FY 2024 Single Audit**

Hagåtña, Guam—The Office of the Governor issued the following statement regarding the Legislature’s proposal to convene a Special Investigative Subcommittee:

“The Legislature is not responding to the audit, it is trying to politicize it.

The FY 2024 Single Audit identifies documentation gaps, internal control weaknesses, and compliance issues that must be addressed. We take the findings seriously and have already been acting on them.

**The audit does not allege fraud, corruption, or misuse of funds. It also does not support the story Republican legislators are trying to sell.**

We welcome any honest, fact-driven review. We will cooperate fully with auditors, oversight bodies, and any legitimate effort to strengthen compliance and accountability across government.

What we will not accept is the distortion of technical audit findings into political attacks. And neither should the people of Guam.

We also will not ignore **the irony that some of the same legislators now attempting to claim the mantle of fiscal responsibility are the very ones auditors called out for their own conduct.**

It is noteworthy that the Legislature adopted a budget and then passed \$82 million in additional appropriations without adjusting revenues, a practice not considered prudent financial practice and is not adopted by the federal or other state governments. As a result the Administration diligently monitors the fund balance so as to avoid falling into deficit, a fact acknowledged by the OPA.

Before convening subpoenas and televised hearings, the Legislature should first answer for that decision. After all, accountability is not selective. It cannot be invoked when it is politically convenient and ignored when it is not.

If the Legislature is genuinely interested in identifying waste, fraud, or abuse, there are real questions already in the public domain. For example, reports that government property—including thousands of dollars' worth of legislative furniture—was illegally dumped at Fort Apugan deserve serious attention. This is the kind of conduct the public expects to be investigated with urgency and transparency.

This Administration has nothing to hide. **We have been transparent with auditors, we are addressing deficiencies, and we remain focused on strengthening systems, improving documentation, and ensuring full compliance with federal and local requirements.**

We are ready to work with the Legislature—on solutions, on reforms, and on the resources needed to improve oversight across all agencies.

The people of Guam deserve oversight that is grounded in facts—not driven by politics.

Our focus remains where it belongs: fixing what needs to be fixed, protecting public resources, and delivering responsible government.”

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