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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement on the Guam Legislature's approval of Bill Nos. 51-38 and 73-38, which respectively prioritize public properties for a Guam Police Department Precinct in Yigo and a new Public Safety Emergency Communications Center in Barrigada Heights:

"We all must be a part of the solution to build a law enforcement facility which strengthens public safety in our northern communities and through Bill 51, our families, businesses, and military partners can expect that a new police precinct in Yigo will facilitate exceptional police work.

The transfer of unused CLTC property to GPD more than accounts for current and future policing and community needs through forward-thinking policy. Combined with the 48,000 residents of Dededo, the estimated 22,000 residents of Yigo make up nearly half of Guam's total population of 168,000.

I thank my colleagues for joining me in sending Bill 51 to the Governor's desk – this policy represents our collective commitment to protecting life and property through the investment of additional resources in our public safety and law enforcement organizations.

With the passage of Bill 73 another unused public property is prioritized as the location for a new Public Safety Emergency Communications Center. Barrigada was chosen, not by me, but by GPD in close consultation with the people of Barrigada.

I respectfully urge the Governor to join this 38th Guam Legislature, Mayor June Blas, the community of Barrigada, and our public safety agencies in this journey to support our people. Government land for an important government purpose. There is still more to do - identifying local and federal funding for design and construction requirements, creating cost-share opportunities with local, federal, and military partners, and ensuring E-911 funds support this purpose moving forward. But the steps to an emergency communications center begin with identifying public property and Bill 73 addresses this critical stage in the development process."

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