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Gumataotao: Strengthening Emergency Response Resources Critical to Supporting Responsible Economic Growth

Bill No. 225-38 amends Qualifying Certificates Law by prioritizing funding support for Government of Guam public safety response resources

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Senator Shawn Gumataotao has introduced Bill No. 225-38 requiring Guam's Qualifying Certificates (QC) program to prioritize public safety emergency response resources including, but not limited to, aerial ladder fire trucks, ambulances, police vehicles and water rescue equipment.

If approved, the measure modifies Guam's QC Law so that public investments and community contributions, which are required as a condition for receiving certain tax incentives, are prioritized for resources which are needed particularly in response to firefighting and rescue services involving high-rise hotels. Bill No. 225-38 recognizes the importance of ensuring that responsible economic development occurs together with resource capacity growth across Guam's public safety entities.

"This proposal came directly from a recent discussion I had with the Guam Fire Department and the Guam Visitors Bureau," said Senator Gumataotao. "We all agreed that Guam cannot expand its visitor plant without finding a way to support critical life safety resources that help both residents and tourists alike – a QC amendment in our primary hotel district can do just that."

Bill No. 225-38 will update the 60-year-old QC Law by prioritizing public safety investments to ensure that Guam's first responders remain well-equipped across our island to include Tumon Bay and the surrounding area where safety resources are either limited or unavailable.

"Public safety and economic development are both a public good," said Senator Gumataotao. "The future expansion of the economy through Guam's QC Law should certainly help cover priority emergency resources for years to come."

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