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Senator Shawn Gumataotao issued the following statement after the Guam Legislature passed Bill 214, as amended:

“The measure if enacted by the Governor of Guam empowers the Guam Ethics Commission (Commission) to develop administrative fines for Standards of Conduct violations which are non-criminal in nature. The legislation also strengthens the Commission’s independence by allowing community organizations including, but not limited to, the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) and the Guam Chamber of Commerce to recommend individuals to the Governor for potential appointments to the Commission.

Bill 214 promotes an Ethics Commission membership that reflects fair-mindedness and diligence, and the measure responds to the organization’s documented request for timely, proportionate, and enforceable consequences. This proposal makes certain that policymakers will no longer appropriate precious taxpayer funds to Government entities without establishing any corresponding performance expectations.

Bill 214 is a step forward in our collective objective of deterring potential unethical behavior and actions that undermine public trust in our government institutions. This measure ensures the Commission’s policies have the teeth necessary for the organization to effectively adjudicate complaints and impose penalties consistent with policy, ultimately helping to restore our people’s faith in their government.”

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