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Public Hearing Testimonies Emphasize the Importance of Supporting the Criminal Justice Automation Commission (CJAC) Now and Into the Future

CJAC is key to the collection, storage, and sharing of critical data among public safety agencies

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Guam's public safety and law enforcement community and the Judiciary of Guam came out in support of Senator Shawn Gumataotao's Bill 110-38 (COR) which, if approved, would recognize the Criminal Justice Automation Commission (CJAC) in Guam law.

According to the Judiciary of Guam, the CJAC has guided improvements to the Branch's case management system, the criminal justice information system and island-wide fingerprinting system, among other things to support the law enforcement needs of all local public safety agencies and federal justice partners.

"Their work has certainly evolved over three decades and today remains an important central repository to disseminate and store data shared by our local and federal criminal justice and law enforcement entities," said Senator Gumataotao.

Senator Gumataotao served in the Judiciary of Guam as Director of Policy, Planning and Community Relations from 2017 to 2020.

Homeland Security Advisor Esther Aguigui provided written testimony in support of Bill 110-38 (COR) offering that, "improved information sharing and system integration will translate to enhanced public safety for the people of Guam. CJAC will help bridge information gaps that currently exist between agencies, allowing us to identify potential threats more quickly and respond more effectively."

Director of Public Health and Social Services, Theresa Arriola, testified in favor of the CJAC proposal and highlighted her agency's reliance on timely access to information from the National Crime Information Center, especially during active investigations into child abuse and neglect. Director Arriola shared that, "accurate criminal justice data can make a critical difference between a child being safe or remaining in harm's way."

Established in 1993, the CJAC has laid the groundwork in the development of a technical infrastructure that has improved access to critical local and federal criminal justice records.

"With Bill 110-38 (COR) senators have a great opportunity to ensure that through Public Law, the Criminal Justice Automation Commission and its continued operation will provide this important government commission spanning all three branches of our government with the stability that it requires and deserves as a permanent entity," Senator Gumataotao concluded.

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