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GOP CAUCUS PROVIDES GMH SUPPORT ON THE URGENT NEED OF THEIR POWER UPGRADE PROJECT

Hagatna - Republican Senators in the 35th Guam Legislature introduced Bill 179-35 to appropriate \$6,000,000 to the Guam Memorial Hospital Authority to support the urgent need of their Power Upgrade Project, inclusive of the replacement and installation of a new electrical panel. Bill 179-35, sponsored by Senators James C. Moylan, Telo T. Taitague, Louise B. Muna, and William M. Castro, would appropriate funds from the Fiscal Year 2017 audited available fund balance of the Healthy Future Fund.

"The need to repair the electrical panel at the hospital is not a new concern, as it was raised last year and continues to be identified as an URGENT matter by hospital officials, as indicated in their FY20 budget proposal," stated Senator Moylan. *"After learning that un-appropriated and unauthorized funds were available in the Healthy Future Funds from a previous fiscal year, it was a prudent decision to provide GMH the money for a much needed investment. Imagine if they were to face a power crisis,"* added Senator Moylan.

"We had identified a combined total of \$10.1 million in the FY17 and FY 2018 available fund balance of the Healthy Futures Fund, of which \$150,000 was recently appropriated to the Autism Center, and \$1.2 million is being appropriated to Public Health for the operations of I Guma' Mina'ase foster care facility, as part of my Bill 178," stated Senator Taitague. *"It is critical that we address additional needs ensuring healthcare issues are prioritized,"* she added.

Bill 179-35 allows the appropriation to be available until September 30, 2020, to provide GMHA an adequate timeline to address procurement and other matters in assuring their project is completed.

"This is just one step in attending to the many healthcare needs and urgencies for our island. I am currently working with stakeholders and service providers to ensure the Guam Cancer Trust Fund is adequately funded," stated Senator Muna.

"It's a worthwhile investment. Stable and clean power not only saves lives but millions in equipment and medicine," stated Senator Castro.

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