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SENATOR PANGELINAN INTRODUCES BILL NO. 350-30 (COR) RELATIVE TO EXEMPTIONS FROM HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - HAGATÑA (March 23, 2010) – Senator vicente c. pangelinan (D), Barrigada yesterday introduced Bill No. 350-30 (COR) which will repeal the exemption of the application of the hotel occupancy tax on hotel rooms rented and paid for by employees of the government of the United States, the government of any Foreign Sovereignty, the or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing governments and the government of Guam who stay at our local hotels.

“Most states do not exempt any governments from hotel occupancy taxes. The taxes are considered local taxes that benefit the cities and municipalities where collected. Guam is no different. Our community relies on Hotel Occupancy Taxes to support the product of tourism one of the main pillars of our economy. The additional revenue created by Bill 350 will help greatly add to our resources to increase Guam’s appeal as a tourist destination, without any impact to our competitiveness as a destination.” says Senator pangelinan.

"These people have to travel to Guam as part of their job and the application of the tax will not be a factor in determining their trip to Guam" stated the Senator.

Senator pangelinan is joined by Senator BJ Cruz, the Chairman of the Committee on Tourism as the primary Co-sponsor. The Tourist Attraction Fund is the primary funding source for the Guam Visitors Bureau and the debt service for Tumon infrastructure bond. The fund also pays for other publicly funded tourism projects, beach and park maintenance and island beautification projects.

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