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Guam - In a cost-saving effort, Senators Cruz, Santos and Barnes have proposed the creation of the "Guam Public Notice Web site."

The Senators say that Bill #26 would require that all public agencies currently required to publish their meetings in local media, to instead post notice of their meeting on the Guam Public Notice Website.

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They point out that agencies currently have to pay between \$250 and \$500 per meeting to publish their notices in the paper in compliance with Guam's Open Government law.

Bill #26 they say will allow agencies to post the notice electronically savings thousands of dollars in taxpayer funds.

Senator Cruz is quoted in a release as saying that: "At a time when our vendors go unpaid, tax refunds are still not being paid on time, and jobs are being threatened. Austerity measures such as these must be implemented."

READ the release from Senator Cruz's Office below:

Cruz, Ada and Barnes: Cost Savings and Increased Transparency Make Bill No. 26-32 Win-Win Legislation for the Taxpayers of Guam
 For Immediate Release

(January 27, 2013- Hagatna) Anytime you can increase transparency for the people of Guam and save money for the taxpayers, you have a winning formula. That is the message Vice Speaker Benjamin J. F. Cruz, Minority Leader Senator Tony Ada and Legislative Secretary Tina Rose Muna Barnes have stressed by introducing Bill No. 26-32.

Bill 26-32 is a measure that will create the "Guam Public Notice Website" where the public can view all public notices as required under § 8103 of Chapter 8, Title 5 GCA which states "Any public agency which holds a meeting required by statute, regulation or resolution, shall give five (5) working days public notice, and a second public notice at least forty eight (48) hours prior to the start of the meeting."

Currently all Govguam boards, commissions and agencies must pay anywhere from \$250- 500 per meeting to publish its public notices to be in compliance with the current Open Government Statute. The proposed legislation will allow Government Agencies, boards, and commissions to post required public notices via electronic means on the "Guam Public Notice Web site" resulting in cash savings for the Government of Guam.

"At a time when our vendors go unpaid, tax refunds are still not being paid on time, and jobs are being threatened," stated Cruz. "Austerity measures such as these must be implemented."

"The Vice Speaker, Senator Barnes and I all agree, cost savings and government transparency are of the utmost importance," Stated Ada, "with this measure we have the best of both worlds, cost savings and increased transparency, I look forward to the enactment of this important legislation."

"As technology and access to information expands its reach, we must, both as a government and a society, evolve to meet the demands of today's busy lifestyles." Said Barnes. "This bill allows for greater access to information to those who want it, while saving money for the rest of us."

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