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## News from the Office of Senator Amanda Shelton

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Senators unanimously voted in support of Senator Amanda Shelton's amendment to fund and protect job coaches for individuals with disabilities serving in the Government of Guam.

**"A robust workforce includes individuals of all abilities. Job coaches help individuals with disabilities maintain gainful employment and contributes to their long-term financial security and self-esteem,"** said Senator Shelton. **"When adults with disabilities want to work and want the satisfaction of providing for themselves, we must do what we can to support them with the resources they need."**

Funding for job coaches were cut by a fourth (1/4) in this year's budget for the Department of Integrated Services for Individuals with Disabilities. Senator Shelton with her co-sponsor, Speaker Tina Muña Barnes offered the amendment to authorize a continuing appropriation from FY 2020 funds.

This appropriation will provide job coaches through the DISID to allow these individuals with disabilities to work and lead a life of more independence and financial security. A job coach is an individual who is employed to help individuals with disabilities learn, accommodate, and perform their work duties. A job coach may work with individuals one-on-one and/or in a small group.

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