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Bill 393-35 (LS), the rules and regulations for the *Ayuda I Mangafa* Help for Families Program (AIM) was passed by the Guam Legislature this afternoon. The Department of Revenue and Taxation will have 15 working days from the date of enactment to implement the program. Companion Bill 392-35 (LS) was also passed today.

Bill 392-35 (LS) refines eligibility and application requirements for the AIM program. The bill ensures this assistance reaches all eligible families and allows a path for non-filers who do not meet the income threshold—such as veterans—to apply for the program. Additionally, Bill 392-35 (LS) ensures the *Ayuda I Mangafa* Help for Families Program allows families with multiple eligible dependents receive the \$500 payment for each dependent.

**“Our action today brings us one step closer to providing our families excluded from the federal stimulus program the relief they have been waiting for. The *Ayuda I Mangafa* Help for Families Program will make our families with young adult dependents continuing their studies and families with individuals with disabilities whole,”** said Senator Shelton. **“I thank my colleagues for their support of the AIM Program and working together to implement this program quickly. *Un Dangkolo na si Yu'os Ma'ase'* to Director Dafne Shimizu and the Department of Revenue and Taxation for their commitment to seeing this program through to help our families.”**

P.L. 35-94 *Ayuda I Mangafa* Help for Families Program Act was unanimously passed by the Guam Legislature. The AIM Act authorized funding beyond Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds, to include FY 2020 General Fund appropriations and FY 2020 Special Fund appropriations, etc. Further, the law required that the Department of Revenue and Taxation submit rules and regulations to the Guam Legislature for approval, regardless of the funding source for the program. The Department of Rev and Tax worked tirelessly to follow the law and submit the proposed rules and regulations to the Guam Legislature by the deadline prescribed by law. Senator Shelton and her colleagues prioritized helping our people by starting this program as soon as possible.

P.L. 35-94, authored by Senator Shelton provides a one-time stimulus payment of \$500 to Guam families with young adult dependents and individuals with disabilities who were not included in the federal Economic Stimulus Payments.

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