

CHAPTER 15  
GUAM COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCY

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**§ 15101. Short Title.**

This Chapter *shall* be known as the “Guam Climate Change Preparedness and Resiliency Act.”

**§ 15102. Creation.**

The Guam Council on Climate Change Preparedness and Resiliency (Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR) is hereby established for the sole purpose of developing policy direction and recommendations relative to ensuring that the government of Guam focuses its vast resources on preparing and planning for, and mitigating, adverse impacts of climate change on Guam.

**§ 15103. Definitions.**

As used in this Chapter, unless the context in which they are used requires a different meaning:

(a) Council means the Guam Council on Climate Change Preparedness and Resiliency.

(b) Climate change means any significant change in the measures of climate lasting for an extended period of time such as major changes in temperature, precipitation, or wind patterns, among other effects, that occur over several decades or longer.

(c) Global warming means the ongoing rise in global average temperature near Earth’s surface that is caused mostly by increasing

concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere.

**§ 15104. Membership.**

The composition of the members of the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* be as follows:

(a) the legislative chairperson with oversight over environment, or his/her designee from among the members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, who *shall* serve as the chairperson of the C<sup>3</sup>PR;

(b) the President of the University of Guam, or his or her designee, who *shall* serve as the vice chairperson of the C<sup>3</sup>PR;

(c) the legislative chairperson with oversight over appropriations, or his/her designee;

(d) one (1) majority member of *I Liheslatura* appointed by the Speaker, who may appoint him/herself, or a designee;

(e) one (1) minority member of *I Liheslatura* appointed by the Speaker;

(f) the chairperson of the Guam Climate Change Task Force designated by *I Maga'låhi* pursuant to Executive Order No. 2015-08;

(g) one (1) member from the Climate Change Advisory Committee appointed by *I Maga'låhi* pursuant to Executive Order No. 2015-08;

(h) the Chairperson of the Consolidated Commission on Utilities, or his/her designee;

(i) the Executive Director of the University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability, or his/her designee; and

(j) all other members of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan*, as ex-officio members.

**§ 15105. Duties.**

The Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* work collaboratively to create policy recommendations to *I Liheslatura* relative to how the government of Guam can utilize its departmental and agency resources to:

(a) plan and prepare for and adapt to the impending impacts of climate change on the island and people of Guam;

(b) understand and address the contribution to climate change

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and global warming from local activities, to include, but not limited to, government of Guam and local federal activities;

(c) mitigate the contribution of the government of Guam to climate change and global warming;

(d) support *I Maga'låhi's* efforts pursuant to Executive Order No. 2015-08 on his creation of the Guam Climate Change Task Force (Task Force) and the Climate Change Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee);

(e) review the discussions, reports, and recommendations by *I Maga'låhi's* Guam Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and other outputs and reports from the Task Force and Advisory Committee;

(f) recommend policies to promote clean air and clean water for the people of Guam;

(g) recommend policies for the advancement of the use of renewable energy from an individual and governmental perspective toward reducing greenhouse gas emissions;

(h) recommend policies to address climate-induced migration and displacement;

(i) prioritize and focus policy recommendations on climate change resilience, ecosystem and biodiversity protection, waste management and pollution control, and environmental governance; and

(j) recommend to *I Liheslatura* policy and funding recommendations to incorporate the needs and focus necessary to ensure climate change impacts to the people and island of Guam are planned and prepared for, addressed and/or mitigated.

**§ 15106. Authority.**

Government of Guam agencies and departments, including autonomous entities, *shall* make available to the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR in a timely manner such data and technical support as is necessary for it to perform its duties as provided in this Chapter. The Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* be authorized to:

(a) receive, compile, and examine the records and work products of the Task Force and the Advisory Committee created pursuant to Executive Order 2015-08;

(b) request, receive, and examine reports, data, and information from government of Guam departments and agencies, including autonomous agencies, relating to fiscal, environmental, and socioeconomic impacts of climate change on the people and island of Guam in association with the duties set forth in this Chapter;

(c) solicit information and advice from various sources on the technical and scientific impacts of climate change on a local, regional, national, and international level;

(d) meet from time to time pursuant to this Chapter, as determined by the Chairperson, to execute its duties; and

(e) create and establish subcommittees as deemed appropriate to facilitate the work of the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR.

**§ 15107. Administration.**

For administrative purposes, clerical support, and necessary funding, the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* be accommodated as necessary by *I Liheslatura*.

**§ 15108. Conduct of Meetings, Quorum.**

The Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* meet quarterly to discuss and assess the progress of providing recommendations to *I Liheslatura*. A simple majority of the members of the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* constitute a quorum to do business, and any action taken by the Guam C<sup>3</sup>PR *shall* be by a simple majority of the members present.

**§ 15109. Severability.**

If any provision of this Chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is found to be invalid, or contrary to law, such invalidity *shall* not affect other provisions or applications of this Chapter that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Chapter are severable.

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