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# House Armed Services Moves \$355M in Guam military construction

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## **The pending House bill, meanwhile, includes Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo's H-2B language to help end near-total denials of the worker visas--key to build-up construction and to local health care.**

Washington, D.C. - The House Armed Services Committee late Wednesday was finishing the panel's work on the Pentagon's fiscal 2018 defense budget or the National Defense Authorization Act--a measure that includes more than \$350 million for Guam military projects.

Among the bigger military projects getting the "green light" is at Andersen Air Force Base with nearly \$41 million to replace housing; more than \$56 million for a water well field; over \$75 million for Aircraft Maintenance Hangar 2; almost \$67 million for a Corrosion Control Hangar; and \$24 million for a truck loading facility.

The total for all Guam projects in the NDAA is almost \$355 million which is more than \$100 million above the

final FY '17 NDAA Guam



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The pending House bill, near-zero, includes Congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo's H-2B language to help end near-total denials of the visa program to public construction and to local health care.



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The US Customs and Immigration Service has either denied or demanded evidence for nearly all H-2B visa applications on Guam, reducing the number of these workers to near zero.

Bordallo is also working with DHS and DOD to fix the key build-up impediment.

The House FY '18 NDAA includes Bordallo provisions to require the GAO to review the government's handling of Agent Orange on Guam, to require the Navy to address outstanding concerns over clearing munitions and explosives on Guam and direct the Navy Secretary to convey the Former Ship Repair Facility to the Guam Economic Development Authority at no cost to GovGuam.

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