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Textbook: Government and Not-for-Profit Accounting, Granof

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1.1 **Definition**

- Per GASB Statement No. 14, a financial reporting entity should consist of a:
 - 1. **Primary government** (the larger, creating government), and its
 - 2. Component units.

1.2 **Primary Government**

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- A Primary Government is:
 - 1. State government.
 - 2. <u>General-purpose</u> local government (<u>municipality</u> or county)." [Cities, towns, and counties]
 - 3. <u>Special-purpose</u> state or local governments. [School districts, municipal utility districts, and transportation authorities]

1.2 Primary Government

Primary Governments

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1.3 Primary Government - Qualification

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- To qualify as a primary government, the entity must have
 a:
 - 1. separately elected governing body,
 - 2. be legally separate from other primary governments, and
 - 3. be fiscally independent.

1.3 Primary Government - Qualification

- Fiscal independent implies that the government has the authority, without approval from other governments, to:
 - 1. Determine its budget
 - 2. Levy taxes or set rates and charges
 - 3. Issue bonds

1.4 Component Unit

• A <u>component unit</u> is a <u>legally separate government</u> for which the elected officials of the <u>primary government are financially accountable</u>.

- I. A primary government is <u>financially accountable</u> if:
 - 1. It <u>appoints</u> a voting majority of the organization's government body, **and**
 - 2. Any of the following:
 - a. It is able to impose its will on that organization, or
 - b. There is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the primary government.

- **Impose its Will** Criteria:
 - 1. Can remove appointed members.
 - 2. Approve or modify unit's budget.
 - 3. Approve or modify unit's fee charges.
 - 4. Veto, overrule, or modify decisions of unit's governing board.
 - 5. Appoint, hire, reassign, or dismiss the unit's managers responsible for day-to-day operations.

- A component unit may also be an organization whose exclusion would cause a primary government's statements to be misleading or incomplete because of the nature and relationship between the two.
- Governments create authorities, public benefit corporation, and other types of organizations.

- II. A potential component unit may be considered financially accountable to a primary government if the unit is fiscally dependent on the primary government.
 - **Fiscally Dependent:** If the unit is
 - unable to determine its own budget,
 - levy taxes or set rates,
 - or issue bonds
 without approval of the primary government.

1.4 Primary Government

COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO (Primary Government)

AGENCIES

PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (Component Units)

2.1 Reporting Component Unit

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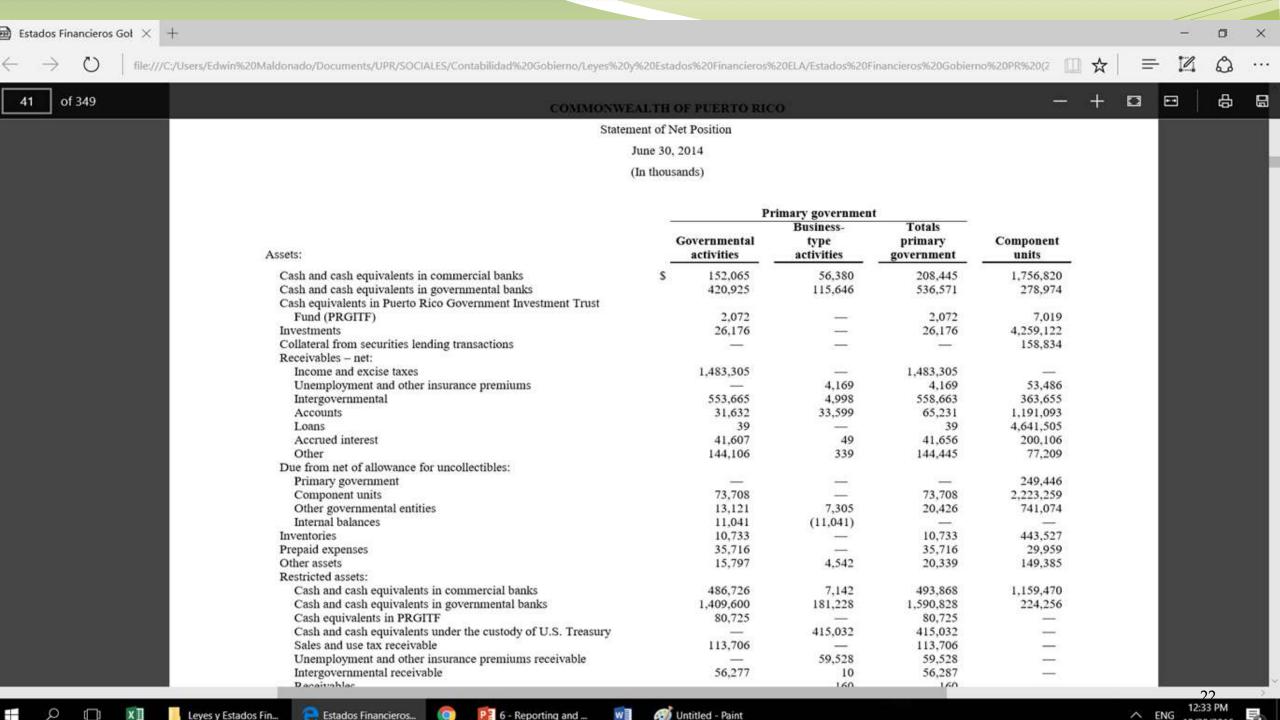
- Governments must report the component units in either of two ways:
 - 1. Discrete presentation

2. Blending

2.2 <u>Discrete Presentation</u>

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- Reporting one or more units in a single column, apart from the data of the primary governments. (See last column in the Statement of Next Position of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico on the next page.)
- Discrete presentation is the default means of reporting.



2.3 Blending

• Combining the unit's transactions and balances as if they were part of the primary government, that is, reporting the unit's special revenue funds, capital projects funds, debt service funds, and permanent funds as if they were corresponding funds of the primary government.

2.3 Blending

• Blending is appropriate only in the following three circumstances, each of which is intended to capture situations in which the primary government and the component units are, in economic substance, a single unit:

2.3 Blending

- 1. The component unit's governing body is substantively the same as the governing body of the primary government.
- 2. The component unit provides services solely to the primary government.
- 3. Total debt outstanding is expected to be repaid entirely or almost entirely with resources of the primary government.

