

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-161

RE: C.B. NO. 15-165/JGO

SUBJECT: APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY

DECEMBER 01, 2008

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker, Fifteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fifth Special Session, 2008

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was referred C.B. No. 15-165, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$40,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE PURPOSE TO FUND THE UPCOMING FSM PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

This bill would appropriate \$40,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia to match a grant award from the U.S. Department of Interior in the amount of \$107,000. The FSM had already received the grant award, which was approved by Congress by way of C.R. No. 15-154. The \$40,000 requested in this bill would provide for provisions and catering during the training period, which are not included in the award. The grant conditions specifically require that the FSM put up such amount.

The public safety training will be held in Pohnpei and will start during the first week of February 2009. The planning for this training, including travel arrangement for participants from the various FSM states, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are already underway. For planning purposes, consideration of this appropriation bill during the January regular session would be too close to the beginning of the training; hence it is imperative that Congress acts on this bill during this Fifth Special Session.

Your Committee supports the intent and purpose of the bill. It is noted, however, that there are several technical errors on the text of the bill that require correction.

Accordingly, your Committee recommends the following amendments to the C.B. No. 15-165:

1. Page 1, title, replace the terms "to fund" with the terms "of funding".

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2. Page 1, line 3, replace the terms "to fund" with the terms "of funding".
3. Page 1, line 4, replace the terms "to match" with the terms "matching".
4. Page 1, line 5, insert the term "the" before the term "Office".
5. Page 1, line 10, insert five spaces before the term "All".
6. Page 2, line 5, after the term "upon", insert the term "its"

With the foregoing amendments, your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 15-165 and recommends its passage on First Reading, and that it be placed on the calendar for Second and Final reading in the form attached hereto as C.B. No. 15-165, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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