

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-168

RE: C.B. NO. 15-178/W&M

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW NO. 11-27

DECEMBER 03, 2008

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 15-178, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 11-27, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 3 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATE OF YAP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the bill are expressed in its title.

Public Law No. 11-27 is an appropriation act, which appropriated a sum of \$1,000,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, for the purpose of funding infrastructure projects, roads, and other economic and social projects and programs in the State of Yap. Section 3 of Public Law No. 11-27 was later amended by Public Laws Nos. 11-55, 11-65, 11-78, 12-3, 12-25, 12-72 and 15-56.

The intent of C.B. No. 15-178 is to take the available amount of \$35,750 from the \$153,000 originally appropriated for "Outer island agriculture development and cultural programs" to fund mitigation programs for the people living on the outer islands of Yap whose taro patches and small subsistent farms are affected by salt water intrusion or sea level rise.

The amount that is already expended for the "Outer island agriculture development and cultural programs" is \$117,250. According to the record from the Department of Finance and Administration, the amount of \$35,750 is still available and has not been expended. Pursuant to section 5 of Public Law No. 11-27, as amended, the funds appropriated therein shall not lapse.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 15-178 and recommends its passage on First Reading, and that it be placed on the calendar for Second and Final

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reading in the form attached hereto as C.B. No. 15-178.

Respectfully submitted,

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