

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-15

RE: C.B. NO. 16-42/W&M

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-32

SEPTEMBER 17, 2009

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Sixteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2009

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 16-42, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-32, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATES OF KOSRAE AND YAP, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

In Public Law No. 15-32, an amount of \$3,780,000 was appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008 to fund public projects and social programs in each of the States. The authority to expend the funds appropriated herein shall not lapse until fully expended.

First proposed amendment to C.B. No. 16-42 is to change the use of the \$10,000 previously appropriated for a line item - "Supplemental funding for fuel for Caroline Voyager", as reflected in subsection 1(1)(k) of the Act. The Committee original intent is to use the \$10,000 to fund "Contractual Services for Kosrae Senior citizens".

Second proposed amendment is to modify the use of the \$115,000 previously appropriated therein to fund "Outer Islands' Transportation needs" as reflected in subsection 1(2)(r) in the Act. The attempt here is to use portion of the said amount to purchase two outboard motors for Falalus and Favaulap Islands.

Third proposed amendment is to take \$13,000 out of the original \$115,000 to fund the purchase of an outboard motor for the Office of the Governor of Yap State.

Your Committee wishes to convey that this is old money and not new money, and this is merely shifting funds within.

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After further review of C.B. No. 16-42, your Committee proposes the following amendments to C.B. No. 16-42:

1. Page 1, line 16, delete "40,000", and insert "48,000" in lieu thereof.
2. Page 2, lines 15 and 16, undo the strikethrough for "Supplemental funding for fuel for Caroline Voyager"; delete "Contractual Services for Kosrae Senior Citizens 10,000", and insert "0" in lieu thereof.
3. Page 4, between lines 1 & 2, insert "(t) Kosrae-Pohnpei Association in Pohnpei State 2,000"

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 16-42 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. 16-42, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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