STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-68

RE: C.B. NO. 16-76/W&M

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-31
PUBLIC PROJECTS POHNPEI FY 2008

FEBRUARY 11, 2010

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Sixteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Regular Session, 2010

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 16-76, entitled:

> "A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-31, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee on Ways and Means has considered this bill to amend the use of $131,470 previously appropriated in subsection 1 of Section 1 of Public Law No. 15-31. The $131,470 was previously appropriated to fund Kapingamarangi Airport. During the consideration of the said bill, your Committee became aware that Public Law No. 16-21 is the latest amendment to Public Law No. 15-31; therefore it is necessary to amend the bill to reflect the actual language in Public Law No. 16-21.

The funding for this specific project (Kapingamarangi) has not been obligated and expended for the purpose for which it was appropriated. The FSM Department of Finance and Administration has certified that $107,295 of the funding for the said project is still available. Therefore, your Committee wishes to use "$60,000" of this "$107,295" to fund a new line item "Peidi road".

Your Committee recommends amendments to C.B. No. 16-76 to read as follows:

1. Title line 1, after "amended", insert "by Public Laws Nos. 15-54, 15-79, 16-2 and 16-21"; and insert "further" between "by" and "amending".

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2. Page 1, line 2, delete "and" and insert a coma in lieu thereof; and after "16-02" insert "and 16-21"
3. Page 1, line 9, replace "~~113,470~~" with "~~107,295~~"; and replace "53,470" with "47,295".
4. Page 1, line 19, delete "3,000", and insert "9,175" in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 16-76, as amended hereby, 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. 16-76, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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