

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-97

RE: C.B. NO. 16-71

SUBJECT: AMENDING SECTION 205 OF TITLE 22 REGARDING COCONUT
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was referred
C.B. No. 16-71, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 205 OF TITLE 22
OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA TO
AFFORD FLEXIBILITY TO THE BOARD OF COCONUT DEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY IN HOLDING BOARD MEETINGS, AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held public hearings on C.B. No. 16-71, among other
measures, on February 18 and 19, 2010, in Kosrae State; on February
21, 2010, in Chuuk State; and on February 24 and 25, 2010, in Yap
State.

Pursuant to section 205 of title 22 of the FSM Code, the Board of the
Coconut Development Authority (CDA) meets semiannually or more often
at the call of the Chairman of the Board. The Board has practiced
this semiannual meeting since the establishment of the CDA. However,
due to funding constraints, the Board cannot continue to meet semiannually.

During a public hearing with the representatives from the CDA on the
said bill, Mr. Namio Nanpei explained to your Committee the difficulty
in calling Board meetings. The Authority often faces financial
constraints to pay for all Board members to attend each meeting. Mr.
Nanpei also explained that there are times that there will be no

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quorum because the Authority cannot afford to pay for each of the Board members to travel to the venue of the meeting.

Your Committee received no negative comments, but strong support for the passage of the bill.

Therefore, the Committee recommends the following amendments to the bill:

1. Page 1, line 5, delete "at the call of the chairman", and insert "once a year." in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Resources and Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 16-71, as amended herein, 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. 16-71, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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