

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-122

RE: C.B. NO. 17-119/W&M

SUBJECT: AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-36

MARCH 31, 2012

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Seventeenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Special Session, 2012

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 17-119, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-36, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 3,4,5 AND 6 THEREIN, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF KOSRAE, POHNPEI AND CHUUK, TO OFFER TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Public Law No. 17-36 is an appropriation act, which appropriated an amount of \$2,100,000 from the General Fund of the National Government for the fiscal year 2012, for the purpose of funding public projects and social programs in the States of Kosrae, Pohnpei and Chuuk.

In section 3 of Public Law No. 17-36, the first proposed amendment is merely technical, to delete the references of \$150,000 under the At-Large and Election District No. 1, Kosrae State. The second proposed amendment is to shift \$5,000 from the \$25,000 originally appropriated for "Kosrae High School lunch program" to fund a new line item (k), "We Care referral program".

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In section 4 of Public Law No. 17-36, the first proposed amendment is to delete line item (f), "Scholarship (graduate school tuition assistance 10,000" under State of Pohnpei, At-Large, and to correct the line items by alphabetical order accordingly. By deleting the \$10,000, the sum of all line items under At Large, Pohnpei State will correctly correspond to the amount of \$600,000.

In section 5 of Public Law No. 17-36, the amendments are being proposed under subsection 1 of section 5 of the act, At Large-Chuuk. The attempt here is to shift some funding from several line items to fund a new line item (m), entitled, "Communities/Farmers/Students land transportation 33,000" and to increase line item (g) "School graduations and related activities/Youth Programs" from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

The modifications are as follow, \$10,000 is subtracted from the \$25,000 originally appropriated to fund line item (a), "Chuuk Non-Government Organizations subsidy", \$10,000 is subtracted from the \$20,000 originally appropriated to fund line item (d), "Roads/seawalls/bridges improvement and beautification", \$5,000 is subtracted from the \$10,000 originally appropriated to fund line item (e), "Low Income Housing subsidy", \$2,000 is subtracted from the \$5,000 originally appropriated to fund line item (f) "Chuuk Sports Activities/Events and Infrastructures", \$10,000 is subtracted from the \$20,000 originally appropriated to fund line item (i), "Reimbursement payment for POL and Charters" and \$6,000 is subtracted from the \$10,000 originally appropriated to fund line item (l), "CSCIP (administrative support services)".

Section 6 of Public Law No. 17-36 is the "Allotment and management of funds and lapse date". The proposed amendments are merely to change allottees of certain funds. The allottee of funds appropriated under section 2 (Yap State) of the act shall be the Governor of Yap State. The allottee of funds appropriated under sections 3 (Kosrae State) and 4 (Pohnpei State) of the act shall be the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or his designee, except that the allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 4(3)(a) and 4(3)(b) shall be the Pohnpei Transportation Authority. The allottee of funds

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appropriated under subsections 5(1) and 5(6) shall be the Governor of Chuuk State or his designee, except that the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 5(6)(a) shall be the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or his designee, and the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 5(6)(f) shall be the President of the COM-FSM. The allottee of funds appropriated for Chuuk State Election District No. 1, shall be the Mortlock Islands Development Authority, the allottee of funds appropriated for Chuuk State Election District No. 2 shall be the Executive Director of the Northern Namoneas Social and Economic Development Authority, the allottee of funds appropriated for Chuuk State Election District No. 3 and Election District No. 4, shall be the CSCIP.

Your Committee wishes to offer the following amendments to the bill as follow:

1. Page 4, line 1, delete "Road improvement 100,000", and insert "Kolonia Town Government-Legislative and Judiciary computer 10,000" in lieu thereof.
2. Page 4, line 2 after "8,000" insert
 - "(f) Road concrete 15,000
 - (g) Southern Islands copra processing training \$20,000
 - (h) Pakin transport repair 5,000
 - (i) Road construction repair 50,000"
3. Page 7, line 7, delete "50,000" and insert "45,000" in lieu thereof.
4. Page Page 7, between lines 14 and 15, insert a new line item "(d) Housing Renovation Supplement-Fono and Piis- Paner municipalities 5,000"
5. Page 7, line 19, delete "Land Transportation 5,000" and insert "Tsis municipal election office 2,500" in lieu thereof.
6. Page 8, between lines 7 and 8, insert a new line item to read as follows: "(m) Nechap super dispensary 2,500".
7. Page 8, line 10, delete "30,000" and insert "25,000" in lieu thereof.
8. Page 8, between lines 21 and 22, insert a new line item to read as follows: "(k) Legal fees 5,000".
9. Page 9, line 5, delete "8,000" and insert "18,000" in lieu thereof.
10. Page 24, line 24, delete "60,000" and insert "50,000" in lieu thereof.

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Conclusion

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. 17-119 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 C.B. 17-119, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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