

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-156

RE: C.B. NO. 17-157/H&SA & J&GO

SUBJECT: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND
SECTION 801 OF TITLE 41 OF THE CODE OF
THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SEPTEMBER 28, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.B. No. 17-157, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 801 OF
TITLE 41 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA, TO BAN SMOKING WITHIN 50 FEET OF ALL
FACILITIES OWNED OR LEASED BY THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee made a detailed review of the above-captioned
C.B. 17-157. The Committee applauds any effort to reduce the
use of tobacco and to reduce the public's exposure to
second-hand smoke. Over the years your Committee has
received an enormous amount of information from the
Department of Health and Social Affairs and international
health organizations regarding negative effects of smoking,
which include increased heart disease, cancer and lung
disease. The Committee notes that many health studies have
also shown individuals exposed to second-hand smoke have
increased rates of these major diseases associated with
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It is your Committee's primary goal to assist in the improvement of the health and safety of the citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia. As the further limitation of smoking and the exposure of our government employees and visitors to our national government buildings to second-hand smoke is a very positive step for public health, and as the Committee believes there is no negative impact to passage of this legislation, your Committee strongly recommends passage of C.B. No. 17-157.

Your Committee on Health & Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 17-157, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto subject to the concurrence of the Committee on J&GO.

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Respectfully submitted,

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<u>/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal</u> Joseph J. Urusemal, member
