

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-163

RE: C.B. NO. 17-199

SUBJECT: FY 2013 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

NOVEMBER 21, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 17-199, entitled:

"TO AMEND SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 8, AND 12, OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-64 IN ORDER TO APPROPRIATE \$2,143,379 IN SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2013; TO ALIGN THE BUDGET ACT WITH AMENDED COMPACT GRANT AWARDS AND SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATION GRANT AWARD; TO ASSIGN AN ALLOTTEE 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 a meeting on November 19, 2012 at which it considered numerous supplemental budget items. Your Committee deliberated upon each item and recommends the following supplemental funding.

Your Committee recommends funding of \$376,744 be appropriated for the March 2013 General Election. Your Committee recognizes that a democratic form of government is the best way for a people to achieve shared prosperity and therefore your Committee recommends the General Election be funded in full.

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Further, your Committee recommends the amount of \$25,000 be appropriated to support the Traditional Leaders Conference in support of our islands' heritage.

Your Committee recommends the amount of \$14,855 be appropriated to pay the amount the National Government owes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

In recognition of the importance of education, your Committee recommends \$60,000 be appropriated for Xavier High School. Said amount is directed solely for secular purposes, not for religious purposes, and not for the 60th Annual Celebration. Every dollar is to be directed exclusively towards operational purposes in furtherance of the education of our next generation.

Your Committee recommends adjusting the amount deemed sourced from the Supplemental Education Grant under the operations of the Department of Education from \$384,529 to \$485,419 to match the amount of the Grant. Your Committee recommends that only this adjustment be made at this time.

Your Committee recommends supplemental funding of \$35,000 be appropriated for Congress's operations for staff travel. Appropriation of this amount will merely bring the FY 2013 amount up to the FY 2012 level. Your Committee further recommends that travel funds available to Congress be supplemented by \$50,000. This additional amount is meant to fund travel by Members and staff to international events to which the Congress is specially invited.

Furthermore, your Committee recommends that the amount of \$712,000 be appropriated to reimburse the European Union for deposits related to fishing access fees.

Your Committee recommends \$869,780 in supplemental Amended Compact Infrastructure Sector Grant funding be appropriated to fund the Project Management Unit for the entire FY 2013 as follows.

PMU - Compact Sector Grant	FY 2013 supplemental	FY 2013 total appropriation
Personnel	616,989	837,265

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Travel	139,680	152,649
Contract services	51,167	80,500
OCE	61,944	82,611
Fixed Assets	0	0
Total	869,780	1,153,025

In summary, your Committee recommends total supplemental funding of \$2,143,379. Of this amount \$869,780 is sourced from the Amended Compact Infrastructure Sector and \$1,273,599 is sourced from domestic revenue.

Conclusion

Your Committee on Ways & Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 17-199 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.

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Respectfully submitted,

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