

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-164

RE: C.R. No. 17-194/ EXAFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. KHANDI  
A. ELIEISAR TO THE POSITION OF FSM  
CONSUL GENERAL IN HONOLULU, HAWAII

NOVEMBER 22, 2012

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred  
C.R. No. 17-194, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.  
KKHANDI A. ELIEISAR TO THE POSITION OF FSM CONSUL  
GENERAL IN HONOLULU, HAWAII.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Mr. Khandi A. Elieisar has been nominated by the President  
for the position of Consul General in Honolulu, Hawaii.  
This nomination is subject to the advice and consent of  
Congress pursuant to article X, section 2(d), of the  
Constitution and title 2, section 207(1) of the Code of the  
Federated States of Micronesia.

Your Committee is satisfied with the qualifications, experience, and  
dedication of the nominee. Mr. Elieisar is currently the Assistant  
Secretary for Asia, Pacific, Africa and Multilateral Affairs with the  
Department of Foreign Affairs, and has served with the Department for  
a total of twenty years.

A hearing was held by your Committee on the nomination on November 20,  
2012. The nominee thanked the Committee for its consideration of his

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nomination, and stated that he was honored to have been nominated. He welcomed the opportunity to serve the Nation in the capacity of Consul General, and was confident of his ability to perform the role based on his prior experience.

In response to member's questions, the nominee stated that he did not consider the position a demotion from his current position, noting that the new position was exempt from the Public Service System, had an expansive bailiwick, including all the Hawaiian islands, and reported to the Embassy in Washington, DC.

In support of the nomination, witnesses from the Department stated that the nominee's vast knowledge of foreign affairs issues would be a great asset to the Honolulu consulate. They stated that although he would be a loss to the Department in Palikir, they felt that he should be given the opportunity to explore other posts, and other staff were prepared to take on his current responsibilities. The nominee acknowledged that he would be giving up his job security and there was a risk that he could be out of a job with the end of the current administration, but stated he was prepared to take that risk.

#### CONCLUSION

Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 17-194, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Paliknoa K. Welly, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
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/s/ Isaac V. Figir  
Isaac V. Figir, member

/s/ Berney Martin  
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/s/ Tony H. Otto  
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/s/ David W. Panuelo  
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/s/ Wesley W. Simina  
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