

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 17-36

RE: C.B. NO. 17-30/W&M

SUBJECT: AMENDING PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-18 TO CHANGE  
THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF FUNDS  
APPROPRIATED FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL  
PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FOR CHUUK AND  
POHNPEI STATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

AUGUST 05, 2011

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker, Seventeenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
First Special Session, 2011

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 17-30, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 16-18, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 16-24, 16-32, 16-39, 16-45, 16-54, 16-67 AND 17-04, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR FUNDING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN THE STATES OF CHUUK AND POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Public Law No. 16-18, as amended, appropriated \$3,301,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal ending September 30, 2010, for the purpose of funding economic and social projects and programs in each of the States of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Pursuant to section 2 of Public Law No. 16-18, as amended by Public Law No. 16-24, the authority of the allottee to obligate funds appropriated by this act shall not lapse. According to the advice from the Office of SBOC, this funding under section 1 of this act is still available.

One purpose of the bill is to amend the use of certain line items under Election District No. 1, Pohnpei State. The proposed amendment is to use the available balance of \$600 from the \$6,000 originally appropriated to fund "Vehicle purchase" line item §1(3)(b)(vi), to supplement the funding for "Soledi road construction" in Election District No. 1, Pohnpei State.

The other intent of this bill is to break down the \$57,000 originally appropriated to fund "Land Acquisition (Pattiw Jr. High School)", line item §1(4)(f)(i) under Election District No. 5, Chuuk State. Of this \$57,000, an amount of \$15,000 is intended to fund a new line item "Transportation expenses relating to human remains", \$10,000 is for "Transportation needs", \$22,000 is for "Contractual Services for project coordinators", and \$10,000 is added to \$13,000 for "COM-FSM Students Financial Assistance", which changes the total for that line item to \$23,000.

The last amendment in this bill is in section 2 of the act. The proposed amendment is to name the COM-FSM President as the allottee of funds for "COM-FSM Students Financial Assistance" in the amount of \$23,000.

Your Committee wishes to offer certain amendments to the bill as follows:

1. Page 15, line 6, after "remains" insert "and related costs".
2. Page 15, line 15, delete "22,000", and insert "14,000" in lieu thereof.
3. Page 16, between lines 1 and 2, insert "(xii) 'Contractual Services for Teachers at Halls Islands High School, Chuuk State \$8,000'".

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Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 17-30 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. 17-30, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Dohsis Halbert  
Dohsis Halbert, chairman

/s/ Peter M. Christian  
Peter M. Christian, member

/s/ Roger S. Mori  
Roger S. Mori, member

/s/ Tony H. Otto  
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/s/ David W. Panuelo  
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Joseph J. Urusemal, member

/s/ Paliknoa K. Welly  
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