

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-69

RE: C.B. NO. 18-86/W&M

SUBJECT: CLARIFY DIVISION FORMULA FOR COMPACT FUNDS

DECEMBER 02 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert  
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Second Special Session, 2013

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 18-86, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 303 AND 306 OF TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 13-72 AND AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS 13-93 AND 18-12, TO MODIFY THE DIVISION FORMULA FOR COMPACT FUNDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The intent of this bill is to clarify the recent action of Congress in Public Law No. 18-12, which amended the distribution formula under which Compact funds are allocated among the National and State Governments of the FSM. P.L. No. 18-12 became law without the President's signature because he was concerned about ambiguity as to whether the funds to which the new distribution formula would apply included the Special Education Grant. This bill would make it clear that the new distribution formula does not apply to the Special Education Grant.

To make clearer the intent of the bill, your Committee recommends that in the title delete "to modify the distribution formula" and insert "to clarify the distribution formula", in lieu thereof. This is to

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show that the purpose of the bill is not to modify in any way P.L. No. 18-12 but just to clarify the intent.

Your Committee would like to offer the following amendment to C.B. No. 18-86 as follows:

1. Page 1, title, delete "to modify the division formula", and insert "to clarify the division formula" in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No, 18-86 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. 18-86 C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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