

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-243

RE: C.A. NO. 18-93 (P.C. NO. 18-379)/W&M

SUBJECT: VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 18-93

NOVEMBER 18, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Special Session, 2014

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication 18-379, regarding the veto of Congressional Act 18-93, entitled:

"AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-70 BY AMENDING SECTIONS 2,3,4,5 AND 6 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE STATES OF KOSRAE, YAP, POHNPEI AND CHUUK, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES." ,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The President vetoed Congressional Act 18-93 on October 23, 2014. The Congressional Act was then referred back to your Committee on Ways and Means. Your committee notes that P.C. 18-379 does not cite a lack of funding, an issue with the drafting of the bill, nor did it raise an issue of legal/constitutional objections.

Your Committee on Ways and Means has reviewed P.C. 18-379 and concluded that the reasons for the veto are based on policy decisions. Your committee has reviewed C.A. No. 18-93 and found it to be consistent with sound public policy and therefore disagrees with the decision to veto.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee on Ways and Means has carefully reviewed the vetoed Act and veto message. Your committee finds no legal basis for the veto and recommends overriding the veto of Congressional Act No. 18-93.

Respectfully submitted,

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