

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-248

RE: C.B. No. 18-67/R&D

SUBJECT: TO CLARIFY THE POWER OF AUTHORIZED
OFFICERS TO STOP AND SEARCH VESSELS

NOVEMBER 24, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was jointly referred C.B. No. 18-67, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 603 OF TITLE 24 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS ENACTED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-34, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE POWERS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS AUTHORIZED TO BOARD VESSELS THAT ARE USED IN FISHING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee on Resources and Development notes that C.B. No. 18-67 proposes what appears to be a minor, technical change to the wording of section 603(1)(c) of title 24 F.S.M.C.. Instead of reading that an authorized officer may stop and search any vessel, vehicle or aircraft that he reasonably believes may be "transporting fish or engaging in other related activities relating to fishing," the new wording would be, "transporting fish or engaging in related activities." Thus, "other" and "relating to fishing" would be deleted.

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Your committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 18-67 and concurs with the recommendation by your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading in the form attach hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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