

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-284

RE: C.A. NO. 18-122 (P.C. NO. 18-459)/W&M

SUBJECT: VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 18-122

APRIL 10, 2015

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication 18-459, regarding the veto of Congressional Act 18-122, entitled:

"AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 54 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY INSERTING A NEW SECTION 904, TO ALLOW THE SECRETARY OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION TO CANCEL AND CEASE COLLECTION OF ANY OUTSTANDING TAX LIABILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee has reviewed Congressional Act 18-122 and the accompanying veto message (P.C. No. 18-459). Your Committee did not find any legal impediments or drafting errors in the Act. Your Committee has determined that the veto is purely based on policy decision.

Your Committee would like to point out that the President's objections as stated in P.C. 18-459 are to the process in which this bill was passed and to his confusion as to its

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implementation. Your Committee finds that the Act is consistent with the practices of Congress and its implementation will be clear under Title 54 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee has reviewed the veto of Congressional Act 18-122 and the veto message. Your Committee finds that the decision made by the Executive was made based on policy and not on a violation of the law. Your Committee disagrees with this policy decision and recommends overriding the veto Congressional Act No. 18-122.

Respectfully submitted,

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