

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-63

RE: C.R. NO. 18-72/R&D

SUBJECT: FSM'S ACCESSION TO THE INTERNATIONAL
RENEWABLE ENERGY AGENCY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was referred
C.R. No. 18-72, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA'S MEMBERSHIP TO THE INTERNATIONAL RENEWABLE
ENERGY AGENCY.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The President has transmitted Congressional Resolution No. 18-72 to
Congress through Presidential Communication No. 18-109 on September
20, 2013.

Your Committee learned that a report on this resolution (SCR No.
17-178) was adopted during the 17th Congress, but the actual
resolution was not adopted. Basically, IRENA is an international
organization established in 2009 and its office is based in Abu
Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. The mission of IRENA is to promote
the widespread and increased adoption and sustainable use of all
forms of renewable energy.

The Agency is also an advisory resource on renewable energy globally.
There are 149 current signatories and 85 members to IRENA. Given the

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importance and demands of renewable energy worldwide, becoming a member will enable this nation to seek bilateral assistances on renewable energy projects from development and donor partners. This surely will add value to the existing assistance on renewable energy projects in the FSM.

Furthermore, the FSM will have access to up-to-date and accurate information on renewable energy technologies and strategies suitable for the condition of the Pacific.

Your Committee was informed that once the FSM submits its application, there is a Council that will review the FSM's application to IRENA. More likely, the Council will approve the FSM's application so the Department of Resources and Development will not come to Congress again to seek any approval in the future. More likely the FSM's application will be favourably considered.

Your Committee wishes to offer several amendments to C.R. No. 18-72 as follows:

1. Title, line 1, delete "~~membership~~", and insert "accession" and delete "~~the FSM's membership~~".
2. Page 1, line 15, delete "~~membership~~" and insert "accession" in lieu thereof.

Recommendations of your committee

Your Committee on Resources and Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 18-72 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 18-72, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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