

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-145

RE: C.B. NO. 19-190/W&M

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$988,684 FOR FY16

AUGUST 01, 2016

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Special Session, 2016

Dear Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred
Congressional Bill No. 19-190, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE A SUPPLEMENTAL
BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$988,684 FROM THE GENERAL
FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, BY AMENDING
SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 9 AND 12 OF PUBLIC LAW NO.
19-32, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NO. 19-45, 19-61,
AND 19-83, AND TO CHANGE THE CONDITIONS FOR CERTAIN
FUNDS THEREIN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received Presidential Communication No. 19-385,
which requested additional appropriations to the FY16 budget.
Your Committee took all of the suggestions from P.C. No. 19-385
into consideration when reviewing C.B. No. 19-190. Your
Committee held a hearing on July 29, 2016, and based on that

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hearing your Committee's recommendations can be found in the chart below.

Projects or Activity	Committee Recommendation
President's Office Supplemental Operations Budget	\$50,000
Dept. of Finance & Admin. Supplemental Operations Budget	\$20,000
Dept. of R&D Supplemental Operations Budget	\$8,200
Dept. of Justice Supplemental Operations Budget	\$20,000
Supplemental Budget for Pacific Islands Forum	\$0
Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning	\$0
Retainer Fee for D.C. Based Law Firm	\$0
Supplement for MLFC Loan Payment Shortfall	\$60,160
Payment for the National Government Complex Internet Service	\$63,710
FSM Women's Conference	\$60,000
Reimbursement for UNFPA	\$26,214
Supplement for Humanitarian for Detained Foreign Nationals	\$20,000
Supplement for Postal Service for Prior Year Utilities and Mail Carrier	\$2,400
Congress: Representation Fund	\$140,000

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Congress: Members' Personnel Shortfall	\$ 8,000
FSM AIP Matching Contributions	\$500,000
Yap Supreme Court Shutters and renovation	\$ 10,000
TOTAL	\$988,684

Your Committee would like to note that its recommendation of \$50,000 for the President's Office Supplemental Operations budget is intended to provide \$30,000 to support travel needs and to provide \$20,000 to supplement the Executive's representation fund.

Your Committee would like to clarify its decision to deny funding for the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning and for the Retainer Fee for D.C. Based Law Firm. Your Committee agrees that addressing the 2023 expiration of the Compact of Free Association with the United States is a priority. Your Committee believes, however, that before any supplementary budget funds are distributed for the Retainer Fee, funds are more appropriately first provided to the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP). Moreover, your Committee believes that any funding for this matter would be more appropriately granted as part of the FY2017 budget, rather than as part of this FY2016 supplementary budget.

Your Committee would like to note that its decision to reduce the amount of funding requested by P.C. 19-385 for Payment for the National Government Complex Internet Service by \$25,000 (to provide only \$63,710) is justified in light of the passage of P.L. 19-60 which previously allocated \$25,000 for this same purpose.

Your Committee would further like to note that the \$20,000 supplemented to the Department of Justice Supplemental

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Operations Budget is intended to be used only for the deportation of Nepalese foreign nationals unlawfully present in the F.S.M.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee has carefully reviewed Congressional Bill No. 19-190. Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 19-190, 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. 19-190, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Isaac V. Figir
Isaac V. Figir, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/ Victor V. Gouland
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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/s/ Palikoa K. Welly
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