

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-152

RE: C.R. NO. 19-256/EDUCATION

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MR. WAYNE MENDIOLA  
AS THE FSM NATIONAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE ON  
THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA NATIONAL  
SCHOLARSHIP BOARD.

AUGUST 02, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred C.R. No.  
19-256, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. WAYNE  
MENDIOLA TO SERVE AS THE FSM NATIONAL GOVERNMENT  
REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP BOARD.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

For some time your Committee has worked to introduce a more  
efficient and standardized system for the award of our  
national scholarships. During the May 2016 Regular Session  
the Congress passed C.B. No. 19-03, which established a  
formal National Scholarship Board. Congressional Bill No.  
19-03 has since been signed by the President and passed  
into law as Public Law No. 19-90. It is the nomination of

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one of the first members to the first national Scholarship Board that is the subject of this report.

Your Committee has long understood the importance of the efficient implementation of reasonable and fair standards in the award of our National scholarships, and it is important that members of the National Scholarship Board are able to operate at the highest levels when dealing with financial awards affecting the future of our students. It is especially important to have members of the first National Scholarship Board who can develop, implement and maintain the efficient and skilled administration of the scholarship awards.

On July 29, 2016, your Committee held public hearings regarding all the nominations for the National Scholarship Board that had thus far been transmitted to Congress for action. Present at this hearing were the Secretary of the Department of Education and his key staff, representatives from the Department of Justice, and the Department of Finance and Administration, as well as, the Office of the President.

The nominee to serve as the representative from the National Government, Mr. Wayne Mendiola, has shown himself to be highly competent in the field of education administration at the National Department of Education. He has been working at the NDOE for ten years. Mr. Mendiola completed his Masters Degree in Educational Leadership at San Diego State University. Mr. Mendiola's resume is attached to this report. The Committee believes that Mr. Mendiola is very well versed in school administration and curriculum development. He has an excellent background in primary and secondary education a to draw on for his work with the National Scholarship Board. It would be in the best interests of our country if the individual in this

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position had experience in school administration and leadership.

All of the witnesses at the hearing on Mr. Mendiola's nomination spoke well of him, and endorsed his nomination. The representative from the Department of Justice stated that there was no conflict in his current employment and service on the Board. The nominee stated that he was excited about working with the new National Scholarship Board and stated he felt as a prior Post-Secondary Specialist at NDOE who dealt with the scholarship process he was uniquely qualified to act as a member of the new board. The nominee also stated that he felt he had enough time to balance his new board membership with his current work responsibilities.

Your Committee is very impressed with Mr. Mendiola's educational background. Your Committee believes that this nominee's masters degree and previous work with post-secondary scholarship awards make him a natural fit on the new board.

Mr. Mendiola has been recommended by the President, and the representative from the Office of the President stated that the President was strongly supportive of this nominee. Your Committee has not received any subsequent communication from any individual or organization that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of this nominee. Further your Committee defers to the President as to the decision to put forward this nominee. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes this nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mr. Mendiola be confirmed as the National Government representative on the National Scholarship Board of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Your Committee on Education is in accord with the intent  
and purpose of C.R. No. 19-256, and recommends its adoption  
in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Esmond B. Moses  
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