

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-34

RE: C.R. NO. 19-62/H&SA

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MS. JULIE R. YORUW  
TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE MICARE BOARD OF  
DIRECTORS, REPRESENTING THE STATE OF YAP.

AUGUST 16, 2015

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Second Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health And Social Affairs, to which was  
referred C.R. No. 19-62, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MS. JULIE  
R. YORUW TO SERVE AS A MEMBER REPRESENTING YAP STATE  
ON THE MICARE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee opened the meeting by stating that it  
recognizes the importance of the MiCare Insurance Program  
in improving the health and well-being of our Nation's  
citizens, particularly at this challenging point in  
history, with raising healthcare costs and increasing costs  
for air transportation. The MiCare Board of Directors has  
the enormous responsibility of guiding the Program, to  
ensure fiscal viability of the Program, but also to provide  
the broadest possible coverage for quality healthcare. To

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these ends the Members of the Board should include individuals from a diverse group of the relevant healthcare, financial and government departments. The Committee believes that the nominee, Ms. Julie R. Yoruw, has the necessary skills and experience, and strongly recommends she be confirmed as the State of Yap representative for the MiCare Board of Directors.

Your Committee held a hearing on August 15, 2015 with the Administrator of MiCare, members of the current MiCare Board of Directors, however, the nominee, due to the short notice of this hearing was unable to attend.

The MiCare Administrator stated that in order to ensure quality oversight and guidance for MiCare it welcomed Ms. Yoruw as a nominee as she has had a thirty- year career serving the citizens of Yap State in education and health. Ms. Yoruw is currently the Chief of Public Health for the Department of Health Services in Yap State.

The Committee, the MiCare administration and the MiCare Board of Directors are familiar with the nominee and expressed their support for her. The MiCare Administrator and members of their Board stated that Ms. Yoruw is aware of the many current issues challenging MiCare and being a member of the Board would be an asset in moving the program forward with her specialized skill and knowledge

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, Yap State Governor and MiCare as to the decision to put forward this nominee. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes this nominee should be confirmed, and so

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recommends that Ms. Julie R. Yoruw be confirmed to the  
MiCare Board of Directors as its Yap State representative.

Your Committee would like to offer the following amendment  
to C.R. No. 19-62 to read as follows:

1. Page 2, line 4, delete "First" and insert  
"Second," in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Health And Social Affairs is in accord  
with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-62, and  
recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto, as  
C.R. No. 19-62, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Bonsiano F. Nethon, chairman

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/s/ Ferny S. Perman  
Ferny S. Perman, vice chairman

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
Tiwiter Aritos, member

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Florencio S. Harper, member

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/s/ David W. Panuelo  
David W. Panuelo, member

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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
Joseph J. Urusemal, member

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/s/ Alik L. Alik  
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