

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-46

RE: C.A. NO. 19-25 (P.C. NO. 19-175)/W&M

SUBJECT: VETO OF CONGRESSIONAL ACT NO. 19-25

SEPTEMBER 22, 2015

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred Presidential Communication 19-175, regarding the veto of Congressional Act 19-25, entitled:

"AN ACT TO REPEAL PUBLIC LAW NO. 14-48, WHICH ADDED SECTION 419 TO TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PLAN; AND WHICH FURTHER AMENDED SECTION 204 OF TITLE 32 F.S.M.C. EXEMPTING SUCH ACTIVITIES FROM THE FOREIGN INVESTMENT LAWS, IN ITS ENTIRETY, 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 19-25 and the accompanying veto message (P.C. No. 19-175). 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.

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Your Committee would like to note that it encourages the President to continue to work on legislation as expressed in P.C. No. 19-175. The override of the Presidential veto will not prohibit or hinder the development of the proposed legislation by the Executive to decentralize the PMU.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee has reviewed the veto of Congressional Act 19-25 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 recommends overriding the veto Congressional Act No. 19-25.

Respectfully submitted,

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