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EIGHTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 1994

C.B. NO. 8-303

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish the Federated States of Micronesia Council on Insular Arts, and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1       Section 1. Establishment. There is hereby established the Federated  
2 States of Micronesia Council on Insular Arts.

3       Section 2. Definitions. As used in this act, unless otherwise  
4 indicated by the context:

5           (1) "The arts" includes, but is not limited to, music (instrumental  
6 and vocal), dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture and allied  
7 fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, carvings,  
8 weavings, industrial design, costume and fashion design, motion pictures,  
9 television, radio, tape and sound recording, and the arts related to the  
10 presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of such major art  
11 forms.

12           (2) "Group" includes any State or other public agency and any  
13 nonprofit society, institution, organization, association, museum, or  
14 establishment in the Federated States of Micronesia, whether or not  
15 incorporated.

16           (3) "Humanities" includes, but is not limited to, the study of the  
17 following:

- 18           (a) Languages;  
19           (b) Linguistics;  
20           (c) Literature;  
21           (d) History;  
22           (e) Jurisprudence;  
23           (f) Philosophy;  
24           (g) Archeology;  
25           (h) The history, criticism theory, and practice of the arts;

1 and

2 (i) Those aspects of the social sciences which have  
3 humanistic content and employ humanistic methods.

4 (4) "Production" means plays (with or without music), dance and  
5 choral performances, concerts, recitals, exhibitions, readings, motion  
6 pictures, television, radio, tape and sound recordings, and any other  
7 activities involving the execution or rendition of the arts.

8 (5) "Project" means programs organized to carry out the purposes  
9 of this act, including programs to foster artistic creativity in the  
10 Federated States of Micronesia, to commission works of art, to create  
11 opportunities for individuals to develop artistic talents when carried on as  
12 part of a program otherwise included in this definition, and to develop and  
13 enhance public knowledge and understanding of the arts.

14 (6) "Workshop" means a production, the primary purpose of which  
15 is, to encourage the artistic development of amateur, student, or other  
16 nonprofessional participants.

17 Section 3. Purpose. The purpose of the Council shall be to develop and  
18 promote a broadly conceived National policy of support for the humanities  
19 and the arts in the Federated States of Micronesia. The Council shall carry  
20 out or assist in the support, organization, and coordination of the  
21 following:

22 (1) The identification and preservation of works of art created by  
23 the peoples of Yap, Chuuk, Pohnpei, and Kosrae;

24 (2) The promotion of living artists residing in the Federated  
25 States of Micronesia by arranging for exhibits of their works;

1           (3) Productions, meeting professional standards or standards of  
2 authenticity, which are of significant merit and which, without such  
3 assistance, would otherwise be unavailable to the people of the Federated  
4 States of Micronesia;

5           (4) The upgrading of standards of professional excellence in the  
6 arts;

7           (5) Workshops that will encourage and develop the appreciation  
8 and enjoyment of the arts by the people of the Federated States of  
9 Micronesia;

10          (6) Other relevant projects, including surveys, research, and  
11 planning in the arts; and

12          (7) The application to organizations or foundations for grants-in-  
13 aid and other funding to support various projects and programs in the  
14 humanities and the arts in the Federated States of Micronesia.

15          Section 4. Composition of Council. The Federated States of  
16 Micronesia Council on Insular Arts shall be composed of five members,  
17 each of whom shall be familiar with the arts and culture of the peoples of  
18 the Federated States of Micronesia. The President of the Federated States  
19 of Micronesia shall appoint one member from each of the States of the  
20 Federated States of Micronesia and one member who shall represent the  
21 National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia. Each member  
22 of the Council shall serve a term of 3 years. A chairman shall be elected  
23 by a majority vote of the members.

24          Section 5. Council meetings. At least one meeting of the Federated  
25 States of Micronesia Council on Insular Arts shall be held during each



1 calendar year. Other meetings may be held at the call of the chairman, or  
2 upon the written request of no less than three members. The site of  
3 meetings shall be rotated among the States of the Federated States of  
4 Micronesia. An affirmative vote of a majority of the members shall be  
5 necessary for the validity of any of its acts.

6 Section 6. Reimbursement of expenses. The members of the Federated  
7 States of Micronesia Council on Insular Arts shall not be compensated for  
8 their attendance at meetings or the performance of duties which may be  
9 assigned. The members shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary  
10 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties based on vouchers and  
11 receipts certified by the chairman, but in no event shall such  
12 reimbursement exceed the established per diem rates of the Federated  
13 States of Micronesia National Government.

14 Section 7. Effective date. This act shall become law upon approval by  
15 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becoming  
16 law without such approval.

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18 Date: 10-18-94

Introduced by:

  
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