

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-20

RE: C.R. NO. 21-57/EX AFF

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOE-SILEM B. ENLET TO
SERVE AS THE FSM CONSUL GENERAL IN PORTLAND, OREGON.

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2019

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on External Affairs, to which was referred C.R.
No. 21-57, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. JOE-SILEM B.
ENLET TO SERVE AS THE FSM CONSUL GENERAL IN PORTLAND,
OREGON, U.S.A.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee emphasizes the importance of the Federated States
of Micronesia's unique relationship with the U.S., and in
particular the West Coast of the United States. Many citizens
of the Federated States of Micronesia reside in the western
portion of the U.S., and therefore it is necessary for a
competent representative of the Nation to be located there to
serve their needs. Our Nation needs to continue to operate the
Office of the Consul General in Portland, Oregon with
efficiency, integrity and the highest levels of expertise.
Therefore, an extended period of service for a good consul
general, one who already has strong relationships with his
counterparts and our citizens residing in the region, would be
in the best interests of our Nation.

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The nominee has served in the capacity of Consul General for the Consulate Office in Portland, Oregon. He has been instrumental in opening this new Office, and in forging new relationships with local and state government, community organizations and networking with our citizens. The region covered by this Office has already expanded and the nominee has worked tirelessly to ensure that our citizens have access to the Office. The President has been very appreciative of the nominee's work thus far and considers him very qualified to continue as Consul General.

Your Committee reviewed the qualifications of this nominee extensively at the time of his initial confirmation as Consul General. There is no further need to hold a further hearing on this matter at this time. The nominee is well known for his efforts to promote the Federated States of Micronesia with the state and local leaders in the western region of the U.S., particularly in the areas of education and employment for our citizens. He is also known for the diligence in assisting our citizens individually, giving of his time generously inside and outside of the Office. Your Committee has not received any subsequent communication that would cast doubt on the performance or integrity of the nominee.

During the recently conducted Fiscal Year 2020 budget hearing for the Department of Foreign Affairs, your Committee has the opportunity to speak with this nominee and key staff that he brought from the overseas mission. At this time, the Committee was very satisfied with nominee's performance and the overall function of our Consulate Office in Portland. Your Committee also defers to the President and the Department of Foreign Affairs as to decision to maintain the nominee at his post. Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes that the nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mr. Joe-Silem B. Enlet be confirmed as the Federated States of Micronesia Consul General in Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.

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Your Committee on External Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-57, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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/s/ Isaac V. Figir
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/s/ Esmond B. Moses
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/s/ Dion G. Neth
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/s/ Robson U. Romolow
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