

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-82

RE: C.R. No. 21-240/T&C

SUBJECT: APPROVING A \$12,760,000 GRANT FROM ADB TO
FUND THE CHUUK WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION
PROJECT

JANUARY 26, 2021

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2021

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation and Communication to which
was referred Presidential Communication No. 21-485,
regarding Congressional Resolution No. 21-240, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT A \$12,760,000
GRANT FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) TO
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE CHUUK WATER SUPPLY AND
SANITATION PROJECT, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND
CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee had conducted a public hearing on the said
resolution on Monday, January 25, 2021, at the
Congressional hearing room.

The witnesses present at the hearing included
representative from other jurisdictions, including

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representatives from the FSM Department of Resources and Development, the FSM Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure, the FSM Department of Finance and Administration, the FSM Department of Justice, and the Office of the President.

At the hearing, there was a misunderstanding of the assignment of the measure. Nevertheless, your Committee heard from a representative from the Project Management Unit, Mr. Robert Goodwin.

According to Robert Goodwin, the funding is for the improvement of the water system and the sewer system in the state of Chuuk. Mr. Goodwin explained that the main objective of the project is to find a new source of water supply and improve the existing sewer system. According to Mr. Goodwin, there will be an extension of sewage pipes to hook up 750 households. Furthermore, the enhancement of technical assistance to Chuuk Power Utility Corporation (CPUC), but the PMU at the National Government will be monitoring the project. It was discussed at the hearing that CPUC has already come up with the plan and scope of the project.

Your Committee had asked why the funding is going to Chuuk State? Mr. Goodwin indicated that ADB also has plans on a water project in Kosrae, but Kosrae is not ready. Since CPUC has good management now, thus ADB has decided to give the project to CPUC based on its readiness. For Yap and Pohnpei states, ADB has already funded projects in Yap and Pohnpei states.

Your Committee was informed that the project is actually based on the readiness of CPUC to implement the project.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee on Transportation and Communication is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-240 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Peter M. Christian
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