

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 22-63

RE: C.B. NO. 22-286/W&M

SUBJECT: REALLOCATION OF FUNDS APPROPRIATED BY PUBLIC
LAW NO. 22-181 FOR THE 45% SALARY INCREASE.

APRIL 04, 2023

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-Second Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Seventh Special Session, 2023

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred
Congressional Bill No. 22-286, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, AND 8
OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-153, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NO.
22-169 AND 22-181, TO REALLOCATE THE FUNDS FOR THE 45%
SALARY INCREASE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL
FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-181,
BY REDUCING THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN SECTION 8 AND
PLACING THEM IN THE OPERATIONAL BUDGET OF THE NATIONAL
GOVERNMENT, IN SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES."

Begs leave to report as follows:

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

Congressional bill No. 22-286 does not appropriate funds. It
reallocates \$4,900,000 previously appropriated in Section 8 of

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Public Law No. 22-181, to fund the 45% salary increase enacted by Public Law No. 22-170.

Your Committee reduced the Section 8(12)(dd) line item entitled "FSM National Government salary increases pursuant to Public Law No. 22-170" from \$4,900,000 to \$207,922. Your Committee placed the remaining \$4,692,078 in the operational budget of the National Government, in Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. \$4,692,078 should represent the cost of the salary increase for National Government employees as provided for in PL 22-170, for the period of January to September 2023, or 19 payrolls.

In making its allocation, your Committee relied on the figures presented in the Presidential Budget Request of January 11, 2023 (Presidential Communication No. 22-404).

In addition, the bill adjusts the congressional staff Personnel budget to reflect the 45% salary increase of P.L. No. 22-170, based on congressional budget calculations.

Finally, the Section 8(12)(dd) line item has been reduced to \$207,922, which represents the unallocated portion of \$4,900,000 and will lapse at the end of the fiscal year if no additional adjustments to the Personnel budget of the National Government are required.

Conclusion

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 22-286 and recommends its passage on First Reading, and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final reading in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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