

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 22-07

RE: C.R. NO. 22-08/J&GO

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. ALIK K.
JACKSON TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC DEFENDER OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

JUNE 03, 2021

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to
which was referred C.R. No. 22-08, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.
ALIK K. JACKSON, ESQ. TO SERVE AS THE PUBLIC
DEFENDER OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF
MICRONESIA.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Mr. Alik K. Jackson has been nominated by the President to serve
as the Public Defender of the Federated States of Micronesia.
This nomination is subject to the advice and consent of Congress
pursuant to section 2(d), Article X, of the Constitution, and
title 2, section 207(1), of the Code of the Federated States of
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Education and Work Experience

The nominee received an Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree in Administration of Justice from Eastern Arizona College in 1989, and earned a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from the University of the South Pacific in 2002. The nominee is a member of the Kosrae State Bar, the Pohnpei State Bar, and the FSM Bar in good standing.

The nominee's professional experience is well known to your Committee, as he has served as a Staff Attorney to the FSM Congress since 2005. The nominee has additional government experience in positions at the Office of the Attorney General in Kosrae State, Office of Legislative Council at Kosrae State Legislature, and FSM Department of Justice. The nominee also has an extensive record of community service.

Public Hearing

Your Committee held a public hearing regarding this nomination on June 1, 2021.

Your Chairman opened the hearing by welcoming the nominee and invited the nominee to make an opening statement. The nominee thanked the Committee for the opportunity to appear, and described how he had been approached about the position. The nominee indicated that he only agreed to be considered for the position after consulting with and receiving the support of his family.

Your nominee then informed the Committee that his preference would be to remain in his current position as a Staff Attorney at Congress; based on his job responsibilities and the current vacancy in the office, the nominee does not feel this is the right time to leave his current position. The nominee

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emphasized his continued commitment to public service, and noted that his current position is permanent, in contrast to the position for which he has been nominated.

Conclusion

Based on the testimony of the nominee, your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends C.R. No. 22-08 be filed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Robson U. Romolow

Robson U. Romolow, chairman

Peter M. Christian, vice
chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos

Tiwiter Aritos, member

Isaac V. Figir, member

/s/ Ferny S. Perman

/s/ Wesley W. Simina

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Wesley W. Simina, member

/s/ Paliknoa K.

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Paliknoa K. Welly, member