A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-155, 20-180, 21-50 and 21-215, by inserting a new section 10 thereof, to assign a transition role for the Joint Committee on the Compact Review Planning (JCRP) for a limited duration of 12 months, to allow the JCRP to provide key assistance to the National and State Governments during the initial stages of the transition and preparation for implementation of the 2023 Amended Compact between the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Government of the United States and its subsidiary agreements, to support the ratification process, to permit JCRP to provide testimony and briefings before the FSM Congress and U.S. Congress on the 2023 Amended Compact on ratification and require the compilation, organization and preservation of key documents related to the negotiations of the 2023 Amended Compact and its subsiding agreements, and for other purposes.

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

Section 1. Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-155, 20-180, 21-50 and 21-215, is hereby further amended by inserting a new section 10 to read as follows:

"Section 10. Ratification, Transition, and Implementation Assistance. Following the submission of any negotiated agreement pursuant to Section 7, the JCRP shall provide support to the ratification process, and the transition and preparation for implementation of the 2023 Amended Compact and its related agreements. The period of JCRP assistance under this Section shall be limited in duration for up to twelve (12) months and shall be subject to change by assessment of the FSM President. Its duties and responsibilities shall
include:

A. Provide direct support and assistance to the FSM National Government for ratification, transition, and preparation for implementation of the signed and finalized agreements, as provided under this law, between the FSM and the U.S.

B. Provide advice and assistance with the transition from the current Compact agreements to the 2023 Amended Compact agreements that will be replacing them, explanations of the context and intent of signed and finalized agreements, and assessments of implications for National and State level policies, with recommendations on how best to transition to the 2023 Amended Compact set of agreements where appropriate.

C. As appropriate, provide support to briefings and testimony to the FSM and US legislative ratification and approval processes.

D. Direct its Secretariat to compile and organize key documents with background on the negotiations that have led to the 2023 Amended Compact and updated subsidiary agreements. The final product of this effort shall be preserved in the Office at Compact Management, the FSM Department of Foreign Affairs, the Library of the Congress of Micronesia, and the FSM Department of National Archives and Historic and Cultural
Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
becoming law without such approval.

Date: 1/8/24
Introduced by: /s/ Quincy Lawrence
Quincy Lawrence (by request)