



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 17-124  
*The President* FSM CONGRESS  
Palikir, Pohnpei  
Federated States of Micronesia

October 17, 2011

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker  
17<sup>th</sup> FSM Congress  
Palikir, Pohnpei State, FM 96941



Dear Speaker Figir:

I am pleased to inform you that I have designated the following Congressional Act as Public Law No. 17-24:

Congressional Act No. 17-23, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-50, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 12-53, 12-74, 13-1, 13-17, 14-65, 14-71, 14-94, 15-15 AND 15-50, BY AMENDING SECTION 13 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE HOUK AIRPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Although I have elected to sign the subject Act into law, I would like to reiterate some concerns that I have expressed in the past. On several occasions, I have raised concerns on the relentless amendments made to appropriations for public and economic development projects and I have emphasized the implications it may have on our part as policy makers and the need to align our goals with the Nation's Strategic Development Plan. Also, an appropriation under Section 13 (17) (b) for "Houk Airport Project and *related expenses*" is susceptible to vague and subject to misuse. I urge Congress to take prompt action to rectify the ambiguity to ensure transparency and proper implementation of the project.

Thank you very much in advance for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

  
Manny Mori  
President

Enclosure:

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court  
Acting Secretary, Department of Justice  
Director, Office of SBOC  
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September 28, 2011



His Excellency Manny Mori  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Mori:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 17-23, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-50, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 12-53, 12-74, 13-1, 13-17, 14-65, 14-71, 14-94, 15-15, AND 15-50, BY AMENDING SECTION 13 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE HOUK AIRPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.", which was passed by the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2011, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures





SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 12 – OCTOBER 01, 2011

PUBLIC LAW No. 17- 24

## An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 12-50, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 12-53, 12-74, 13-1, 13-17, 14-65, 14-71, 14-94, 15-15, AND 15-50, BY AMENDING SECTION 13 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE HOUK AIRPORT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: TONY H. OTTO

DATE: SEPTEMBER 14, 2011

REFERRED TO: COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

WITHDRAWN – SEPTEMBER 26, 2011

FIRST READING: SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

SECOND READING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2011

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*Office of the Speaker*

ACT NO. 17-23

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-45)

We hereby certify that on September 28 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Seventeenth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 2011, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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Liwiana Ramon Ioanis  
Chief Clerk  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

SEVENTEENTH CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2011

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 17-45

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PUBLIC LAW NO. 17-24

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AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 12-50, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 12-53, 12-74, 13-1, 13-17, 14-65, 14-71, 14-94, 15-15, and 15-50, by amending section 13 thereof, to change the use of funds for the purpose of funding the Houk Airport, and for other purposes.

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

1       Section 1. Section 13 of Public Law No. 12-50, as amended  
2 by Public Laws Nos. 12-53, 12-74, 13-1, 13-17, 14-65, 14-71,  
3 14-94, 15-15 and 15-50, is hereby further amended to read as  
4 follows:

5               "Section 13. Capital and Human Resource Development.

6               The sum of \$12,302,572, or so much thereof as may be  
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General  
8 Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the  
9 fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, for capital  
10 improvement, development programs and projects and  
11 human resource development. The sum appropriated  
12 under this section shall be apportioned as follows:

13               (1) College of Micronesia - FSM

14                       (a) Operations of the College of  
15 Micronesia-FSM, including planning, construction  
16 of new facilities and maintenance of the  
17 newly completed multi-purpose gymnasium...\$     3,220,000

18                       (b) Student assistance for tuition

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1	and housing to be deemed to come from section	
2	216(a)(3) of the Compact of Free Association	
3	PROVIDED that only students maintaining	
4	a passing grade point average will be eligible	
5	to receive these grants .....	\$ 475,000
6	(c) COM-FSM National Campus Standby	
7	Generator .....	-0-
8	(d) COM-FSM National Campus Well	
9	Drilling to be deemed to come from the capital	
10	Account funds available under section 211	
11	of the Compact of Free Association .....	30,000
12	(e) FSM Fisheries and Maritime	
13	Institute .....	700,000
14	(2) Post-Secondary Educational Assistance	
15	to be deemed to come from section 216(a)(3)	
16	of the Compact of Free Association	
17	(a) Kosrae State .....	283,411
18	(b) Pohnpei State .....	639,693
19	(c) Chuuk State	
20	(ii) GPA-based Scholarships,	
21	PROVIDED THAT the Department of Finance and	
22	Administration of the Federated States of	
23	Micronesia office in Chuuk shall issue any	
24	funds directly to the respective	
25	scholarship recipient .....	140,000

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1	(iii) Grants, PROVIDED THAT the	
2	Department of Finance and Administration	
3	of the Federated States of Micronesia office in	
4	Chuuk shall issue any funds directly to the	
5	respective scholarship grant recipient ....\$	773,886
6	(d) Yap State	
7	(i) Post-Secondary Educational	
8	assistance .....	262,210
9	(ii) Scholarships grants for	
10	Yapese students, with the following conditions:	
11	(1) only students maintaining a grade point	
12	average of 2.0 or higher shall be eligible to	
13	receive these grants; (2) taking into	
14	consideration all sources of assistance to	
15	the recipient, no grant funds in excess of	
16	the cost of tuition, room and board shall	
17	be provided to any student; and (3) no more	
18	than \$5,000 of these funds shall be given	
19	to any individual student .....	95,000
20	(e) Graduate Scholarship -	
21	All States .....	100,000
22	(3) National Staff Upgrading to be deemed	
23	to come from the capital account funds	
24	available under section 211 of the Compact of	
25	Free Association .....	50,000

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1	(4) President's Office Expansion and	
2	Security .....	\$ -0-
3	(5) FSM Visitors Bureau to be deemed to	
4	come from the capital account funds available	
5	under section 211 of the Compact of Free	
6	Association .....	378,000
7	(6) FSM Development Bank - Business	
8	Development Loan Program to be deemed to come	
9	from the capital account funds available	
10	under section 211 of the Compact of	
11	Free Association .....	1,000,000
12	(7) FSM Trust Fund - Account 'S', of which	
13	\$709,640 shall be deemed to come from capital	
14	account funds available under section 211,	
15	\$130,506 shall be deemed to come from funds	
16	available under section 214(b), \$1,094,573	
17	shall be deemed to come from funds available	
18	under section 215(a)(2), \$8,000 shall be	
19	deemed to come from funds available under	
20	section 215(b)(2) and \$346,462 shall be	
21	deemed to come from funds available under	
22	section 221(b) of the Compact of Free	
23	Association .....	3,000,000
24	(8) FSM Household Income and Expenditure	
25	Survey .....	-0-



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1	(9) M.S. Caroline Voyager Dry-docking to	
2	be deemed to come from the capital account	
3	funds available under section 211 of the	
4	Compact of Free Association .....	\$ 510,000
5	(10) Tuna Commission Building	
6	Contractual Services and Official Residences	142,000
7	(11) EMPAT Phase III, \$64,000 of which	
8	shall be deemed to come from funds available	
9	under section 216(a)(3) of the Compact of Free	
10	Association.....	117,703
11	(12) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Convention of the FSM Coastal	
12	Fisheries Consortium .....	12,239
13	(13) FSM Capitol Complex Infrastructure	
14	Program .....	-0-
15	(14) FSM Public Defender Office Expansion	
16	(Pohnpei Office) to be deemed to come from the	
17	capital account funds available under section	
18	211 of the Compact of Free Association .....	45,000
19	(15) Funds to be deemed to come from the	
20	capital account funds available under section	
21	211 of the Compact of Free Association for:	
22	(a) FSM Judiciary Branch Office	
23	Renovation Chuuk and Yap) .....	68,430
24	(b) FSM Chief Justice new resident	
25	upgrade in Pohnpei .....	5,000

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1           (16) Public Auditor's Office Construction  
2           to be deemed to come from the capital account  
3           funds available under section 211 of the  
4           Compact of Free Association .....\$           80,000

5           (17) Outer Island Airport Projects to be  
6           deemed to come from the capital account  
7           funds available under section 211 of the  
8           Compact of Free Association:

9                   (a) Ta Airport ..... 55,000

10                   (b) Houk Airport project and  
11           related expenses ..... 120,000"

12           Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
13   President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
14   becoming law without such approval.

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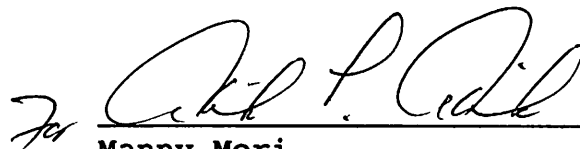
October 18, 2011

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