Public Law No. 11-63

To amend Public Law No. 11-54, the fiscal year 2001 budget act, by amending sections 13 and 15 to transfer the commitment of Compact section 216(a)(3) funds, and by amending section 16 to modify the use of funds appropriated therein, and for other purposes.

AN ACT

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

- Section 1. Section 13 of Public Law No. 11-54 is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 3 "Section 13. College of Micronesia-FSM. The sum of \$3,300,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby 4 5 appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, for 6 7 operations and maintenance costs of the College and for student assistance and for planning and construction of new 8 facilities. Of the total funds appropriated under this 9 section, \$284,300 shall be deemed to come from funds 10 11 available under section 216(a)(3) of the Compact of Free Association. The sum appropriated by this section shall be 12 apportioned as follows: 13
 - (1) Operations and maintenance of the College of Micronesia-FSM \$ 3,000,000
- (2) Student assistance, PROVIDED that these
 funds shall be used strictly for direct
 financial assistance to COM-FSM students, for
 the purpose of helping them meet their tuition
 and housing obligations, and PROVIDED FURTHER
 that these funds may be used only to supplement

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1	some payment that must be made by the students
2	and their parents, and PROVIDED FURTHER that
3	the co-payment by the student or the student's
4	parent must be proportionally the same for each
5	in relation to their total obligation, and
6	PROVIDED FURTHER that only students with a
7	passing grade point average will be eligible to
8	receive these funds. The funds appropriated
9	under this subsection shall be apportioned as
10	follows:
11	(a) General assistance\$ 295,000
12	(b) Assistance for courses in
13	Micronesian Government and Politics 5,000"
14	Section 2. Section 15 of Public Law No. 11-54 is hereby amended
15	to read as follows:
16	"Section 15. <u>Post-secondary educational assistance</u> . The sur
17	of \$1,039,700, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
18	hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated
19	States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30,
20	2001, for the purpose of providing post-secondary educational
21	assistance. Of the funds appropriated under this section,
22	\$989,700 shall be deemed to come from funds available under
23	section 216(a)(3) of the Compact of Free Association. Of the
24	funds appropriated under this section, \$50,000 for post-
25	graduate assistance - all states shall not be deemed to come

1 from funds available under section 216(a)(3) of the Compact 2 of Free Association. The sum appropriated by this section 3 shall be apportioned as follows: (1) Kosrae State 4 5 (a) all programs of study.....\$ 110,000 (b) vocational studies such 6 7 as marine studies..... 18,661 (2) Pohnpei State..... 288,003 8 9 (3) Chuuk State (a) Scholarship, PROVIDED that the 10 funds be used strictly for rewarding those 11 12 students who achieve the highest grade point averages, being mindful of both the courses 13 undertaken and the institutions at which the 14 grades were attained. The more rigorous courses 15 16 undertaken by students at institutions requiring 17 a higher grade point entry, should accordingly, be weighted more favorably. The selection 18 19 committee is required to provide to the State Scholarship Coordinator, copies of all documents 20 21 which would provide details of the applicants, their grade point average, the courses studied 22 and the institution attended, as well as the 23 names of those applicants who are selected to 24

receive a scholarship and the amount proposed.

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1	This requirement must be satisfied prior
2	to the release of scholarship funds to those
3	students selected. By this means the
4	transparency of the selection process will
5	be improved and rumors of unfair selection
6	practices will be dispelled\$ 150,000
7	(b) Grants 261,716
8	(4) Yap State
9	(5) Post-Graduate assistance-all states 50,000"
10	Section 3. Section 16 of Public Law No. 11-54 is hereby amended
11	to read as follows:
12	"Section 16. Capital development. The sum of \$1,133,600, or
13	so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated
14	from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia
15	for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, for capital
16	improvement and development programs and projects. Of the
17	total funds appropriated under this section, \$1,001,600 shall
18	be deemed to come from capital account funds available under
19	section 211 of the Compact of Free Association. The sum
20	appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:
21	(1) Staff upgrading (Div. of Personnel). \$ 100,000
22	(2) National Visitors Bureau0-
23	(3) Micro-entrepreneur Dev. Center\$ 66,000
24	(4) FSM Solar desalination0-
25	(5) FSM Census0-

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1	(6) Ms. Caroline Island dry docking 150,000
2	(7) Ms. Voyager dry docking 350,000
3	(8) Health Facilities
4	(a) Yap Health Centers 40,000
5	(b) Faichuk Community Health
6	Center
7	(9) Construction of a faculty office
8	space at COM-FSM
9	(10) Public Auditor's office building 125,000"
10	Section 4. This act shall become law upon approval by the
11	President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its becomin
12	law without such approval.
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17	<u>November 29, 2000</u>
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20	<u>/s/</u> Leo A. Falcam
21	President Federated States of Micronesia
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