

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-3

RE: C.B. NO. 16-04/W&M

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-31

MAY 25, 2009

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Sixteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2009

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred C.B. No. 16-04, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 15-31, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 1 AND 2 THEREOF, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF CERTAIN FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE STATE OF POHNPEI, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Public Law No. 15-31 is an appropriation act, which appropriated a sum of \$342,000 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia from the fiscal year 2008 for the purpose of funding public projects in the State of Pohnpei, and for other purposes.

The intent of C.B. No. 16-04 is to change the use and allottee of certain fund previously appropriated therein for projects. The first proposed amendment is to use a sum of \$24,530 of the \$141,000 originally appropriated for "Kapingamarangi Airport" to fund a new line item - "Kapingamarangi Bridge repair". The second proposed amendment is to change the allottee of funds appropriated by this act from the President of the Federated States of Micronesia to the

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The Office of SBOC assured your Committee that the \$141,000 appropriated therein for this specific line item ("Kapingamarangi Airport") has yet to be allotted and expended. On this funding, this is old money and not new money, and the intent of the bill is merely shifting of funds within. In Section 2 of Public Law No. 15-31, the funds appropriated by this act shall not lapse.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 16-04 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 as C.B. No. 16-04.

Respectfully submitted,

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