

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-10

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 19-579/EDUCATION

SUBJECT: FY 2018 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

MAY 29, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twentieth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
First Regular Session, 2017

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was jointly referred Presidential Communication No. 19-579 regarding the National Government's Recommended FY2018 Budget, begs leave to report as follows:

Presidential Communication No. 19-579 was transmitted to Congress with the *National Government Fiscal Year 2018 Recommended Budget* ("budget book"). Pursuant to Rule 7, Section 3(b), of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twentieth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, your Committee has limited its review to those portions of the recommended budget relating to matters under its jurisdiction. These are:

- A. Department of Education
  - 1. Office of the Secretary
  - 2. Division of Quality and Effectiveness (formerly the Division of Basic Education & Accreditation)
  - 3. Division of Formal and Non Formal Education (formerly the Division of Career & Technical)
- B. Board of Regents COM-FSM
- C. Grants, Subsidies and Contributions.
  - 1. Aid to Non-Public schools
  - 2. Financial Assistance for FSM students at CMI

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3. Financial Assistance for FSM students at PCC
4. National Scholarship
5. National Close-Up
6. National Merit Scholarship
7. COM-FSM Annual Board Meeting
- D. Resources: Grants, Subsidies and Contributions
  1. COM-FSM Treaty Obligations
- E. Capital & Human Resources Development
  1. College of Micronesia-FSM
  2. FSM Fisheries and Maritime Institute
  3. COM-FSM-SEG
  4. National Department of Education 3 Initiatives
    - a. School Accreditation Project
    - b. Teacher Certification Project
    - c. Quality Development Project
  5. NDOE SEG Project Year 3
  6. Human Resources in Education

This report, and all previous and subsequent reports of your Committee, should be treated as reflecting policies of the Federated States of Micronesia, as defined by the Congress. It is the intent of your Committee that any commentary found in this report should be treated as policy for the guidance of the department, agencies and entities.

The findings and recommendations of your Committee follow:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Your Committee notes that the FY2018 Budget Book was transmitted to the Nineteenth Congress on April 1, 2017. During your Committee's review of the Budget Book it has noted some inaccuracies, and these are detailed in the relevant portions of the report below.

Your Committee has prepared its recommendations for the above-cited items on the following breakdown of available funds \$922,672 from the Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) for the National Department of Education of which \$366,598 is proposed for operations of the Department and the

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remaining for a project for the Department proposed at \$556,074. The amount of SEG available for COM-FSM is \$689,948. Pursuant to P.L. No. 18-57, the funding available for NDOE from the Compact Education Sector Grant for FY18 is zero. The funding available for Education Sector Grant for FSM-COM is \$1,000,000.

Your Committee held public hearings with the National Department of Education on May 17 and 22, 2017. Your Committee also held a public hearing with the College of Micronesia-FSM on May 19, 2017. Witnesses at the hearings included: the Secretary of the Department of Education and his key staff, the President of COM-FSM and his key staff, and representatives from the Departments of Finance and Administration, representatives from the Department of Justice, representatives from the Office of Personnel, and Office of the President.

The Committee notes that during the previous year the National Department of Education underwent a dramatic reorganization. This reorganization has resulted in major shifts between the three main divisions of this department. The Committee notes its dissatisfaction with the renaming of the Division of Basic Education & Accreditation to the Division of Quality and Effectiveness; and the renaming of the Division of Career and Technical Education to the Division of Formal and Non Formal Education. Your Committee does not feel that these division names reflect our Nation's efforts to improve education or the dignity that should be strived for at the highest level of government.

There is also a request for an increase in the budget for FY2018. Your Committee is mindful of the timetable for adoption of a resolution regarding the remaining Compact funding and Supplemental Education Grant on May 30, however, it feels that more oversight is needed regarding the restructuring and progress for the National Department of Education. In light of this comment, the Committee has taken decision to do an abbreviated report this session and

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conduct extensive oversight with the Department in the coming September 2017 regular session.

Further, the Committee understands that the budget proposed below represents the requests by the Department and College without modification by the President.

For matters under the jurisdiction of your Committee of Education, for its FY18 budget recommendations, it is adhering to the decision of Congress as a whole, not to increase personnel or budget over the FY17 levels. As personnel and activities have shifted between the divisions of the National Department of Education, for clarity the Committee states here that the personnel and budget ceiling applies to the totality of the three divisions.

**II. FY 2018 BUDGET – SOURCES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**1. Office of the Secretary**

	FY2017 Appropriated	FY2017 President Recommends	FY2017 Committee Recommends
Personnel	80,772	128,983	128,090
Travel	27,063	90,000	50,000
Contract	20,000	15,000	15,000
OCE	21,600	20,649	20,649
Fixed Assets	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total	149,435	254,632	213,739
Number of Employees	4	7	7

The President recommended a budget of \$254,632 for the Office of the Secretary to be funded entirely from Domestic Revenue for FY18. The Committee's recommendations are

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discussed below for the Office of the Secretary with individual budget commentary as specifically set forth:

There is a dramatic increase in the number of positions recommended for the Office of the Secretary for FY18. In previous years there have been four positions, however, for the coming year the President recommends three positions be shifted from other divisions for a total of seven positions for the Office of the Secretary.

The Secretary advised your Committee that all the administrative activities will now be concentrated in his Office, and that it was felt this would make the overall function of the Department more efficient.

The President's recommendation for personnel differs from the listing provided by the Office of Personnel on May 1, 2017, for two positions. The Administrative Officer II is listed as \$19,070 in the Budget Book while it is currently \$17,177 according to the Office of Personnel. When questioned NDOE stated that there is an intention to raise the salary, grade and step for this position. Your Committee specifically advised the Department that it would not entertain salary increases for this coming fiscal year as a matter of policy. The other issue is that a Secretary I position is actually listed too low at \$9,939 in the Budget Book while the Office of Personnel has this position at \$10,978. The Committee recommends including the correct salary for this position and requests that in the future more attention to the budget process and review be done to avoid these types of errors. With the above adjustments your Committee recommends the personnel category be reduced by \$893 to

The President recommends a substantial increase to the budget for Travel for the Office of the Secretary in FY18. In FY17 travel for the Office of the Secretary was appropriated in the amount of \$27,063, while the proposed travel budget for FY18 is \$90,000.

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The Department stated that some of this increase was due to the inclusion of the Post Secondary Specialist in the Office of the Secretary, and the increased support for the quarterly FACSO meetings. Your Committee agrees with the importance of the FACSO meetings and recommends the funding of those trips in their entirety, as well as, the travel for the Post Secondary Specialist, especially regarding the continued efforts to reconcile the debt owed by our students at Palau Community College. However, this Committee is dismayed at the ever-increasing travel budgets for the National Department of Education, and recommends the travel for the Office of the Secretary be funded at \$50,000 for this coming FY18. It is the responsibility of NDOE to set priorities for its travel, other than the FACSO meetings, and to work within this budget.

The President recommends the Office of the Secretary receive a decrease in budget for Contractual Services in FY18 compared to that appropriated in FY17. The recommended budget for FY18 for this category is \$15,000. The Secretary stated that the reason behind this decrease was fewer printing needs. Your Committee does not see reason to disagree with this statement and recommends Contractual Services for the Office of the Secretary at \$15,000 for FY18.

The President has recommended a slight decrease in the category of OCE for FY18 compared to FY17. The proposed FY18 budget is \$20,649. The Department stated that the President, for a second year, has strongly requested reductions from all departments in the category of OCE. When asked if the Office of the Secretary could work effectively in the coming fiscal year within the proposed funding level the Secretary stated they could. Your Committee, absence of evidence to the contrary, defers to the Secretary in this instance, however, is states that the emerging pattern of reducing office operations budgets and increasing travel budgets does not give a favorable impression of the management of the Department.

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**Your Committee recommends funding for the Office of the Secretary for FY2018 at \$213,739 entirely from Domestic Revenue.**

**2. Division of Quality and Effectiveness (formerly the Division of Basic Education & Accreditation)**

	FY2017 Appropriated	FY2018 President Recommend	FY2018 Committee Recommend	Domestic Revenue	SEG
Personnel	295,422	173,661	164,166	-0-	164,166
Travel	116,500	157,829	116,500	16,671	99,829
Contract	101,527	89,157	89,157	15,000	74,157
OCE	36,928	24,046	24,046	1,000	23,046
Fix Assets	2,500	5,400	5,400	-0-	5,400
Total	552,877	450,093	399,269	32,671	366,598
Employee #	14	8	8	8	

The President recommends a budget of \$450,093 for the Division of Quality and Effectiveness for FY2018; with \$83,495 proposed to come from Domestic Revenue, and \$366,598 from SEG.

Your Committee is concerned with the shifting of personnel and funding away from the core and most important division of NDOE. This Division is responsible for the three initiatives of teacher certification, school accreditation and student testing, and are the primary mandates for the National Department of Education.

To begin with in the Personnel category the Committee notes the following positions' salaries are listed incorrectly in the Budget Book: The Bridging the Gap Specialist for Chuuk State is listed in the Budget Book at \$19,070 while the current salary is \$16,303 according to the Office of Personnel; The Assessment and Research Specialist is listed

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in the Budget Book at \$19,070 while according to the Office of Personnel it is currently paid at \$16,303; and the Data Management Specialist is listed in the Budget Book at \$14,723 but according to the Office of Personnel it is being paid at \$12,060. Your Committee does not approve of the creation of an administration tier of Assistant Secretary. This position is proposed to be filled by the current head of this division at the same salary, and the Committee believes it should remain with the same title. It is the opinion of this Committee that there needs to be a reduction in the number of administrative positions at the National Government, not an increase. Taking into consideration the above comments, your Committee finds as follows: that all salaries should be recommended at the current level as listed in the Office of Personnel, therefore in consideration of the above your Committee recommends a decrease in personnel cost to \$165,166. The entire Personnel budget for this Division will be funded by SEG.

Your Committee notes with concern that the Travel budget for this Division is substantially increased compared to previous years. For FY18 \$157,829 is proposed, of which \$99,829 would come from SEG and the remaining \$58,000 is proposed to come from Domestic Revenue. There are fewer recommended positions for this Division, but they will be traveling even more. The Department stated that in order to improve assessment and coordination more funding had been requested for the FACSSO meeting attendance and the three primary initiatives of NDOE, teacher certification, school accreditation and student testing. The Committee does agree that funding for these areas is very important, but encourages the Department to make the most effective use of this travel as possible. Your Committee, however, strongly disagrees with the proposed international travel and any increase in the travel budget funded by domestic revenue, except where funding for FACSSO trips are indicated. For the above reasons your Committee recommends the travel budget be maintained at \$116,500 for the coming FY18.



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The President proposes a budget of \$89,157 for Contracts for the Division, with \$74,157 proposed to come from SEG, and the remaining \$15,000 from Domestic Revenue. As in past years the contractual services category for this Division has provided much needed funding for fuel for the trips to our outer islands to do student testing and the school accreditation work. These are necessary and expensive trips that must take place at least annually. Your Committee strongly agrees with the importance of these activities, and concurs with President's recommendation of \$89,157.

The Committee notes that the OCE for this important division is proposed to be reduced by one third, and that is on top of the ten percent reduction taken last year. The current recommendation by the President is \$24,046 for OCE for FY18. Of the proposed FY18 budget in this category \$23,046 is proposed to come from SEG, and the remaining \$1,000 from Domestic Revenue. Although the Secretary stated that funding level was sufficient for all of the activities proposed this coming fiscal year the Committee defers to the request of the Secretary but remains skeptical. The Committee concurs with the President's recommendation of \$24,046.

The President's recommendation funding for Fixed Assets for the Division of Quality and Effectiveness for FY18 is \$5,400, and it is proposed that it should be funded from SEG in its entirety. Your Committee concurs with this recommendation by the President.

**For the reasons set forth in detail your Committee recommends \$399,269 for the Division of Quality and Effectiveness for FY2018. The portion of this Division to be funded by SEG is recommended at \$366,598, with the remaining \$32,671 to come from Domestic Revenue.**

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**3. Division of Formal and Non Formal Education**  
**(formerly the Division of Career and Technical Education)**

	FY2017 Appropriated	FY2018 President Recommend	FY2018 Committee Recommend
Personnel	36,317	159,910	159,910
Travel	15,000	99,890	15,000
Contract	46,866	47,069	46,866
OCE	11,522	18,350	11,522
Fixed Assets	-0-	7,000	-0-
Total	109,705	332,219	233,229
Employees #	2	8	8

The President recommends a budget of \$374,114 for the Division of Formal and Non Formal Education for FY2018, to come from Domestic Revenue in its entirety. This represents a dramatic proposed budget increase for this Division, and an increase in employees from two to eight.

Your Committee was advised that the position of "SPEC", the sports specialist was transferred to the Department from the Department of Health and Social Affairs by Executive Order. The ECE Program Manager was changed to this Division from the formerly Division of Basic Education and Accreditation, as were the Education Specialist in Arts (formerly Procurement Officer) and the Gifted and Talented Education Specialist. The Chief of Basic Education and Accreditation has been shifted to this Division with the new title Assistant Secretary.

The Committee is deeply concerned with the enormous shift in personnel to this division. Technical and vocational training strays far from the narrow constitutional mandate for the education at the National level. The States have career, technical and vocational programs that are fully functioning and tailored to their unique needs. Therefore,

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any expansion at the National level risks duplication and will take a detrimental one size fits all approach.

The Committee is not critical of our current dedicated employees at NDOE but it fails to see how the transfer of the ECE Program Manager, specialist for math and science, and education specialist in art and gifted & talented education specialist to a technical and vocational education division is a rational decision. It strongly urges the Secretary to reconsider this reorganization. The Committee recommends the full funding of the Personnel category at \$159,910, as it is unwilling to defund positions at this time, but it puts NDOE on notice that this newly reorganized division will be called in for oversight with Committee in September 2017. Finally, the Committee again objects to the change in title of division head to Assistant Secretary.

Your Committee does not approve of an expansion of the career, vocational and technical activities for NDOE, and it recommends funding for travel, contractual services, OCE and fixed assets be reduced to the FY17 funding levels.

**For the reasons set forth above your Committee recommends the total budget for the Division of Formal and Non Formal Education for FY2018 at \$233,229.**

**OVERALL BUDGET SUMMARY FY2018 – DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

	FY2017 Approp.	FY2018 President Recommend	FY2018 Committee Recommend	Domestic Revenue	SEG
Personnel	444,621	462,554	452,166	288,000	164,166
Travel	249,986	347,719	181,500	81,671	99,829
Contract	145,226	151,226	151,226	77,069	74,157
OCE	70,050	63,045	56,217	33,171	23,046
Fix Asset	2,500	12,400	5,400	-0-	5,400

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Total	912,383	1,036,944	848,509	481,911	366,598
Number Employee	22	23	23	15	8

**B. Board of Regents –COM-FSM**

During the hearing with College of Micronesia-FSM the Committee heard about the proposed increase from \$105,000 to \$115,000 for FY18 for the Board of Regents for additional fundraising activities. Your Committee believes that the efforts of the College and its Board of Regents are worthwhile and the endowment is increasing incrementally every year. The Committee, therefore, concurs with the President's recommendation of \$115,000 for the COM-FSM Board of Regents for funding for FY18.

**C. Grants, Subsidies and Contributions**

	FY2017 Appropriated	FY2018 President Recommend	FY2018 Committee Recommend
Aid to Non-Public Schools	600,000	600,000	600,000
Aid to CMI Students	40,000	40,000	40,000
Aid to PCC Students	150,000	150,000	150,000
National Scholarship	2,000,000	3,000,000	2,000,000
National Close-Up	75,000	75,000	75,000
Merit Scholarship	300,000	275,000	275,000
COM-Board Mtg	5,000	5,000	5,000
Total	3,170,000	4,140,000	3,145,000

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The President's budget book recommends funding for FY18 for Grants, Subsidies and Contributions for the National Department of Education in the total amount of \$4,140,000, to be funded entirely from Domestic Revenue.

Your Committee concurs with the President's recommendations for all categories except the National Scholarship. The newly formed National Scholarship Board is delayed in making awards to our students, and the National Scholarship balance remains high for this current fiscal year. The Committee intends to do a detailed oversight with the National Scholarship Board and relevant witnesses during the next session of Congress. The Committee believes that the funding appropriated this FY17 in the amount of \$260,000 to pay for the outstanding debts of COM-FSM students should be sufficient, at least through the fall term for those students. Without further information the Committee has decided to recommend that the current funding level of \$2,000,000 be maintained.

On a final note the Committee remains concerned that the reconciliation of the debt owed by our students at the Palau Community College has not been presented to the Committee during its oversight hearing. Your Committee requests that a detailed analysis of this debt be submitted to the Committee and a recommendation by NDOE as a way forward to satisfy the approximately \$1,000,000 debt owed by our students. A submission on this matter should be made to the Committee by NDOE by December 15, 2017, so that the Committee may review it prior to the January 2018 regular session of Congress.

**In accordance with the above analysis the Committee recommends \$3,145,000 for Grants, Subsidies and Contributions for the National Department of Education for FY18.**

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**D. Resources: Grants, Subsidies and Contributions**

**1. COM-FSM Treaty Obligation**

Your Committee recommends funding of \$25,000 for the COM-FSM Treaty Obligations for FY18, which remain the same as in past years. The source of this funding is Domestic Revenue.

**E. Capital & Human Resources Development**

	FY2017 Approp.	FY2018 President Recomm	FY2018 Committee Recommd	FY2018 Domestic	FY2018 Sector	FY2018 SEG
COM	3,800,000	3,800,000	3,800,000	2,800,000	1,000,000	
FMI	833,915	833,915	833,915	833,915	-0-	-0-
COM SEG	683,948	689,948	689,948	-0-	-0-	689,948
COM-FSM Build	8,545,500	4,252,250	4,252,250	-0-	4,252,250	-0-
NDOE Proj	404,792	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Data (SEG)	556,074	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Year 3 Project (SEG)	1,112,148	556,074	556,074	-0-	-0-	556,074
School Accred	-0-	100,000	100,000	100,000	-0-	-0-
Teach Cert.	-0-	168,000	168,000	168,000	-0-	-0-
Develop Qual.	-0-	82,650	82,650	82,650	-0-	-0-
HR in ED	-0-	700,694	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
COM stud debt	260,000	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Total	7,100,803	11,183,531	10,482,837	3,984,565	5,252,250	1,246,022

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The President recommends \$11,183,531 in funding for Capital & Human Resources Development for the coming FY18 budget. The recommendations for COM-FSM, FMI, the COM-FSM SEG share, and the NDOE three initiatives are well known to the Committee and the proposed funding remains as in years past. The Committee concurs with these recommendations.

There is SEG funding available to the Department for FY18 in the amount of \$556,074. The Committee has been advised that this funding will be used to build on previous programs of data management, teacher & principal training and improved record keeping and reporting. The scope of the use of this funding is currently being slightly modified and the final project narrative has not been provided to the Committee. Your Committee feels comfortable with the general outlines provided it and approves of the recommendation for the NDOE SEG project for Year 3 with the caveat that it will also be reviewing this area during the September session.

A very large budget was proposed by the President for a project titled "Human Resources in Education". This project was proposed at \$700,694 for FY18. When the Committee inquired as to the nature of this project the Secretary stated that this was to fund the first step in the reopening of a high school with a vocational and technical emphasis. Your Committee strongly disagrees with funding this project at the National Government. This does not fit within the narrow constitutional jurisdiction for NDOE, and moreover the teaching of career, vocational and technical education is being exclusively conducted at the State Departments of Education. Your Committee does not recommend any funding for the Human Resources in Education project.

Your Committee recommends funding for Capital & Human Resources Development for the coming FY18 budget at \$10,482,837 with \$3,984,565 from Domestic Revenue, \$5,252,250 from Sector funds and \$1,246,022 from SEG.

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**III. SUMMARY OF BUDGET DISTRIBUTION BY FUNDING SOURCES  
RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FOR FY2018**

Description	Domestic Revenue	Compact Education Sector Grant	Supplemental Education Grant (SEG)	Compact Infrastructure Sector Grant
NDOE: Office Secretary	213,739	-0-	-0-	-0-
NDOE: Quality & Effectiveness	32,671	-0-	366,598	-0-
NDOE: Formal Non Formal	233,229	-0-	-0-	-0-
Board of Regents-COM	115,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
Aid to Non-Public Schools	600,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
CMI Students	40,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
PCC Students	150,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
National Scholarship	2,000,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
National Close-Up	75,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
Merit Scholarship	275,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
COM-FSM Board Mtg.	5,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
COM-Treaty	25,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
COM-FSM	2,800,000	1,000,000	-0-	-0-
FSM-FMI	833,915	-0-	-0-	-0-
COM-FSM SEG	-0-	-0-	689,948	-0-
Accreditation Project	100,000	-0-	-0-	-0-



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Teacher Certification Project	168,000	-0-	-0-	-0-
Development Qualification	82,650	-0-	-0-	-0-
NDOE Yr 3 SEG Project	-0-	-0-	556,074	-0-
HR in ED	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
COM Infrastructure	-0-	-0-	-0-	4,252,250
Total	7,749,204	1,000,000	1,612,620	4,252,250

**IV. SUMMARY OF PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET REQUESTS COMPARED TO COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following budget summary reflects your Committee's recommended funding levels compared to the President's Recommended Budget Requests for areas of the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget under the purview of your Committee on Education.

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COM-FMI	833,915	833,915
COM-FSM--SEG	689,948	689,948
COM Infrastructure	4,252,250	4,252,250
NDOE Accreditation	100,000	100,000
NDOE Teacher Cert. Development	168,000	168,000
Quality	82,650	82,650
HR in Education	700,694	-0-
NDOE SEG Year 3	556,074	556,074
Total	16,505,475	14,614,074

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**V. CONCLUSION**

Your Committee on Education has carefully reviewed the President's Recommended FY2018 budget and all of the supplemental information provided by the Executive and the entities within your Committee's jurisdiction. The recommended sums set forth above reflect your Committee's recommendations on the level of funding for the designated activity, program or project for all of Fiscal Year 2018.

Subject to the conditions and limitations set forth herein, and subject to the availability of funding, your Committee on Education recommends approval of the amounts and source of funds identified as Committee Recommendations.

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