

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-103

RE: C.A. NO. 20-139 (P.C. NO. 20-352)/J&GO

SUBJECT: VETO OVERRIDE

NOVEMBER 16, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twentieth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Special Session, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 20-352, regarding the veto of Congressional Act No. 20-139, entitled:

"AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 52 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA (ANNOTATED), AS AMENDED, BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 212, TO PROVIDE FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR HOUSING ALLOWANCE FOR OFF-ISLAND RECRUITS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE SECTOR POSITIONS WITHIN THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this act are expressed in its title.

Your Committee has reviewed Congressional Act No. 20-139 and the accompanying veto message (P.C. No. 20-352). Your Committee did not find any legal impediments or drafting errors in the Act. Your Committee notes the President's comments in P.C. No. 20-352, and your Committee has determined that the veto is purely based on policy.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee has reviewed the veto of Congressional Act No. 20-139 and the veto message. Your Committee finds that the decision made by the Executive was made based on policy and not on a legal or constitutional defect of the Act. Your Committee disagrees with this policy decision and recommends overriding the veto of Congressional Act No. 20-139.

Respectfully submitted,

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