



CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

P.O. Box PS 3

Palikir, Sokehs

Pohnpei State, FM 96941

Tel: (691) 320-2324/2325/2326/2327/2337/2338/2707

Fax: (691) 320-5122

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-48

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-253

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/EDUCATION COMPACT FUNDS

MAY 22, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Regular Session, 2020

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 21-253 regarding the National Government's Recommended FY2021 Budget, begs leave to report as follows:

Presidential Communication No. 21-253 was transmitted to Congress with the *National Government Fiscal Year 2021 Recommended Budget* ("Budget Book"). Pursuant to Rule 7, Section 3(b), of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First 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 as follows:

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

Your Committee notes that the FY2021 Budget Book was transmitted to the Twenty-First Congress on April 1, 2020. The FY21 budget was transmitted by the President and has been introduced by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia as C.B. No. 21-178. The items and funding in C.B. No. 21-178 for



STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-223

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-223

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 1951 BUDGET EDUCATION GRANT FUNDS

MAY 28, 1951

The Honorable Wesley W. Sizins
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Regular Session, 1950

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred Presidential
Communication No. 21-223 regarding the National Government's
recommended FY1951 budget, begs leave to report as follows:

Presidential Communication No. 21-223 was transmitted to
Congress with the National Government Fiscal Year 1951
Recommended Budget ("Budget Book") pursuant to Rule V, Section
3(d) of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First
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 as follows:

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

Your Committee notes that the FY1951 Budget Book was transmitted
to the Twenty-First Congress on April 1, 1950. The FY51 budget
was transmitted by the President and has been introduced by the
Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia as
C.B. No. 21-178. The items and funding in C.B. No. 21-178 for

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-48

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-253

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/EDUCATION COMPACT FUNDS

MAY 22, 2020

all matters under the jurisdiction of your Committee mirror exactly the President's Budget Book of April 1, 2020.

Your Committee has prepared its recommendations on the following breakdown of available funds: \$922,672 from the Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) for the National Department of Education (NDOE) of which \$366,598 is proposed for the operations of the Department, and the remaining for a project for the Department proposed at \$556,074. The amount of SEG available for the College of Micronesia-Federated States of Micronesia (COM-FSM) is \$698,948. Pursuant to P.L. No. 18-57 the funding available for NDOE from the Compact Education Sector Grant for FY21 is zero. The funding available for COM-FSM from the Compact Education Sector Grant for FY21 is \$1,000,000.

During April and May 2020 the Committee received information and documents from the National Department of Education, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Office of Personnel, and the College of Micronesia-FSM. Due to the unprecedented pandemic outbreak of Coronavirus the ability of the Committee at this time to conduct face-to-face public hearings and have meetings with the departments, regarding the FY21 budget, has been thwarted. Therefore, your Committee will continue to review documents during the coming months, it is hoped to conduct its public hearings during the September session, and if necessary, amend this report. It is also the decision of the Committee to report on only items that have mandatory reporting deadlines in this May session, the Compact sector funded items and those funded by the SEG.

The findings of your Committee are as follows:

1. National Department of Education--Operations Supplemental Education Grant

Over 90% of the proposed budget for the NDOE Division of Quality and Effective Education is funded by the Supplemental Education Grant. The amount of funding, \$366,598, has remained the same for many years. The breakdown for this funding is: Personnel: \$142,812; Travel \$100,000; Contractual Services \$111,157; OCE

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-48

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-253

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/EDUCATION COMPACT FUNDS

MAY 22, 2020

\$11,629 and Fixed Assets \$1,000 which remain the same as in previous years.

This grant has been given to the National Department of Education to improve the quality of basic education and to ensure that all of our Nation's children receive a good basic education. Your Committee has always been very supportive of the work done in primary education. As the work is done in all our four states, including the outer islands it can often be challenging to administer testing, training teachers and evaluate schools. The Committee understands that the difficulty caused by the Coronavirus pandemic places even more burdens on the Department. The Committee hopes that the majority of this important work will be achievable in the coming fiscal year, but if it is not the Committee strongly requests that the Department work with its evaluators for the SEG to get any waivers or approval of changes for the use of the SEG that may be necessary due to the virus. The Committee will expect to hear from NDOE regarding any adjustments made in this regard during the September session.

For the reasons set forth above, your Committee recommends the National Department of Education Division of Quality and Effective Education funding from the Supplemental Education Grant of \$366,598 for FY21.

2. National Department of Education-Supplemental Education Grant Project

The project funded by the Supplemental Education Grant is in its fourth year, and the funding proposed remains the same as in previous years at \$566,074. The objective of this project is to increase the literacy of our students by providing training and further education to our Nation's teachers. This project serves all states and its purpose is to improve all our Nation's primary schools. Your Committee strongly believes in the goals of this project, and looks forward to being able to conduct a full review of its activities in the September session.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-48

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-253

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/EDUCATION COMPACT FUNDS

MAY 22, 2020

With the comments above, the Committee recommends the National Department of Education project funding from the Supplemental Education Grant of \$566,074 for FY21.

3. College of Micronesia-FSM--Supplemental Education Grant

The College has been very fortunate to receive \$698,948 in SEG funding for many years, and it has in turn used this funding well. The majority of this funding is used to pay students in work study positions. This gives the students valuable experience in a professional setting and the employer additional assistance. The remainder of this grant is used to fund student research. It is hoped by this Committee that the SEG program at COM-FSM is able to continue without disruption this coming academic year, and the Committee looks forward to hearing from them in September.

For the reasons set forth above, your Committee recommends the College of Micronesia-FSM Supplemental Education Grant funding of \$698,948 for FY21.

4. College of Micronesia-FSM--Compact Sector Education

The remaining Compact Education Sector grant funding is mandated for COM-FSM in the current amount of \$1,000,000 for FY21 for operations of the College. The Committee supports all efforts of the Nation's only accredited institution of higher education. It has been strongly supportive of its efforts to expand instruction in such important areas as public health and the bachelor's degree in education. It is unfortunate that circumstances do not permit a full public hearing during this session, but the Committee looks forward to hearing from the College when the situation improves.

For the above reasons as set forth, the Committee recommends the Compact Education Sector grant funding for the College of Micronesia-FSM in the amount of \$1,000,000 for FY21.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-48

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-253

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/EDUCATION COMPACT FUNDS

MAY 22, 2020

Conclusion

Your Committee has reviewed the President's FY2021 budget for the above items. 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 the Fiscal Year 2021.


Subject to the conditions and limitations set forth herein, and subject to the concurrence of your Committee on Ways & Means, your Committee on Education recommends approval of the amounts and sources of funds identified as Committee Recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Urusemal, chairman

Aren B. Palik, vice

Wesley W. Simina, member



Esmond B. Moses, member

Derensio K. Konman, member

Florencio S. Harper, member



Ferny S. Perman, member

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-48

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-253

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/EDUCATION

MAY 22, 2020

Conclusion

Your Committee has reviewed the President's FY2021 budget for the above items. 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 the Fiscal Year 2021.

Subject to the conditions and limitations set forth herein, and subject to the concurrence of your Committee on Ways & Means, your Committee on Education recommends approval of the amounts and sources of funds identified as Committee Recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph J. Urusemal, chairman

Aren B. Palik, vice

Wesley W. Simina, member

Esmond B. Moses, member

Derensio K. Konman, member

Florencio S. Harper, member

Ferny S. Perman, member

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-48

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 21-253

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2021 BUDGET/EDUCATION

MAY 22, 2020

Conclusion

Your Committee has reviewed the President's FY2021 budget for the above items. 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 the Fiscal Year 2021.

Subject to the conditions and limitations set forth herein, and subject to the concurrence of your Committee on Ways & Means, your Committee on Education recommends approval of the amounts and sources of funds identified as Committee Recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph J. Urusemal, chairman



Aren B. Palik, vice

Wesley W. Simina, member

Esmond B. Moses, member

Derensio K. Konman, member

Florencio S. Harper, member

Ferny S. Perman, member