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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 19-155, 20-180, and 21-50, by amending section 4 thereof, to broaden the mandate of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning (JCRP) in order to achieve the overall goal of the Amended Compact, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Section 4 of Public Law No. 19-85, as amended by  
2 Public Laws Nos. 19-155 and 21-50, is hereby further amended to  
3 read as follows:

4                   "Section 4. Mandate. The JCRP shall carry out the  
5 following responsibilities and obligations:

6                   (1) In consultation with the President and the Congress,  
7 set goals and objectives in anticipation of the termination  
8 of [~~the financial~~] certain provisions, and for negotiations  
9 of the Amended Compact of Free Association;

10                   (2) Conduct a thorough analysis of all factors relating  
11 the future of the Nation;

12                   (3) Develop all necessary strategies and approaches to  
13 enable the Federated States of Micronesia to explore  
14 alternatives for the future of the Nation; [~~provided that~~  
15 ~~any contemplated or proposed negotiations with the United~~  
16 ~~States related to the Amended Compact of Free Association~~  
17 ~~be limited solely to the expiring terms of the Amended~~  
18 ~~Compact;~~]

1           (4) Direct its Secretariat in preparing the  
2           documentation necessary to accomplish its responsibilities  
3           hereunder;

4           (5) Analyze all economic information available on the  
5           Federated States of Micronesia, with the aim of identifying  
6           the FSM's continuing requirement for reasonable, fair, and  
7           effective financial assistance from all sources from the  
8           year 2023 onward;

9           (6) Provide reports periodically to the Congress at each  
10          regular session, and to the Office of the President, on all  
11          developments, actual or potential, positive or negative,  
12          that may be related to the future of the Nation, including  
13          but not limited to new information, actions,  
14          communications, domestic and foreign policies, bilateral  
15          and multilateral plans, as well as periodic surveys  
16          exploring the value of net benefits to a foreign nation  
17          from an exclusive security prerogative;

18          (7) Collaborate with the State Governments, the  
19          Department of Foreign Affairs, the Congress, and the Office  
20          of the President in identifying the nominees for the JCRP  
21          whose selection will be subject to Congress's expressed  
22          approval;

23          (8) Use funds for each separate category of expense only  
24          up to the aggregate amount of the line-items of the  
25          corresponding expense category set out in the associated

1           appropriations bill or bills approved by Congress, and  
2           select and hire the personnel needed to staff the  
3           Secretariat, as specified in section 6 below; and  
4           (9) Conduct negotiators on [~~the expiring terms of~~] the  
5           Amended Compact of Free Association with the United States  
6           of America.”

7           Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
8           President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
9           becoming law without such approval.

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11 Date: 9/25/20

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper  
Florencio S. Harper  
(by request)

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