

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 22-28

RE: C.B. NO. 22-134/W&M

SUBJECT: FY 2022 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

JANUARY 20, 2022

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twenty-Second Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Third Regular Session, 2022

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Congressional Bill No. 22-134, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 1, 2, 8, AND 9 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-42, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-60, TO APPROPRIATE \$4,963,919 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2022, TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR THE OPERATIONS OF ALL BRANCHES OF THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, ITS AGENCIES; NATIONAL ELECTION; GRANTS;, SUBSIDIES, AND CONTRIBUTIONS; AND CAPITAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received Presidential Communication No. 22-175, which requested additional appropriations to the FY 2022 budget. Your Committee took all of the suggestions from P.C. No. 22-175 into

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consideration when reviewing C.B. No. 22-134, and notes that when there were discrepancies between the amounts requested in the spreadsheet attached to P.C. No. 22-175, and the line items reflected in the bill as transmitted, your Committee relied on the spreadsheet as reflecting the intent of the President's requests. Your Committee also considered the prior supplemental requests of the Executive during the Third Special Session in C.B. No. 22-124.

Your Committee has diligently reviewed the supplemental requests and obtained additional supporting information when necessary. This Standing Committee Report reflects the recommendations of your Committee on Ways and Means regarding the FY 2022 supplemental budget requests.

Operating Expenses of the Executive Branch

Office of the President: Your Committee recommends funding the requested \$95,000 under Personnel to reinstate the salary for the Chief of Staff, provide for a new Assistant the President, and to increase the salary for the PIO. Your Committee also recommends funding \$50,000 in travel, and notes that travel should still be limited to domestic travel due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Department of Foreign Affairs: Your Committee recommends increasing contractual services by \$15,000.

Department of Finance and Administration: Your Committee recommends the increases requested for contractual services of \$21,000 and OCE of \$8,160

Department of Transportation and Communication: Your Committee recommends funding \$294,400 under contractual services for the Division of Marine Services.

Department of Justice: Your Committee recommends funding the Division of Immigration request of \$23,418 under contractual services, and \$50,000 in travel for the Division of Border Control and Maritime Surveillance.

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Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions

Your Committee recommends funding the following under Grants, Subsidies, and Contributions: \$13,307 increase for the United Nations Multi-Country Interim Office Lease; \$1,220 request under TC&I for unpaid sea allowance; \$13,000 for IPU prior years dues; \$24,435 for DOJ prior years obligations; \$75,000 for patrol boats for Chuuk and Yap; \$300,000 for FSMTCC OAE; \$500,000 for the Disaster Relief Fund; and \$296,562 for COVID-19 temporary emergency police officers.

Capital and Human Resources Development

Your Committee recommends funding the following under Capital and Human Resources Development: \$50,000 for the Department of Finance and Administration to strengthen financial management for municipal governments; \$300,000 for capital road improvement; \$500,000 for quarantine facility in Guam, \$85,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Constitutional Convention, and \$100,000 for litigation expenses for major crime prosecution in Yap.

Your Committee notes that building plans should be submitted before your Committee will consider funding for a new Office building for executive departments.

Operating Expenses of the Legislative Branch

Your Committee recommends the following supplemental funding for the operations of Congress.

Speaker and Members: \$75,000 for travel for the May session of Congress, and \$100,000 for Speaker's Representation Fund.

Staff Offices: Your Committee recommends funding \$30,000 in travel for key staff to travel to assist the delegation offices and for the IT paperless project, \$150,000 under contractual services for the ongoing work in the Chamber and Committee Room and for the FSM Telecom internet contract, \$60,000 in OCE for the May session, and \$25,000 in fixed assts for a new heavy duty copier.

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Delegation Offices: Your Committee recommends funding \$700,000 for Members' Representation Funds (\$50,000 per Member).

Conclusion

Your Committee has carefully reviewed Congressional Bill No. 22-134. Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 22-134, as amended, 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. 22-134, C.D.1.

