
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate \$56,684,766 from the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, to provide funding for the operations of all branches of the National Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, its agencies, various programs, grants, subsidies and contributions and capital and human resources development, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this act is as
2 follows: To appropriate the sum of \$56,684,766 from the
3 General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the
4 fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, for the purpose of
5 funding the operations of all branches of the National
6 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, its
7 agencies, various programs, grants, subsidies and
8 contributions, Capital and Human Resources Development. The
9 sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

10 Section 2. Operating expenses of the Executive Branch.
11 The sum of \$33,400,111 or so much thereof as may be necessary,
12 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated
13 States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30,
14 2024, for the purpose of funding the operation of the
15 Executive Branch of the National Government during the fiscal
16 year 2024. Of the total amount of funds appropriated herein,
17 \$366,570 shall be deemed to come from funds available under

1 Supplemental Education Grant or successor program. The sum
 2 appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

3 (1) Office of the President.

4 The sum of \$2,599,417, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 5 for the operations of the Office of the President during the
 6 fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be
 7 apportioned as follows:

8	Personnel	\$ 1,048,364
9	Travel	483,753
10	Contractual Services.....	859,000
11	OCE	118,300
12	Fixed Assets	90,000

13 (2) Department of Foreign Affairs.

14 The sum of \$7,225,517, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 15 for the operations of the Department of Foreign Affairs during
 16 the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be
 17 apportioned as follows:

18	Personnel	\$ 2,911,725
19	Travel	299,823
20	Contractual Services.....	3,466,955
21	OCE	547,014
22	Fixed Assets	-0-

23 (3) Department of Finance and Administration.

24 The sum of \$3,944,458, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 25 for the operations of the Department of Finance and

1 Administration during the fiscal year 2024. The sum
 2 appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

3	Personnel	\$ 3,400,072
4	Travel	196,501
5	Contractual Services.....	182,400
6	OCE	165,485
7	Fixed Assets	-0-

8 (4) Department of Resources and Development.

9 The sum of \$1,824,596, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 10 for the operations of the Department of Resources and
 11 Development during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated
 12 herein shall be apportioned as follows:

13	Personnel	\$ 1,436,311
14	Travel	114,716
15	Contractual Services.....	163,570
16	OCE	110,000
17	Fixed Assets	-0-

18 (5) Department of Transportation, Communications and
 19 Infrastructure.

20 The sum of \$3,828,121, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 21 for the operations of the Department of Transportation,
 22 Communications & Infrastructure during the fiscal year 2024.
 23 The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

24	Personnel	\$ 992,232
25	Travel	171,449

1	Contractual Services.....	\$ 2,610,340
2	OCE	54,100
3	Fixed Assets	-0-

4 (6) Department of Health and Social Affairs.

5 The sum of \$1,357,743, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 6 for the operations of the Department of Health and Social
 7 Affairs during the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated
 8 herein shall be apportioned as follows:

9	Personnel	\$ 1,070,897
10	Travel	66,676
11	Contractual Services.....	119,942
12	OCE	100,228
13	Fixed Assets	-0-

14 (7) Department of Education.

15 The sum of \$1,097,248 or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 16 for the operations of the Department of Education during the
 17 fiscal year 2024. Of the total amount of funds appropriated
 18 herein, \$366,570 shall be deemed to come from funds available
 19 under the Supplemental Education Grant or successor program.
 20 The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

21	Personnel	\$ 662,421
22	Travel	130,973
23	Contractual Services.....	231,226
24	OCE	72,629
25	Fixed Assets	-0-

1 (8) Department of Justice.

2 The sum of \$8,537,814, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 3 for the operations of the Department of Justice during the
 4 fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be
 5 apportioned as follows:

6	Personnel	\$ 6,150,219
7	Travel	296,854
8	Contractual Services.....	889,875
9	OCE	1,200,866
10	Fixed Assets	-0-

11 (9) Office of the Public Defender.

12 The sum of \$1,371,862, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 13 for the operations of the Office of the Public Defender during
 14 the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be
 15 apportioned as follows:

16	Personnel	\$ 1,118,025
17	Travel	56,048
18	Contractual Services.....	149,994
19	OCE	47,795
20	Fixed Assets	-0-

21 (10) Department of Climate Change, Environment and Emergency
 22 Management.

23 The sum of \$973,096, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 24 for the operations of the Department of Climate Change,
 25 Environment and Emergency Management during the fiscal year

1 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as
 2 follows:

3	Personnel	\$ 767,130
4	Travel	73,352
5	Contractual Services.....	106,500
6	OCE	26,114
7	Fixed Assets	-0-

8 (11) Office of National Archives, Culture and Historic
 9 Preservation.

10 The sum of \$275,266, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 11 for the operations of the Office of National Archives, Culture
 12 and Historic Preservation during the fiscal year 2024. The
 13 sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

14	Personnel	\$ 235,466
15	Travel	14,230
16	Contractual Services.....	15,425
17	OCE	10,145
18	Fixed Assets.....	-0-

19 (12) Office of the Veterans Affairs.

20 The sum of \$107,021, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 21 for the operations of Office of the Veterans Affairs during
 22 the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be
 23 apportioned as follows:

24	Personnel	\$ 81,320
25	Travel	5,701

1	Contractual Services.....	\$ 15,000
2	OCE	5,000
3	Fixed Assets.....	-0-

4 (13) Office of Personnel.

5 The sum of \$257,953, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 6 for the operations of Office of Personnel during the fiscal
 7 year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned
 8 as follows:

9	Personnel	\$ 243,303
10	Travel	7,200
11	Contractual Services.....	1,700
12	OCE	5,750
13	Fixed Assets.....	-0-

14 Section 3. Operating Expenses of the Legislative

15 Branch. The sum of \$7,327,192, or so much thereof as may be
 16 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the
 17 Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending
 18 September 30, 2024, for the operations of the Legislative
 19 Branch of the National Government during fiscal year 2024.
 20 The sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as
 21 follows:

22 (1) Speaker and Members.

23 The sum of \$3,751,440, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 24 for the operations of the Office of the Speaker and Members of
 25 the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia during

1 fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be
 2 apportioned as follows:

3	Personnel	\$ 846,520
4	Travel	415,320
5	Contractual Services.....	2,489,600
6	OCE	-0-
7	Fixed Assets	-0-

8 (2) Staff Office.

9 The sum of \$3,075,752, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 10 for the operations of the Congress staff offices during fiscal
 11 year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned
 12 as follows:

13	Personnel	\$ 1,904,752
14	Travel.....	100,000
15	Contractual Services.....	752,000
16	OCE.....	319,000
17	Fixed Assets.....	-0-

18 (3) Congress Delegation Offices.

19 The sum of \$500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 20 for the operations of the Congress delegation offices during
 21 the fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated is apportioned as
 22 follows:

23	(i) Kosrae Delegation Office.....	\$ 70,000
24	(ii) Pohnpei Delegation Office.....	140,000
25	(iii) Chuuk Delegation Office.....	210,000

1 (iv) Yap Delegation Office.....\$ 80,000

2 Section 4. Operating Expenses of the National Judicial
 3 Branch. The sum of \$2,343,712, or so much thereof as may be
 4 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the
 5 Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending
 6 September 30, 2024, for the operations of the Judicial Branch
 7 of the National Government during the fiscal year 2024. The
 8 sum appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as
 9 follows:

10	Personnel.....	\$ 1,559,185
11	Travel.....	64,277
12	Contractual Services.....	472,200
13	OCE.....	248,050
14	Fixed Assets.....	-0-

15 Section 5. Operating Expenses of the National Public
 16 Auditor. The sum of \$1,309,577, or so much thereof as may be
 17 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the
 18 Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending
 19 September 30, 2024, for the operations of the National Office
 20 of the Public Auditor and for the National Public Auditor's
 21 Chuuk Office. The sum appropriated by this section shall be
 22 apportioned as follows:

23	Personnel	\$ 1,060,577
24	Travel.....	55,600
25	Contractual Services.....	126,000

1 OCE.....\$ 67,400
 2 Fixed Assets..... -0-

3 Section 6. Operating Expenses of Agencies, Boards,
 4 Authorities, and Commissions of the National Government.

5 The sum of \$3,433,358, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 6 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated
 7 States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30,
 8 2024, for the operations of the following boards, commissions
 9 and agencies during the fiscal year 2024. The sum
 10 appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

11 (1) National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA).

12 The sum of \$1,306,268, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 13 for the operations of NORMA for the fiscal year 2024. The sum
 14 appropriated herein shall be apportioned as follows:

15 Personnel\$ 984,063
 16 Travel..... 78,279
 17 Contractual Services..... 200,741
 18 OCE..... 43,185
 19 Fixed Assets..... -0-

20 (2) Board of Regents (COM-FSM).

21 The sum of \$60,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 22 for the operations of the Board of Regents, COM-FSM during the
 23 fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be
 24 apportioned as follows:

25 Personnel.....\$ -0-

1	Travel.....	\$	-0-
2	Contractual Services.....		-0-
3	OCE.....		60,000
4	Fixed Assets.....		-0-

5 (3) FSM Banking Board.

6 The sum of \$247,864, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 7 for the operations of FSM Banking Board during the fiscal year
 8 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned as
 9 follows:

10	Personnel	\$	149,461
11	Travel.....		33,891
12	Contractual Services.....		39,402
13	OCE.....		25,110
14	Fixed Assets.....		-0-

15 (4) FSM Insurance Board.

16 The sum of \$621,544, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 17 for the operations of FSM Insurance Board during the fiscal
 18 year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be apportioned
 19 as follows:

20	Personnel	\$	211,797
21	Travel.....		30,568
22	Contractual Services.....		347,175
23	OCE.....		32,004
24	Fixed Assets.....		-0-

25 (5) FSM Postal Services.

1 The sum of \$1,197,683, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 2 for the operations of the National Postal Services during the
 3 fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be
 4 apportioned as follows:

5	Personnel.....	\$ 809,578
6	Travel.....	26,084
7	Contractual Services.....	183,636
8	OCE.....	178,385
9	Fixed Assets.....	-0-

10 Section 7. Special Programs. The sum of \$658,592, or so
 11 much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from
 12 the General Fund of the Federated States of Micronesia for the
 13 fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, for the following
 14 special programs during fiscal year 2024. The sum
 15 appropriated by this section shall be apportioned as follows:

16 (1) National Election Office.

17 The sum of \$658,592, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 18 for the operations of National Election Office during the
 19 fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated herein shall be
 20 apportioned as follows:

21	Personnel.....	\$ 435,010
22	Travel.....	57,133
23	Contractual Services.....	69,486
24	OCE.....	96,963
25	Fixed Assets.....	-0-

1 Section 8. Grants, Subsidies and Contributions. The sum
 2 of \$4,127,131, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is
 3 hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated
 4 States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30,
 5 2024, for the following grants, subsidies and contributions
 6 during fiscal year 2024. The sum appropriated by this section
 7 shall be apportioned as follows:

8 (1) Office of the President.

9 (a) Former Presidents' Allowance .. \$ 50,000

10 (b) Joint Committee on Compact Review and
 11 Planning (JCRP) 335,991

12 (2) Department of Health and Social Affairs.

13 (a) FSM Red Cross 35,000

14 (3) Department of Education.

15 (a) Aid for Non-Public School. 250,000

16 (b) National Scholarship Fund 500,000

17 (c) National Close-Up Local Program . 37,500

18 (d) National Merit Scholarship 137,500

19 (4) Department of Transportation, Communication
 20 & Infrastructure.

21 (a) FSM Capital Energy (Utilities) .. 150,000

22 (b) Fueling & Provisions of Caroline
 23 Voyager and Navigator and Nat'l vessels. 672,915

24 (5) Department of Justice.

25 (a) DOJ Fuel Subsidy 275,000

1	(6) <u>Resources (Other Grants, Subsidies &</u>	
2	<u>Contributions)</u>	
3	(a) FSM Social Security	\$ 500,000
4	(b) Micronesian Legal Services	
5	Corporation.....	50,000
6	(c) NORMA-WCPFC Membership fee	100,000
7	(d) MLFC Loan Payment	130,000
8	(e) Single Audit fees and cost	100,000
9	(f) Staff housing	750,000
10	(g) Recruitment & Repatriation	53,226

11 Section 9. Capital and Human Resources Development.

12 The sum of \$4,085,094, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
 13 is hereby appropriated from the General Fund of the Federated
 14 States of Micronesia for the fiscal year ending September 30,
 15 2024, for the following capital improvements, development
 16 programs, and projects and human resources development. Of
 17 the total amount of funds appropriated herein, \$1,000,000
 18 shall be deemed to come from funds available under the Compact
 19 Education Sector Grant and \$689,948 shall be deemed to come
 20 from funds available under Supplemental Education Grant or
 21 successor program. The sum appropriated by this section shall
 22 be apportioned as follows:

23	(1) <u>College of Micronesia – FSM.</u>	
24	(a) COM-FSM – operation	\$ 2,000,000
25	(b) Fisheries Maritime Institute ...	471,572

1	(c) Supplemental Education Grant or successor	
2	Program	\$ 689,948
3	(2) <u>Department of Resources & Development.</u>	
4	(a) R&D State and National leadership	
5	conference (SNLC).....	37,500
6	(b) R&D Conference	25,000
7	(3) <u>Department of Transportation, Communication</u>	
8	<u>and Infrastructure.</u>	
9	(a) FSM national government computer	
10	network	25,000
11	(4) <u>Department of Justice.</u>	
12	(a) Anti-human trafficking enforcement,	
13	campaign and investigation.....	25,000
14	(b) Victims Shelter & Services	25,000
15	(c) Patrol Boat maintenance	200,000
16	(d) Satellite phone & billing	5,000
17	(5) <u>Department of Health and Social Affairs.</u>	
18	(a) Medical Specialist Team	25,000
19	(6) <u>Department of Education.</u>	
20	(a) NDOE Year 3 Project (SEG)	556,074

21 Section 10. Employment Ceilings. The maximum number of
 22 positions for each branch and agency of the National
 23 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia for fiscal
 24 year 2024 shall be as follows:

25	(1) Executive Branch	730
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1	(2) Legislative Branch	69
2	(3) Judiciary Branch	46
3	(4) Public Auditor	24
4	(5) Agencies	
5	(a) National Oceanic Resource	
6	Management Authority	29
7	(b) FSM Banking Board.....	4
8	(c) FSM Insurance Board	6
9	(d) National Postal Services.....	41
10	(6) Special Programs	
11	(a) National Election Office.....	14

12 Section 11. Reprogramming. Reprogramming of funds into
13 or from the personnel budget line item shall not be permitted.
14 The President, Speaker and Chief Justice may reprogram up to
15 10 percent to or from the funds appropriated in sections 2
16 (Operating expenses of the Executive Branch), 3 (Operating
17 expenses of the Legislative Branch), and 4 (Operating expenses
18 of the National Judicial Branch). Reprogramming of funds
19 within a department, office or agency shall be effected by the
20 head of such department, office or agency by specifying in
21 writing to the Secretary of the Department of Finance and
22 Administration of the FSM National Government, the accounts
23 for which funding is either increased or decreased.
24 Reprogramming other than as specified herein is not permitted,
25 and more specifically, reprogramming into or out of any line

1 item contained in section 8 (Grants, Subsidies and
2 Contributions) or section 9 (Investment: Capital and Human
3 Resources) is not permitted. The President shall report to
4 Congress within one month of the last day of each financial
5 quarter all amounts reprogrammed inter or intra a department,
6 office or agency.

7 Section 12. Allotment and management of funds and lapse
8 dates.

9 (1) General provisions.

10 (a) All funds appropriated by this act shall be
11 allotted, managed, administered and accounted for in
12 accordance with applicable law, including, but not
13 limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979.

14 (b) The allottees shall be responsible for ensuring
15 that these funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary,
16 are used solely for the purposes specified in this act,
17 and that no obligations are incurred in excess of the
18 sums appropriated.

19 (2) Allottees. The allottees of the funds appropriated
20 by this act are as follows:

21 (a) Section 2 - the allottee of these funds shall be
22 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia;

23 (b) Section 3 - the allottee of these funds shall be
24 the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of
25 Micronesia;

1 (c) Section 4 – the allottee of these funds shall be
2 the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Federated
3 States of Micronesia;

4 (d) Section 5 – the allottee of these funds shall be
5 the Public Auditor of the Federated States of Micronesia;

6 (e) Sections 6 through 9 – the allottee of these
7 funds shall be the President of the Federated States of
8 Micronesia; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that for the following
9 subsections of sections 8 through 9 of this act:

10 (i) Section 9 (1)(a) through (c) – the allottee
11 of these funds is the President of the COM-FSM.

12 (3) Lapse date. The authority of the allottees to
13 obligate funds appropriated by this act shall lapse as of
14 September 30, 2024; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the authority to
15 obligate funds appropriated under section 9 of this act shall
16 not lapse.

17 Section 13. This act shall become law upon approval by
18 the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon
19 its becoming law without such approval.

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21 Date: 9/1/23

Introduced by: /s/ Quincy Lawrence
Quincy Lawrence
(by request)