



The President
Palikir, Pohnpei
Federated States of Micronesia



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-234
FSM CONGRESS

February 9, 2024

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker
Twenty-third Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

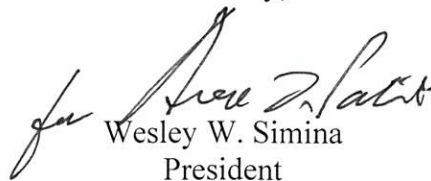
Dear Speaker Moses,

I am pleased to transmit the following act, which I have signed into Public Law No. 23-54 :

Congressional Act No. 23-48, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 9 AND 12 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-153, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 22-169, 22-181, 22-204, 23-08 AND 23-13, TO CHANGE THE USE AND ALLOTTEE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, TO FUND SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION, RENOVATION, AND PARKING SPACES OF AN FSM EMBASSY PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I wish to thank the 23rd FSM Congress for supporting our ongoing efforts in acquiring an embassy property in Washington, D.C.

Sincerely,


Wesley W. Simina
President

xc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court



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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-234
FSM CONGRESS



His Excellency Wesley W. Simina
President
Federated States of Micronesia
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear President Simina:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 23-48, "AN ACT To further amend sections 9 and 12 of Public Law No. 22-153, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 22-169, 22-181, 22-204, 23-08 and 23-13, to change of use and allottee of funds previously appropriated therein for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, to fund support for the acquisition, renovation, and parking spaces of an FSM Embassy property in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes, which was passed by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2024, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk, Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-234
FSM CONGRESS

TWENTY- THIRD CONGRESS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
THIRD REGULAR SESSION
JANUARY 10 – 29, 2024

An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 9 AND 12 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-153, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 22-169, 22-181, 22-204, 23-08 AND 23-13, TO CHANGE OF USE AND ALLOTTEE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023, TO FUND SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION, RENOVATION, AND PARKING SPACES OF AN FSM EMBASSY PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: JOSEPH J. URUSEMAL

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2024

REFERRED TO: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE
WITHDRAWN – JANUARY 16, 2024

FIRST READING: JANUARY 16, 2024

SECOND READING: JANUARY 17, 2024

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Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



Office of the Speaker

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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-234
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 23-48

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 23-81, C.D.1)

We hereby certify that on January 17 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Third Regular Session, 2024, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Esmond B. Moses
Speaker
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

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Jessicalynn Reyes
Chief Clerk
Congress of the
Federated States of Micronesia

TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2024

CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 23-81, C.D.1

AN ACT

To further amend sections 9 and 12 of Public Law No. 22-153, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 22-169, 22-181, 22-204, 23-08 and 23-13, to change of use and allottee of funds previously appropriated therein for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, to fund support for the acquisition, renovation, and parking spaces of an FSM Embassy property in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes.

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

2 Section 1. Section 9 of Public Law No. 22-153, as amended by
3 Public Laws Nos. 22-169, 22-281, 23-08 and 23-13, is hereby
4 further amended to read as follows:

5 "Section 9. Capital and Human Resources Development.

6 The sum of \$23,752,475 or so much thereof as may be
7 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund
8 of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal
9 year ending September 30, 2023, for the following
10 capital improvements, development programs, and projects
11 and human resources development. Of the total amount of
12 funds appropriated herein, \$1,534,539 shall be deemed to
13 come from funds available under the Supplemental
14 Education Grant and \$1,000,000 shall be deemed to come
15 from funds available under the Compact Sector Grants.
16 The sum appropriated by this section shall be
17 apportioned as follows:

18 (1) College of Micronesia – FSM.

19 (a) College of Micronesia–FSM.....\$ 4,000,000

1	(b) FSM Fisheries and Maritime	
2	Institute (FMI)	\$ 965,735
3	(c) College of Micronesia-FSM	
4	SEG Funding	878,978
5	(d) COM-FSM Endowment Fund	500,000
6	(e) COM-FSM Public Health	
7	Initiative	488,798
8	(f) Assistance to boarding students,	
9	COM-FSM main campus Pohnpei:	
10	(i) Chuukese students	100,000
11	(ii) Yapese students	75,000
12	(iii) Kosraen students	50,000
13	(2) <u>Department of Foreign Affairs</u>	
14	(a) Acting Pay: UN Mission	98,394
15	(b) Acting Pay: Fiji	19,395
16	(c) Acting Pay: D.C. Embassy	16,764
17	(d) Acting Pay: Guam	19,000
18	(3) <u>Department of Finance and Administration</u>	
19	(a) FSM Warehouse Lease and Maintenance	-0-
20	(b) PCD Awareness and Training	35,000
21	(c) Support to Municipal Government	
22	Financial Management Improvement	50,000
23	(d) Tax Reform Commission	100,000
24	(e) Housing for local staff assigned	
25	to financial organizations for short term	

1	Training (IMF, WB, ADB, GCF).....	\$ 72,000
2	(4) <u>Department of Resources and Development</u>	
3	(a) R&D SNLC.....	75,000
4	(b) FSM Chamber of Commerce.....	50,000
5	(c) Chamber of Commerce: Kosrae....	20,000
6	(d) Chamber of Commerce: Pohnpei...	30,000
7	(e) Chamber of Commerce: Chuuk.....	30,000
8	(f) Chamber of Commerce: Yap.....	20,000
9	(g) Conservation Society: Kosrae...	25,000
10	(h) Conservation Society: Pohnpei..	40,000
11	(i) Conservation Society: Chuuk....	40,000
12	(j) Conservation Society: Yap.....	25,000
13	(5) <u>Department of Transportation, Communications</u>	
14	<u>and Infrastructure</u>	
15	(a) Operation and Dry-Docking	
16	of Caroline Voyager and Navigator.....	2,300,000
17	(b) FSM National Government Facility	
18	Improvements and Renovations.....	115,685
19	(c) FSM National Government Computer	
20	Network.....	100,000
21	(6) <u>Department of Justice</u>	
22	(a) Anti-Human Trafficking Enforcement,	
23	Campaign, and Investigation.....	125,000
24	(b) Victim Shelter and Services.....	125,000
25	(c) Boat Maintenance.....	200,000

1	(d) DOJ Satellite Phone Billing.... \$	10,000
2	(7) <u>Department of Environment, Climate Change</u>	
3	<u>and Emergency Management</u>	
4	(a) National & State Table Top Exercise	30,000
5	(b) Outer Island Trip Assessment –	
6	Climate Change & Disaster Risk Management..	80,000
7	(c) National Joint Platform for	
8	Environment & Risk Resilience.....	40,000
9	(d) International Day for Disaster	
10	Reduction	12,000
11	(e) Fourth Disaster Risk Management	
12	Environment Conference.....	40,000
13	(8) <u>National Election Commission Office</u>	
14	(a) Voter ID Card and New Voter	
15	Registration Project.....	50,000
16	(9) <u>Department of Health and Social Affairs</u>	
17	(a) Medical Specialist Team.....	120,000
18	(b) MOE-BHWP Med.....	22,200
19	(c) Electronic Record System.....	35,000
20	(d) Youth in Sports.....	50,000
21	(e) Hispathology and diagnostic	
22	Improvement.....	16,000
23	(f) Implementation, FSM Pharmaceutical	
24	Act.....	24,010
25	(g) Competent Authority, compliance	

1	process for fisheries exportation.....\$	115,990
2	(h) Medical Profession Recruitment..	33,500
3	(10) <u>Department of Education</u>	
4	(a) NDOE Year 3 Project (SEG).....	655,561
5	(b) School Accreditation.....	-0-
6	(c) Teacher Certification Project...	-0-
7	(d) Vernacular Language Arts (VLA)	
8	Curriculum Standards and Benchmarks Training	75,170
9	(e) CTE Teacher Training.....	56,910
10	(11) <u>NORMA</u>	
11	(a) Hosting WPCFC, TTC, & SC.....	10,000
12	(b) Internship for students in the	
13	area of fisheries management.....	5,000
14	(c) T3 Monitoring.....	150,000
15	(d) Commemoration of World Tuna Day 2023	70,000
16	(12) <u>Other Capital and Human Resources Development</u>	
17	(a) Donor Roundtable.....	100,000
18	(b) Chuuk State Supreme Court parking lot,	
19	fencing, and maintenance.....	200,000
20	(c) National Voter Registration.....	64,000
21	(d) TC&I Utwe Water project settlement	260,000
22	(e) Diplomatic Mission Geneva.....	300,000
23	(f) FSM ConCon Public Education Awareness	200,000
24	(g) Capitol road improvement Nanpohnmal	
25	to Sekere.....	400,000

1	(h) Road improvement and heavy	
2	equipment, Yap	\$ -0-
3	(i) Road improvement, Weno, Chuuk ..	100,000
4	(j) State subsidies:	
5	(i) Generator overhaul and parts,	
6	Yap State, YSPSC	350,000
7	(ii) Fuel Chuuk State, CPUC	300,000
8	(iii) Power line extension,	
9	Pohnpei State, PUC	100,000
10	(iv) Fuel Kosrae State, KPUA	-0-
11	(k) Chuuk Narik Mataw ship/	
12	operations subsidy	200,000
13	(l) Pohnpei Lady Pohnpei ship	117,385
14	(m) Lady Minto ship	95,000
15	(n) PMA subsidy	100,000
16	(o) Open market Pohnpei causeway	350,000
17	(p) Case tracking system (CTS)	25,000
18	(q) H2 Habilmohol - fuel subsidy and up to	
19	\$42,000 may be used to pay \$10 per day at sea per-diem	
20	for crews on Yap state operated vessel that is owned by	
21	the FSM National Government; PROVIDED THAT the at sea	
22	per-diem begins from the Yap port of departure to when	
23	the vessel is secured back at the Yap port dock. 250,000	
24	(r) Kosrae Solar and other projects .	200,000
25	(s) Construction of a postal service	

1	building in Tonoas, Chuuk	\$ 50,000
2	(t) Establish Diplomatic Mission	
3	in Australia	500,000
4	(u) Purchase property in Honolulu for	
5	Hawaii FSM Consulate Office	3,500,000
6	(v) Airport Subsidy: Kosrae State ..	250,000
7	(w) Airport Subsidy: Pohnpei State ..	250,000
8	(x) Airport Subsidy: Chuuk	250,000
9	(y) Airport Subsidy for Outer Islands:	
10	Yap State	250,000
11	(z) Repair and refurbishment of HI	
12	and Chief Mailo	500,000
13	(aa) Disposal of Oil Recovered from WWII	
14	Shipwreck in Chuuk	-0-
15	(bb) Renovation of Official Residences	
16	and Access Road	200,000
17	(cc) CEC - Chief Executive Conference .	50,000
18	(dd) Presidential Public Schedule	
19	& State Visits.....	250,000
20	(ee) Purchase/down payment for Embassy	
21	building of the FSM Embassy in Washington D.C.,	
22	including renovation and parking spaces.....	1,500,000
23	Section 2. Section 12 of Public Law No. 22-153, as amended	
24	by Public Laws Nos. 22-169, 23-08 and 23-13, is hereby further	
25	amended to read as follows:	

1 "Section 12. Allotment and Management of Funds and
2 Lapse Dates.

3 (1) General provisions.

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

8 (b) The allottees shall be responsible for
9 ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be
10 necessary, are used solely for the purposes specified
11 in this act, and that no obligations are incurred in
12 excess of the sums appropriated.

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

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

17 (b) Section 3 - the allottee of these funds shall
18 be the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States
19 of Micronesia;

20 (c) Section 4 - the allottee of these funds shall
21 be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the
22 Federated States of Micronesia;

23 (d) Section 5 - the allottee of these funds shall
24 be the Public Auditor of the Federated States of
25 Micronesia;

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

(i) Sections 8(1)(f) - the allottee of these funds shall be the Chair of the Joint Committee on Compact Review and Planning;

(ii) Section 8(8)(a) - the allottee of these funds shall be the Governor of the state of Kosrae;

(iii) Section 8(8)(b) - the allottee of these funds shall be the Governor of the state of Pohnpei;

(iv) Section 8(8)(c) - the allottee of these funds shall be the Governor of the state of Chuuk;

(v) Section 8(8)(d) - the allottee of these funds shall be the Governor of the state of Yap;

(vi) Section 8(8)(1) - the allottee of these funds shall be the Governor of the state of Kosrae;

(vii) Section 8(11) - the allottee of these funds shall be the Speaker of the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia;

(viii) Section 8(12)(a) - the allottee of these funds shall be the President of the College of Micronesia-FSM;

(ix) Section 8(12)(d) through (g) - the allottee of these funds shall be the Chief Justice of

1 the respective State Supreme Court;

2 (x) Section 8(12)(h) - the allottee of these
3 funds shall be the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
4 of the Federated States of Micronesia;

5 (xi) Section 8(12)(mm) - the allottee of these
6 funds shall be the Chief Executive Officer of OAE;

7 (xii) Section 9(1) (a) through (e), (f)(ii) and
8 f(iii) - the allottee of these funds shall be the
9 President of the College of Micronesia-FSM;

10 (xiii) Section 9(1)(f)(i) the allottee of these
11 funds shall be the Speaker of the Congress of the
12 Federated States of Micronesia;

13 (xiv) Sections 9(4)(c) and (g) - the allottee
14 of these funds shall be the Governor of the state of
15 Kosrae;

16 (xv) Sections 9(4)(d) and (h) - the allottee
17 of these funds shall be the Governor of the state of
18 Pohnpei;

19 (xvi) Sections 9(4)(e) and (i) - the allottee
20 of these funds shall be the Governor of the state of
21 Chuuk;

22 (xvii) Sections 9(4)(f) and (j) - the allottee
23 of these funds shall be the Governor of the state of
24 Yap;

25 (xviii) Section 9(12)(g), (l), (m) and (o) - the

1 allottee of these funds shall be the Secretary of the
2 Department of Transportation, Communications and
3 Infrastructure;

4 (xix) Section 9(12)(h) and (n) – the allottee
5 of these funds shall be the Governor of the state of
6 Yap;

7 (xx) Section 9(12)(i) – the allottee of these
8 funds shall be the Mayor of Weno;

9 (xxi) Section 9(12)(k) – the allottee of these
10 funds shall be the Secretary of the Department of
11 Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure;

12 (xxii) Sections 9(12)(j) – the allottee of these
13 funds shall be the Public Utility Corporations of the
14 respective states;

15 (xxiii) Section 9(12)(q) – the allottee of these
16 funds shall be the Governor of Yap State;

17 (xxiv) Section 9(12)(r) – the allottee of these
18 funds shall be the Governor of the state of Kosrae;

19 (xxv) Section 8(12)(bb) – the allottee of these
20 funds shall be the Speaker of the Congress of the
21 Federated States of Micronesia;

22 (xxvi) Section 9(12)(v) – the allottee of these
23 funds shall be the Governor of the state of Kosrae;

24 (xxvii) Section 9(12)(w) – the allottee of these
25 funds shall be the Pohnpei Port Authority;

1 (xxviii) Section 9(12)(x) - the allottee of these

2 funds shall be the Governor of the state of Chuuk;

3 (xxvii) Section 9(12)(y) - the allottee of these

4 funds shall be the Governor of the state of Yap."

5 Section 3. This act shall become law upon approval by the

6 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its

7 becoming law without such approval.

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9 February, 2024

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for Wesley W. Simina
President
Federated States of Micronesia

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