



*The President*  
*Palikir, Pohnpei*  
*Federated States of Micronesia*

**PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-23**  
**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. 23-56 :

Congressional Act No. 23-55, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 9 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-42, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-55, 21-77, 21-116, 21-147, 21-171, 21-183, 22-156, 22-203, AND 23-07, TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, TO FUND SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN FSM EMBASSY PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON D.C., AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

I wish to thank the 23<sup>rd</sup> FSM Congress for its support on the acquisition of 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. 23-236  
FSM CONGRESS

January 19, 2024

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. 23-55, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 9 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-42, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-55, 21-77, 21-116, 21-147, 21-171, 21-183, 22-156 22-203, AND 23-07, TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, TO FUND SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION 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,

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

Enclosures





PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-236  
FSM CONGRESS

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

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## An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 9 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-42, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 21-55, 21-77, 21-116, 21-147, 21-171, 21-183, 22-156 22-203, AND 23-07, TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020, TO FUND SUPPORT FOR THE ACQUISITION OF AN FSM EMBASSY PROPERTY IN WASHINGTON D.C., AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: ISAAC V. FIGIR

DATE: JANUARY 16, 2024

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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





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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-236  
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 23-55

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 23-87)

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.

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

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. 23-87

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AN ACT

To further amend section 9 of Public Law No. 21-42, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 21-55, 21-77, 21-116, 21-147, 21-171, 21-183, 22-156, 22-203, and 23-07, to change the use of funds previously appropriated therein, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, to fund support for the acquisition 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:

1       Section 1. Section 9 of Public Law No. 21-42, as amended by  
2 Public Laws Nos. 21-55, 21-77, 21-116, 21-147, 21-171, 21-183,  
3 22-156, 22-203, and 23-07, is hereby further amended to read as  
4 follows:

5               "Section 9. Capital and Human Resources Development.

6               The sum of \$19,695,326, 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, 2020, for the following  
10              capital improvements, development programs, and projects  
11              and human resources development. Of the total amount of  
12              funds appropriated herein, \$1,000,000 shall be deemed to  
13              come from funds available under the amended Compact from  
14              education sector; and \$1,246,022 shall be deemed to come  
15              from funds available under Supplemental Education Grant.  
16              The sum appropriated by this section shall be  
17              apportioned as follows:

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1	(1) <u>College of Micronesia – FSM.</u>	
2	(a) College of Micronesia–FSM .....	\$ 4,050,000
3	(b) FSM Fisheries and Maritime	
4	Institute (FMI) .....	575,611
5	(c) College of Micronesia–FSM SEG	
6	Funding .....	689,948
7	(d) COM-FSM Endowment Fund .....	300,000
8	(2) <u>Department of Finance &amp; Administration.</u>	
9	(a) FSM Warehouse lease & maintenance	40,000
10	(b) PCD Awareness & Training .....	15,000
11	(3) <u>Department of Resources &amp; Development.</u>	
12	(a) R&D SNLC .....	100,000
13	(b) Enhancing Tourism: Kosrae subsidy	
14	to the Office of the Governor of the States	
15	of Kosrae; PROVIDED THAT, no funds shall	
16	be used for travel expenses .....	250,000
17	(c) Enhancing Tourism: Pohnpei .....	500,000
18	(d) Enhancing Tourism: Chuuk – to be	
19	apportioned as follows:	
20	(1) Chuuk Visitor's Bureau ....	120,000
21	(2) Environmental Protection	
22	Agency – Solid Waste Program .....	120,000
23	(3) Department of Agriculture –	
24	Forestry & Conservation .....	100,000
25	(4) Fisheries .....	100,000

1	(5) Chuuk Women's Council (CWC) \$ 30,000	
2	(6) Chuuk Comprehensive	
3	Cancer Program vehicle .....	30,000
4	(e) Enhancing Tourism: Yap-to be used	
5	for Yap Stone Money Banks and Paths, Yap	
6	Historical Sites, maintaining various existing	
7	significant traditional sites; PROVIDED	
8	THAT, no funds shall be used	
9	for travel expenses; and PROVIDED THAT no single	
10	expenditure exceeds \$10,000; FURTHER	
11	PROVIDED THAT, funds shall not be used	
12	to develop new sites .....	250,000
13	(4) <u>Department of Transportation,</u>	
14	<u>Communications and Infrastructure</u>	
15	(a) Operation and Dry-Docking of	
16	Caroline Voyager and Navigator....	1,500,000
17	(b) FSM National Government Computer	
18	Network .....	277,420
19	(c) AIP Matching Fund .....	961,667
20	(d) Relocation of power and telephone	
21	lines in Pohnpei - Madolenihmw .....	50,000
22	(5) <u>Department of Justice.</u>	
23	(a) Anti-Human Trafficking Enforcement,	
24	Campaign and Investigation .....	125,000
25	(b) Victims Shelter & Services .....	100,000

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1	(c) Boat maintenance .....	\$ 125,000
2	(6) <u>Department of Environment, Climate</u>	
3	<u>Change and Emergency Management.</u>	
4	(a) National & State Table Top Exercise	-0-
5	(b) Outer Island Trip Assessment-	
6	Climate Change & Disaster Risk Management .	-0-
7	(c) National Joint Platform for	
8	Environment & Risk Resilience .....	20,000
9	(d) International Day for Disaster	
10	Reduction .....	12,000
11	(e) Training & Maintenance for Radio	
12	Communication .....	14,000
13	(f) Fostering Sustainable Solid Waste	
14	Management Systems in FSM .....	-0-
15	(7) <u>National Election.</u>	
16	(a) National Election (Voter ID	
17	Card Project) .....	-0-
18	(8) <u>Department of Health and Social Affairs.</u>	
19	(a) MOE-BHWP .....	22,200
20	(b) Electronic Record System .....	50,000
21	(c) Rheumatic Heart Program .....	120,000
22	(d) Medical Specialist Team .....	195,000
23	(e) National Women Council .....	50,000
24	(f) Vector Surveillance & Control	
25	Program .....	50,000



1	(g) Histopathology laboratory .....	\$ 1,000
2	(h) FSM Food safety laboratory .....	40,000
3	(9) <u>Department of Education.</u>	
4	(a) NDOE Year 3 Project (SEG) .....	556,074
5	(b) School Accreditation .....	50,000
6	(c) Teacher Certification Project ..	23,000
7	(d) Literacy intervention for FSM	
8	Leaders of Tomorrow (LIFT) .....	181,170
9	(e) Development of Science Student	
10	Learning Outcomes (SLOs) .....	150,000
11	(f) Quality Development .....	15,000
12	(g) NMCT administration .....	30,000
13	(10) <u>NORMA</u>	
14	(a) Commemoration of World Tuna Day 2020	25,000
15	(b) FFC Meetings .....	80,000
16	(11) <u>Other Capital and Human Resources</u>	
17	<u>Development</u>	
18	(a) Capital Improvement Projects ...	-0-
19	(b) Design and Construction of	
20	Veterans Memorial .....	150,000
21	(c) Conservation Society in each	
22	state to be apportioned as follows:	
23	(1) Kosrae .....	50,000
24	(2) Pohnpei .....	50,000
25	(3) Chuuk .....	50,000

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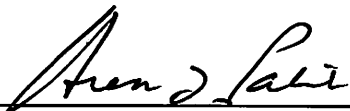
1	(4) Yap .....	\$ 50,000
2	(d) 2020 Constitutional Convention	
3	Convening and Expenses .....	1,026,236
4	(e) Purchase of Embassy Building of	
5	the FSM Embassy in Washington, D.C. ....	1,500,000
6	(f) Chuuk state purchase a field trip	
7	vessel .....	800,000
8	(g) Pohnpei State purchase of field trip	
9	vessel and operation costs .....	300,000
10	(h) Hazardous pay to health care workers	
11	in the Federated States of Micronesia,	
12	foreign service personnel in infected	
13	countries, and other national government	
14	employees regardless of employment status who	
15	qualify for hazard pay due to the coronavirus	
16	outbreak .....	250,000
17	(i) Purchase and delivery of an	
18	Outer island airplane/Isotainer and fuel	
19	cart/operation .....	250,000
20	(j) Assistance to FSM residents	
21	stranded in Hawaii and Guam due to the	
22	COVID-19 travel restrictions .....	300,000
23	(k) Assistance to FSM students who	
24	are unable to return home due to the	
25	COVID-19 travel restrictions .....	100,000

1                   (1) Payment to the University of  
2                   Guam for FSM students room and board while  
3                   unable to return to the FSM due to  
4                   travel restrictions ..... \$           50,000  
5                   (m) Contribution to Consulate in Guam  
6                   for COVID-19 response activities .....       25,000  
7                   (n) Renovations of the Congress Chamber   150,000  
8                   (o) Land negotiations for the  
9                   National Government .....       2,500,000"

10       Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
11       President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
12       becoming law without such approval.

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9 February, 2024

   
Wesley W. Simina  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia