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COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-82

RE: C.R. No. 21-240/T&C

SUBJECT: APPROVING A $12,760,000 GRANT FROM ADB TO FUND THE CHUUK WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROJECT

JANUARY 26, 2021

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2021

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation and Communication to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 21-485, regarding Congressional Resolution No. 21-240, entitled:

> "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT A $12,760,000 GRANT FROM THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB) TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE CHUUK WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION PROJECT, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee had conducted a public hearing on the said resolution on Monday, January 25, 2021, at the Congressional hearing room.

The witnesses present at the hearing included representative from other jurisdictions, including

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representatives from the FSM Department of Resources and Development, the FSM Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure, the FSM Department of Finance and Administration, the FSM Department of Justice, and the Office of the President.

At the hearing, there was a misunderstanding of the assignment of the measure. Nevertheless, your Committee heard from a representative from the Project Management Unit, Mr. Robert Goodwin.

According to Robert Goodwin, the funding is for the improvement of the water system and the sewer system in the state of Chuuk. Mr. Goodwin explained that the main objective of the project is to find a new source of water supply and improve the existing sewer system. According to Mr. Goodwin, there will be an extension of sewage pipes to hook up 750 households. Furthermore, the enhancement of technical assistance to Chuuk Power Utility Corporation (CPUC), but the PMU at the National Government will be monitoring the project. It was discussed at the hearing that CPUC has already come up with the plan and scope of the project.

Your Committee had asked why the funding is going to Chuuk State? Mr. Goodwin indicted that ADB also has plans on a water project in Kosrae, but Kosrae is not ready. Since CPUC has good management now, thus ADB has decided to give the project to CPUC based on its readiness. For Yap and Pohnpei states, ADB has already funded projects in Yap and Pohnpei states.

Your Committee was informed that the project is actually based on the readiness of CPUC to implement the project.

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Your Committee on Transportation and Communication is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-240 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SIXTH REGULAR SESSION, 2021 T&C C.R. NO. 21-240

A RESOLUTION

To approve and accept a $12,760,000 grant from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to provide funding for the Chuuk Water Supply and Sanitation Project, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

WHEREAS, the ADB issued a grant award on December 4, 2020, to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia providing funding in the amount of $12,760,000 for the Chuuk Water Supply and Sanitation Project; and

WHEREAS, this grant is considered as a foreign financial assistance that requires for its validity the approval by Congress through a resolution; and

WHEREAS, that the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to the ADB for extending this grant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2021, that Congress hereby approves the $12,760,000 grant for the ADB to fund the Chuuk Water Supply and Sanitation Project, including all the terms and conditions thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Justice, and the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Date: _____ Introduced by: _____

Florencio S. Harper
(by request)

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Date: 1/18/21

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