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COMMITTEE ON  
TRANSPORTATION AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 23-102

RE: C.R. NO. 23-269/T&C

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FEDERATED STATES OF  
MICRONESIA (FSM) INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT  
PLAN (IDP) 2025-2034.

JANUARY 23, 2025

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses  
Speaker, Twenty-Third Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Sixth Regular Session, 2025

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation and Communications, to which  
was referred C. R. No. 23-269, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE FEDERATED  
STATES OF MICRONESIA (FSM) INFRASTRUCTURE  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN (IDP) 2024-2043.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held a joint hearing with your Committee on  
Resources and Development on C.R. No. 23-268 and C.R. No. 23-269  
on Friday, January 17, 2025.

The hearing was attended by Members of Congress: Speaker Esmond  
B. Moses, Floor Leader Quincy Lawrence, Senator Isaac V. Figir,  
Senator Fabian S. Nimea, Senator Johnson A. Asher, Senator  
Perpetua S. Konman, Yoslyn G. Sigrah and Senator Merlynn A.  
Alfonso.

The hearing was also attended by witnesses including the

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Assistant Secretary FJ Yatilman, Secretary Carl Apis, Dayne Ieske, President's Representative Belan Yoma and Secretary Jun Bacalando from the Department of Justice.

Chairman Fabian Nimea greeted the witnesses, and thanked them for availing themselves to the hearing. He then yielded the floor to the Secretary Carl Apis. The Secretary gave a brief summary of the FSM IDP.

#### **Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) 2025-2034**

The IDP was transmitted to FSM Congress through Presidential Communication No. 23-256 on January 9, 2025, one day before the Sixth Regular Session of the FSM Congress commences. In this communication, the President indicated that the previous IDP covered the period from 2016 to 2025, and this new IDP is a guide for the nation's infrastructure development for the next ten (10) years. In addition, this IDP will support the FSM's infrastructure development ensuring that all public infrastructure assets meet the current and future demands of our communities, including transportation, energy, water and sanitation, public facilities, and marine, agriculture and coastal protection.

Essentially, this IDP aims to prioritize critical infrastructure project and investments needed to enhance connectivity, resilience, and economic growth. It is a tool for the nation as it emphasizes sustainable and climate-resilient infrastructure, ensuring alignment with the nation's environmental and development policies.

Your Committee understands that the four volumes of the state IDPs together with the national IDP now form the nation's 2025 to 2034 IDP (herein called the "IDP"). Importantly, this IDP was fully supported by the leaders of the national government and of the four-state government, in which all leaders adopted the IDP unanimously during the 14<sup>th</sup> State and National Leadership Conference (SNLC) held in Palikir on December 10-11, 2024.

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Your Committee inquired with the witnesses whether the team found any risks during the development stage of the IDP, case in point is on the land issue. The witnesses testified that for the land issue, there is a need to secure land lease for each project. Secretary Apis also informed the Committee that we will have future opportunities to continue to update the IDP over its 10-year period.

At the hearing, your Committee was informed that the adoption of Congressional Resolution No. 23-269 is needed because there is a need to submit the IDP to JEMCO before March 2025 in order to facilitate the disbursement of Compact Infrastructure funds.

#### **I. Conclusion**

The Committee on Transportation and Communication has reviewed C.R. No. 23-269, and considered all testimony from the January 17, 2025, hearing. Your Committee on Transportation and Communications is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 23-269, and recommends that it be placed on the resolution calendar for adoption.

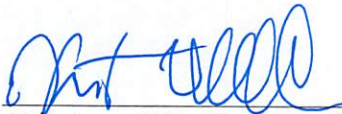
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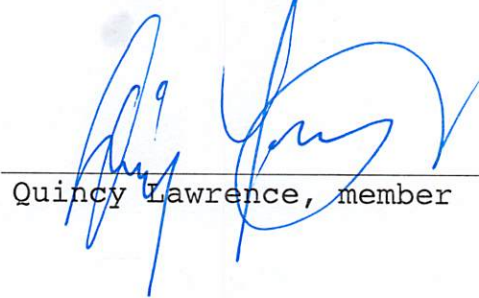
Respectfully submitted,




Victor V. Goulund, chairman



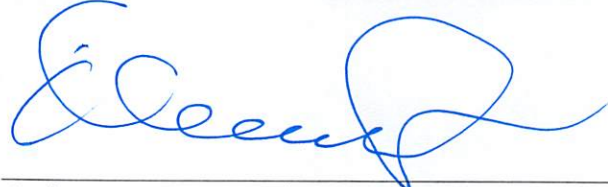
Yoslyn G. Sigrah, vice chairwoman



Quincy Lawrence, member



Merlynn Abello-Alfonso, member



Robson U. Romolow, member

Joseph J. Urusemal, member



Fabian S. Nimea, member

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A RESOLUTION

Approving and adopting the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)  
Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) 2025-2034.

1       WHEREAS, the previous Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)  
2 Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP) 2016-2025 has come to an  
3 end; and

4       WHEREAS, the next FSM IDP covers the period from 2025 to  
5 2034 and presents the FSM's ten (10) year roadmap for the FSM's  
6 capital development needs and ensures that public  
7 infrastructure assets meet the current and future demands of  
8 our communities, including transportation, energy, water and  
9 sanitation, public facilities, and marine, agriculture and  
10 coastal protection; and

11       WHEREAS, the 2025-2034 IDP was developed to support the  
12 nation's development goals by outlining critical infrastructure  
13 projects and investments needed to enhance connectivity,  
14 resilience, and economic growth; and

15       WHEREAS, the 2025-2034 IDP has received nationwide support  
16 through its adoption by the 14<sup>th</sup> State and National Leadership  
17 Conference (SNLC) held in Palikir from December 10-11, 2024;  
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19       WHEREAS, the 2025-2034 IDP is an essential tool for the  
20 nation as it emphasizes sustainable and climate-resilient



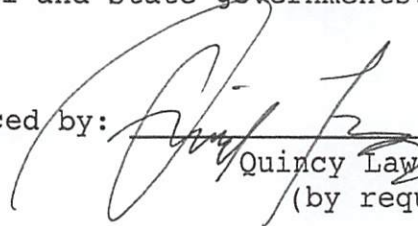
1 infrastructure, ensuring alignment with the nation's  
2 environmental and development policies; now, therefore,  
3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-Third Congress of the  
4 Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2025,  
5 that Congress hereby approves and adopts the FSM Infrastructure  
6 Development Plan (IDP) 2025-2034; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
9 States of Micronesia, the Governor of each State of the Nation,  
10 the Presiding Officers of the four State Legislatures, and the  
11 Cabinet Members of both National and State governments.

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13 Date: 01/13/25

Introduced by:

  
Quincy Lawrence  
(by request)

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