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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO: 21-63

RE: P.C. 21-253/J&GO

SUBJECT: FY 2021 BUDGET

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session, 2020

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was jointly referred Presidential Communication No. 21-253, begs leave to report as follows:

Presidential Communication No. 21-253 concerns the National Government's proposed budget for fiscal year 2021 as set forth in the National Government Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget ("Budget Book"). Pursuant to rule 7, section 4(b) of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, your Committee has limited its review to those portions of the proposed budget relating to matters under its jurisdiction. These are:

I. Operations:
   a. Department of Justice
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      iii. Division of Anti-Human Trafficking Services
      iv. Division of Law
      v. Registrar of Corporations
      vi. Division of Immigration and Passport Services
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      viii. Division of Investigation and Protective Services

ix. Division of Border Control and Maritime Surveillance
x. Office of the Public Defender
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i. Voter ID Card and New Voter Registration Project

This report and all previous and subsequent reports by this committee should be treated as policy for this Nation as defined by the Congress. It is your Committee's intent that any commentary found in this report should be treated as policy for the guidance of the relevant departments, agencies and offices. It should be noted that in light of the uncertain economic times and the anticipated decrease in the projected budget, in general, no new hirings or requested salary increases have been approved. In addition, the travel budget has been decreased by 70% across the board.

Your Committee conducted a series of public hearings with the various departments, following the convening of the Second Regular Session of the Twent-First Congress in May 2020. The report and recommendations that follow are based upon the information contained in the Budget Book and the input provided by witnesses at those hearings.

Your Committee's findings and recommendations follow:

Overall Budget:

	FY20 Appropriated	FY21 President Recommended	FY21 Committee Recommended
Personnel	5,974,793	6,259,432	6,157,875
Travel	797,960	868,379	254,812
Contract	1,195,399	1,122,665	1,186,884
OCE	848,889	1,047,506	1,035,771
Fixed Assets	320,300	140,800	147,300
Total	9,137,341	9,438,782	8,782,642

DISCUSSION OF FY 2021 BUDGET

The appropriations discussed below are presented, by department, office and agency, in the order in which they appear in the Budget Book. The figures given for each department, office and

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agency include the figures from the budget book for the total amount appropriate by law for FY 2020 and the amount recommended by the President and the amount recommended by Congress for each entity for FY 2021.

Your Committee makes the following recommendations.

I. Operations
a. Department of Justice

Detail by Division
i. Administration, Office of the Secretary

	FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommended	FY 21 Committee Recommends
Personnel	147,853	162,664	147,853
Travel	31,710	31,710	9,513
Contract	236,000	226,000	226,000
OCE	20,340	20,340	20,340
Fixed	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL	445,903	450,714	413,706
#Positions	6	6	6

Personnel: Increase in personnel, $12,879 for Secretary salary to adjust to new Cabinet level salary increase. Due to the budget projection, the committee is unable to approve salary increases at this time.

Travel: No change is requested in this category.

Contract: Decrease of $10,000 for website

OCE: No change is requested in this category.

Fixed Assets: No change is requested in this category.

ii. Division of Litigation

	FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommended	FY 21 Committee Recommends
Personnel	403,234	423,574	403,234
Travel	81,523	81,523	24,457
Contract	9,500	9,500	9,500
OCE	9,000	9,000	9,000
Fixed	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	508,257	528,597	451,191
#Positions	12	12	12

Personnel: *Increase in AAG Salaries*
Increase in benefits
Due to the budget projection, the committee is unable to approve salary increases at this time.

Travel: *No change*

Contract: *No change*

OCE: *No change*

Fixed Assets: *No change*

Positions: *No change*

Chief of Litigation, Abigail Avoryie, noted that it has been difficult to fill vacancies due to salary base. There are additional requirements for attorneys to pass the bar and they need experienced attorney's. The salary level is one of the lowest in the region. She noted that they have to contract outside attorney's for consultation if we don't have the experience in specific areas. They are seeking competent, qualified, local attorney's to work in litigation and law.

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It was noted that we are currently in a pandemic and we have been presented with a grim economic scenario for the upcoming fiscal year. We are projected to lose $3M plus for revenue next year. It was asked, with the current salary, would attorneys be willing to remain? The response was that all of the attorneys are happy with their employment, but they would appreciate being adequately compensated. The salary is too low for the position. However, they do understand the current restraints.

Chairman Figir asked if there will be an AAG assigned to Yap. The response was that they have assignments in all other states and they are working to fill the position in Yap and they anticipate filling the position within the next year. The department is focused on the set up of the anti-human trafficking division and filling the vacant Yap position.

iii. Division of Anti-Human Trafficking Services

	FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 Recommended	FY 21 Committee Recommends
Personnel	0	101,392	50,696
Travel	0	38,000	5,700
Contract	0	0	0
OCE	0	0	0
Fixed	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	139,392	56,396
#Positions	0	5	5

This is a newly created unit within the Department. The Committee asked how the new unit was created. The response was that the Secretary had been consulting with the President and the President gave the green light to move forward. They intend to set up one office in each state. An Executive order was made for the separations and the new units.

The AHT office is based on funding a coordinator in each state. They do not have a national coordinator or one for Yap at this time.

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Due to the budget projection, the committee approved half of the requested budget and will review the need for additional funding through a supplemental request.

iv. Division of Law

	FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY21 Committee Recommends
Personnel	304,847	351,835	304,847
Travel	89,518	89,518	26,855
Contract	5,000	125,000	5,000
OCE	7,500	7,500	7,500
Fixed	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	411,865	578,853	349,202
#Positions	6	6	6

Personnel: Increase in AAG salaries
Decrease in benefits
Due to the budget projection, the committee is unable to approve salary increases at this time.

Travel: No change

Contract: Expert on Law of the Sea, $60,000
Expert on Aviation/Air Space Law, $60,000

Due to the budget projection, the committee does not feel that the request for experts is justified at this time. The committee feels that there are contracted staff who are able to meet the need for the expert of the law of the sea and the U.S is available to assist with issues to related to aviation and air space law.

OCE: No change

Fixed Assets: No change

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The Chief of Law noted that the increase in personnel was due to the increase in AAG salary and the difference in salary for chief and AAG. There are 6 AAG positions, no additional positions were requested.

The department of law has worked on 348 contracts, congressional acts, bills, resolutions, drafting regulations, in addition to working on special projects, including maritime boundaries, 4 bi-lateral treaties, national baselines, EEZ, territorial waters, contiguous zones, etc. They have also deposited treaties with secretary general of the UN that are now legally binding under the UN charter. The unit has been involved with preparing for the nautical maps that will be widely distributed. It has been a major accomplishment for the FSM to complete the required deposits. These accomplishments serve the FSM to ensure the permanence of the FSM borders. Another project is the continental shelf project in Yap involving 150,000 sq. km. of seabed in the high seas. This claim is being studied under law of the sea convention. There has been a preliminary consultation with neighbors to avoid any conflict.

The recommended budget includes the contract for Clement Mulalap to provide advice directly to the UN mission and the Department of Justice on matters relating to international law, including when requested by the President. They intend to continue the contract with Mr. Mulalap. He has been responsive and knowledgeable. Previously issues were dealt with from Palikir, which was cumbersome and challenging. He can respond to ongoing developments in UN, standing committees, complex legal matters requiring input of DOJ. He is a continued and reliable legal service to the mission. Mr. Bacaldondo reported he is on contract and he's a licensed attorney in NY. He is qualified to do the work of the DOJ to provide legal services to the UN mission. He is considered a legal attaché, subject to the Vienna Convention. The FSM is providing his contract, plus housing and health insurance and other benefits. They want to keep him in the position. His contract runs through the fiscal year. After consulting with Mr. Mulalap, the Secretary of Justice is requesting an additional $20,000 be added to Mr. Mulalap's contract for fiscal year 2021.

The Secretary of Justice noted that the expert on law of sea and aviation and air/space law amounts are a starting point for the department. The U.S. has been managing the space aspect, however, they want an expert to advise them how they can move forward with managing their own airspace.

Speaker noted that he anticipates that there will be legislation submitted to Congress that will also speak to the management of airspace.

Regarding the law of the sea expert, deep-sea mining law will be included. Congress is interested in seeing something concrete to show progress in these areas. It was noted that they are mapping the seabed and the next step will be working with maritime boundaries. It was noted that the seabed mining legislation calls for establishing a boarder. They are also securing the division of the continental shelf as three countries have submitted a claim.

v. Registrar of Corporations

	FY 20 Appropriated	**FY 21 President Recommends**	**FY21 Committee Recommends**
Personnel	76,238	76,238	76,238
Travel	19,596	19,596	5,879
Contract	15,000	15,000	15,000
OCE	9,720	9,720	9,720
Fixed	6,800	6,800	6,800
TOTAL	127,354	127,354	113,637
#Positions	4	4	4

No change is requested in this category.

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Things are moving forward with the major corporations and insurance scheme. Regarding captive insurance, insurance board needs to hire an expert to continue to bring credibility and strength to the regulations. OACD global forum issued largely compliant rating to the FSM regarding tax transparency, largely related to captive insurance. To maintain that rating, insurance board needs to maintain its credibility as a regulator an expert is essential.

vi. Division of Immigration and Passport Services

	FY 20 Appropriated	**FY 21 President Recommends**	**FY21 Committee Recommends**
Personnel	646,790	516,717	566,717
Travel	23,020	23,020	6,906
Contract	77,758	77,758	77,758
OCE	113,383	113,383	113,383
Fixed	20,000	0	0
TOTAL	880,951	730,878	764,764
#Positions	46	37	37

Personnel: Decrease is due to decrease in staff. They changed from division of immigration and labor and split staff. When the separation of divisions occurred, the Division of Labor staff were given a salary increase and the Committee is including an additional $50,000 in personnel to equalize the pay in the two divisions.

Travel: No change

Contract: No change

OCE: No change

Fixed Assets: None recommended in budget

vii. Division of Labor **New

	FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY21 Committee Recommends
Personnel	0	175,212	175,212
Travel	0	10,500	3,150
Contract	0	10,000	10,000
OCE	0	41,000	41,000
Fixed	0	20,000	20,000
TOTAL	0	256,712	249,362
#Positions	0	10	10

This is a newly created unit, separated from the Division of Immigration and Labor. They are requesting an increase of 1 position for new Chief.

viii. Division of Investigation and Protective Services
**Formerly National Police

	FY 20 Appropriated *National Police	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
Personnel	1,826,331	1,059,333	1,059,33
Travel	129,435	117,465	35,239
Contract	291,719	184,219	184,219
OCE	217,500	173,500	173,500
Fixed	60,500	16,500	16,500
TOTAL	2,525,485	1,551,017	1,468,791
#Positions	104	53	53

This is a separation from what was formerly the National Police. The security police are assigned to this division and surveillance has been assigned to Border Control and Maritime Surveillance.

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ix. Division of Border Control and Maritime Surveillance
**Formerly part of National Police

	FY 20 Appropriated *National Police	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
Personnel	1,826,331	803,525	803,525
Travel	129,435	31,500	9,450
Contract	291,719	64,485	64,485
OCE	217,500	139,200	139,200
Fixed	60,500	0	0
TOTAL	2,525,485	1,038,710	1,016,660
#Positions	104	68	68

This division was separated from the previously National Police. There is a request to fund 17 new positions.

b. Office of the Public Defender

	FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
Personnel	744,081	744,081	744,801
Travel	140,120	142,505	42,751
Contract	101,050	111,350	111,350
OCE	86,900	86,900	86,900
Fixed	15,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL	1,087,151	1,089,836	990,082
#Positions	26	26	26

Personnel: $4929 had been proposed by the Public Defender's office, but was not recommended by the President's Office, the increase was for salary adjustments, however, they did not follow the protocol for salary increases. Requested Admin officer II reclassified to be consistent with salary with AO in Department of Justice, they have similar duties and workload. Requested salary increase for legal secretary in Yap

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$1,997, 27-1 to 27-5. She has been in the position since 1988, last salary adjustment in 2008. Requested salary adjustment $478 for Pohnpei Investigator II position, 26-1 to 26-4.

Travel: Proposal from the Public Defender's office requested $157,995, the recommended increase from President is only $2,385. The requested increase was for an annual conference $5290, $10,200 for Pohnpei multi-defendant cases/conflict cases. Also, and increase for Pohnpei and Chuuk attorney's in Yap for multi-defendant cases of $2385 (this is what was recommended). They are looking at hiring local attorney's take cases at a lower rate instead of having attorneys from other states travel that require thousands of dollars for each instance.

Contract: $200,000 requested for civil cases turned away from MLSC because of conflicts. This was not recommended by the President. The breakdown would be $50,000 for one attorney in each state. The Public Defender's Office indicates the Presidential Declaration #8 provides for this, however upon review, the declaration only allows for it, it does not mandate it.

$7,800 requested by the Public Defender for an investigator for Kosrae. ($5,000 recommended by the President). $7,800 requested for an Assistant Administrator (recommended by the President)

$8,934 was requested by the Public Defender's Office for office security in Yap, Kosrae and Chuuk (this was not recommended by the President) Surveillance system set up in Pohnpei after the arson of the Pohnpei Supreme Court and Attorney General office. The Public Defender's office had a break in shortly after that. There is a 4 hour battery that runs when power goes out. The system records 2 weeks worth of recordings in the cloud. The cost is $2,000 for 5 cameras.

OCE: No change

Fixed Assets: $15,000 requested for a boat/engine/trailer with safety equipment for Pohnpei office for site visits Protected Marine Sanctuary cases. This was not recommended by

the President. $27,000 was requested by the Public Defender's Office for a re placement vehicle for Kosrae, 8 year old vehicle currently. The President did not recommend this.

It was noted that the Public Defender's Office supports the staff attorney increase being lobbied for by DOJ. They noted that the Chief of Law and Chief of Litigation salary recommendation are higher the Chief of PD and request that any changes be equally applied.

EBRC noted that they look at FY19 to evaluate the performances and how offices and departments submit their proposals. They look at personnel, the process of increasing salaries is putting the cart before the horse. Performance evaluations are needed before salary increases should be occurring.

There were question regarding conflict cases for civil cases, as to what other options are available. The response was that they can only use remote options for preliminary proceedings. (this is for criminal cases, civil cases different) There was a recommendation to discuss further and also see about compiling a list of local pro-bono attorneys or come up with other options.

c. National Judiciary

	FY 20 Appropriated	**FY 21 President Recommends**	**FY 21 Committee Recommends**
Personnel	1,026,561	1,046,003	1,026,561
Travel	185,974	185,978	55,793
Contract	213,100	237,300	237,300
OCE	155,388	186,050	176,315
Fixed	143,000	54,000	54,000
TOTAL	1,724,023	1,709,330	1,549,969
#Positions	42	43	42

Personnel: Several salary increases and a new archive manager position, due to the budget projection, no new positions and no salary increases are being supported by the Committee.

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Travel: $4 increase

Contract: Changes in office renovation costs

OCE: Increase in judicial conference, $9,735. Due to travel restrictions, the Committee does not approve this request.

Added medical fund for justices, $10,000. The Committee approves this request, noting that the only expenses that should be paid from this fund are expenses that MiCare does not cover.

Fixed Assets: Decrease

d. Agencies, Boards, Authorities, Commissions & Corporations
   i. National Postal Service

	FY 20 Appropriated	**FY 21 President Recommends**	**FY 21 Committee Recommends**
Personnel	546,818	546,818	546,818
Travel	74,047	74,047	22,214
Contract	187,119	187,119	187,119
OCE	146,195	175,950	175,950
Fixed	30,000	10,000	0
TOTAL	984,179	993,934	932,101
#Positions	40	40	40

Personnel: No change

Travel: No change

Contract: No change

OCE: Change in ADSL and computer accessories

Fixed Assets: New vehicle funds were appropriated last year. A request was made this year for a new vehicle for the

Post Master General, however, it was reported that her current vehicle is still in good working order and the Committee does not approve the request at this time.

The postal service has demonstrated its an essential service, especially during the pandemic. OCE increase of $9,755 is for consumable goods. There has been an increase in cost for FSM telecom expenses, new ADSL lines have been installed in all offices in order to use new financial system. Also there has been an increase in utilities cost. The postal service is basing their request on 2019 actual budget expenses. Chuuk utilities has increased, main increase.

e. Special Programs
   i. National Election Commission Office

	FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
Personnel	252,040	252,040	252,040
Travel	23,017	23,017	6,905
Contract	59,153	59,153	59,153
OCE	82,963	82,963	82,963
Fixed	25,000	25,000	25,000
TOTAL	442,173	417,173	426,061
#Positions	13	13	13

Personnel: No change

Travel: No change

Contract: No change

OCE: No change

Fixed Assets: No change

It was noted that the Chuuk office requested a pick up truck and they also requested a new vehicle for the new director. The central office is using the vehicle that was funded last year.

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The recommended budget does not include any new vehicles. The Committee finds that $25,000 should be added for a pick up truck for the Chuuk office.

II. Grants, Subsidies and Contributions

a. Department of Justice

i. States Joint Law Enforcement

	FY 20 Appropriated	**FY 21 President Recommends**	**FY 21 Committee Recommends**
Kosrae	75,000	75,000	75,000
Pohnpei	200,000	200,000	200,000
Chuuk	200,000	200,000	125,000
Weno Municipal Police			75,000
Yap	75,000	75,000	75,000
TOTAL	550,000	550,000	550,000

No change in funding requested. The Department of Justice if requesting the allottee be changed to the President instead of the governors. The Committee supports the requested change of allottee. In addition, the Committee notes that Weno Municipal Police has received funding in the FY 20 budget and the Committee recommends the same level of funding be allocated, thus reducing the State portion of the funds.

ii. Police Academy

FY 20 Appropriated	**FY 21 President Recommends**	**FY 21 Committee Recommends**
200,000	200,000	100,000

No change is requested in this category. The Committee notes that there have not been as many classes due to the travel restrictions. As such, the Committee recommends the funding be reduced, noting that supplemental requests can be made as needed.

iii. DOJ Fuel Subsidy

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
200,000	200,000	250,000

The Committee notes that there have been additional patrols happening due to the need to enforce the current travel restrictions. As such, there has been an increase in fuel usage. The committee recommends an increase of $50,000 in this category.

iv. Ammunitions for side arms and long rifles

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	25,000	25,000

v. Organizations for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	7,962	7,962

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vi. Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization (CTBT)

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	13,708	13,708

III. Retroactive Salary (2013-2016) for Captain of National Police

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	10,000	0

The Committee notes that additional information and supporting documentation is needed from the Department of Personnel to justify this request.

a. States Judiciaries

	FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
Kosrae	40,000	40,000	40,000
Pohnpei	60,000	60,000	60,000
Chuuk	110,000	110,000	110,000
Yap	40,000	40,000	40,000
TOTAL	200,000	200,000	200,000

No change is requested in this category.

b. Micronesian Legal Services Corporation

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
250,000	250,000	250,000

No change is requested in this category.

a. General Election (March 2021)

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	497,607	497,607

General Election Breakdown:

Travel requested is $18,487.10 for workshops in HNL and GUM, outer island, deliver ballots

Consumable Goods requested is $185,000 for supplies, printing of ballots, advertising, rental of boats and cars and space in GUM and HNL and transportation/freight/ communication

Contractual Services amount requested is $294,120. The committee requested additional information regarding this expense, but no additional information was provided.

Voter ID Care and Registration Project is requesting $50,000. It was noted that electoral aides usually charged to this. This will add more aides in HNL and GUM, one person from each FSM state. They have to special order the voter ID cards through CNI or Ace Office Supply and they are not available on island. Travel for islands in Chuuk to help them get to outer islands to help register new voters and issue voter ID cards as needed. They want to focus on hiring the extra electoral aides, 2 from each state at $750 bi-weekly.

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It was asked why it is equal for each state and it was requested that justification for the numbers be provided. No additional information was received. It was noted that we have to cut as much as we can under the uncertain economic times we are in.

IV. Capital and Human Resources Development

a. Department of Justice

i. Anti-Human Trafficking Enforcement, Campaign and Investigation

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
125,000	125,000	125,000

ii. Victim Shelter and Services

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
100,000	100,000	100,000

iii. Patrol Boat Maintenance

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
125,000	125,000	150,000

The Committee notes that the patrol boats have seen an increase in usage due to the travel restrictions. As such, the Committee feels that an additional $25,000 is justified to ensure the safety of the patrol boat.

vi. PII Case Arbitration

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
150,000	0	0

PII case is still pending litigation and they are in the preliminary stages. FSM has requested the court reduce the judgment or dismiss the arbitration amount. There was a high low agreement entered into prior to the arbitration agreement. The Court has not made any decisions and payment will be delayed until the court makes any decisions. Both parties have submitted motions. There was a $9M award against FSM through arbitration.

vii. Slipping of FSS Independence

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	750,000	750,000

viii. DOJ Satellite Phone & Billing

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	10,000	10,000

The funds requested are for satellite phones for the Patrol boats.

ix. HT Annual Conference

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	50,000	50,000

x. Victim Shelter in Chuuk

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	50,000	50,000

xi. Build Anti-Trafficking Shelters in Pohnpei, Kosrae and Yap

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	150,000	150,000

b. National Election Commission Office

i. Voter ID Card and New Voter Registration Project

FY 20 Appropriated	FY 21 President Recommends	FY 21 Committee Recommends
0	50,000	50,000

CONCLUSION

With the modifications identified above, your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends authorizing those portions of the FY 2021 budget relating to matters under its jurisdiction, subject to the availability of funds, as determined by your Committee on Ways and Means.

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