## COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-14

RE: C.B. No. 24-45/W&M

SUBJECT: TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-95, AS

AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 TO EXTEND THE LAPSE DATE DUE TO A TECHINCAL ERROR IN THE

PREVIOUS LAW.

AUGUST 14 , 2025

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses Speaker, Twenty-Fourth Congress Federated States of Micronesia First Special Session, 2025

Dear Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways & Means, to which was referred Congressional Bill No. 24-45, entitled:

"TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW No. 20-95, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 20-173, 21-47, 21-72, 21-85, 21-125, 21-151, 22-143, and 23-106, BY AMENDING SECTION 6 THEREOF, TO EXTEND THE LAPSE DATE OF FUNDS PREVIUOSLY APPROPRIATED THEREIN, TO FUND PUBLIC PROJECTS AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS FOR THE PEOPLE IN EACH OF THE STATES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received Congress Bill No. 24-45 that proposes to amend the lapse date from 2022 to 2026.

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Congress passed C.B. 23-142 C.D.1 on May 29, 2024, and the President signed it into law (P.L. 23-106) on July 2, 2024. When C.B. 23-142 C.D.1 was passed by Congress, the lapse date in the bill was amended to 2026, but when the bill was engrossed and sent to the President on June 3,2024, there was a technical error and the lapse date was changed to 2022 in error. This mistake was not noticed and the President signed it into law, Public Law No. 23-106.

Your Committee now has Congress Bill No. 24-45, which looks to correct this technical error. Your Committee spoke with the Deputy Secretary of Finance and Administration who reassured your Committee that the funds in this law have not lapsed and remain intact.

## CONCLUSION

Your Committee has carefully reviewed Congressional Bill No. 24-45. Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 24-45, and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading.

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Respectfully submitted,

Fabian S. Nimea, chairman

Victor V. Gouland, member

Johnson A. Asher, member

Perpetua S. Konman, member

Andy P. Choor, member

Peter M. Christian, member

24-45 C.B. NO.

FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2025

W&M

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 20-95, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 20-173, 21-47, 21-72, 21-85, 21-125, 21-151, 22-143 and 23-106, by amending section 6 thereof, to extend the lapse date of funds previously appropriated therein, to fund public projects and social programs for the people in each of the states, and for other purposes.

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

1 Section 1. Section 6 of Public Law No. 20-95 is hereby

2 amended to read as follows:

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"Section 6. Allotment and management of funds and lapse date. All funds appropriated by this act shall be allotted, managed, administered and accounted for in accordance with applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Financial Management Act of 1979. The allottee shall be responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are used solely for the purpose specified in this act, and that no obligations are incurred in excess of the sum appropriated. The allottee of the funds appropriated under section 2 of this act shall be the Governor of Yap State or his designee, PROVIDED THAT, the allottee of funds appropriated under subjection 2(c) and 2(h) of this act shall be the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or his designee; and PROVIDED THAT the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 2(a) of

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this act shall be the President of the COM-FSM or his designee. The allottee of funds appropriated under sections 3 and 4 of this act shall be the President of the Federated States of Micronesia or his designee; PROVIDED THAT, the allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 3(a) to 3(1) of this act shall be the Mayor of Tafunsak Municipal Government or his designee; the allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 3(m) to 3(g) of this act shall be the Mayor of Lelu Municipal Government or his designee; the allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 4(1)(e), 4(2)(a), 4(2)(b), 4(2)(d) and 4(2)(f) of this act shall be the Pohnpei Transportation Authority; the allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 4(2)(c) of this act shall be the President of the COM-FSM or his designee; the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 4(2)(e), 4(2)(q), 4(2)(h) and 4(2)(i) of this act shall be the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure or his designee; the allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 4(3)(g) and 4(3)(m) of this act shall be the Lukenmoanlap of Kitti; the allottee of funds appropriated under subsection 4(3)(f) of this act shall be the FSM National Olympic Committee; the allottee of funds appropriated under subsections 4(3)(h) and 4(3)(1) of this act shall

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1	Section 2.	This act shall become law upon approval by the
2	President of the	Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
3	becoming law with	out such approval.
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