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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-15

RE: C.B. NO. 24-64/W&M

SUBJECT: FY 2025 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

AUGUST 4, 2025

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred Congressional Bill No. 24-64, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTIONS 1, 2, 3, 6, AND 8 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 23-121, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 23-129, 23-144, AND 24-01, TO APPROPRIATE \$1,230,629 IN SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE OPERATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH; OPERATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH; OPERATIONS OF AGENCIES, BOARDS, AUTHORITIES, AND COMMISSIONS; AND GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS; TO CHANGE THE USE OF FUNDS FOR A CERTAIN LINE ITEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows.

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

Background Information

The primary purpose of this bill is to appropriate additional funds for Fiscal Year 2025. On July 30, 2025, Congress

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received Departmental Comm. No. 24-14 from the Department of Finance and Administration, reporting new revenues available for appropriations, including \$3,500,000 in new Carryover funds and \$200,000 in new "Other Non-Tax" revenues (dividend payouts from the Bank of the FSM). On August 1, 2025, Congress received Presidential Comm. No. 24-74, which contained a proposed supplemental budget bill (introduced by request as C.B. No. 24-44). On August 11, 2025, and August 12, 2025, your Committee held public hearings with representatives from the Department of Finance and Administration, the President's Office, and the Department of Justice to discuss all requests included in the Executive's proposed supplemental budget bill. On August 13, 2025, your Committee met internally to deliberate over the Executive's supplemental budget requests and to consider certain other supplemental budget requests from individual members of Congress. As a result of its deliberation, your Committee recommends appropriating \$1,230,629 in supplemental funds, entirely from domestic revenue. A summary of these recommended appropriations is contained in the table below.

Summary of Recommended Appropriations

Recommended Appropriations from Domestic Revenue			
Line Item	Description	Amount	
Section 2(1) -	Office of the	\$110,000	
Travel	President - Travel		
Section 2(1) -	Office of the	\$70,000	
Contractual Services	President -		
	Representation Expenses and Office Use		
Section 2(1) - Fixed	Office of the	\$25,000	
Assets	President -		
=	President's Official		
	Residence		
	Furnishings		

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Section 2(2) -	Department of	\$22,645
Contractual Services	Foreign Affairs -	
	Funding for Embassy	
	and Permanent	
	Mission in Geneva	
Section 2(5) -	Department of	\$15,000
Travel	Transportation,	
	Communications and	
	Infrastructure -	
	Division of Civil	
	Aviation Travel	
Section 2(8) -	Department of	\$3,263
Personnel	Justice - Division	
	of Immigration -	
	Overtime Pay	
Section 2(9) -	Office of the Public	\$15,000
Travel	Defender - Travel to	
	attend court	
	proceedings	
Section 2(9) - OCE	Office of the Public	\$15,000
s	Defender - OCE	
Section 2(10) -	Department of	\$19,056
Personnel	Environment, Climate	
	Change and Emergency	
	Management -	
	Personnel	
Section 2(10) -	Department of	\$31,408
Personnel	Environment, Climate	
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	Management - Travel	
Section 3(1) -	FSM Congress -	\$150,000
Contractual Services	Speaker and Members	
	- Medical Assistance	
	Fund	

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Section 3(3) -	FSM Congress -	\$350,000
Contractual Services	Delegation Offices -	
	Representation Fund (supplements for all members) (\$25,000 x	
	14 members)	
Section 6(1) - Travel	NORMA - Travel	\$25,000
Section 6(4) -	FSM Insurance Board	\$3,120
Contractual Services	- Contractual Services	
Section 6(5) - Travel	FSM Postal Services - Travel	\$17,244
Section 8(5)(j)	Department of Health	\$80,000
	and Social Affairs -	
	FSM Women's	
	Conference	
Section 8(7)(f)	Department of Transportation, Communications and	\$100,000
	Infrastructure -	
	Fueling and provisions for	
Section 8(7)(g)	marine vessels Department of Transportation, Communications and	\$59,140
	Infrastructure - FSM	
	National Government Computer Network Bandwidth Project	
Section 8(8)(1)	Department of	\$44,300
	Justice - Docking	
	agreement lease payment to PPA	

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Section 8(8)(m)	Department of	\$22,078
	Justice - Case	
	settlement	
Section 8(8)(n)	Department of	\$375
	Justice - Prior year	
	obligations	
Section 8(12)(aa)	Other Grants, Subsidies and Contributions -	\$53,000
	National Election -	
	Prior Year	
	Obligations	
TOTAL		\$1,230,629

Of note, your Committee would like to emphasize that the supplemental funds appropriated for the operations of the Department of Foreign Affairs are to be used only for the Embassy and Permanent Mission in Geneva, Switzerland.

Related to the Section 8(7) appropriation for fueling and provisions for national marine vessels, your Committee would like to request that the Executive Branch provide a comprehensive report of all sea vessel operations. This report should include a list of all trips taken, a list of all persons on each trip, the duration of each trip, and any payments made or outstanding related to each trip.

In addition to the above recommended appropriations, your Committee also voted to approve a request from the Executive Branch to allow the repurposing of the funds from the line item at Section 8(3)(j) of the budget (Department of Finance and Administration - Finance Conference), so that all of these funds (\$75,000 - from prior appropriations only) may be used to facilitate the preparation of unaudited financial statements from FY24 and FY25.

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Conclusion

Your Committee on Ways and Means has carefully reviewed and considered C.B. No. 24-64. Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 24-64, and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading in the form attached hereto.

Johnson A. Asher, member

Peter M. Christian, member

Respectfully submitted

Fabian S. Nimea, chairman

Gouland, member