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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-17

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 23-573

SUBJECT: FY 2026 BUDGET/J&GO

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, to which was jointly referred Presidential Communication No. 23-573 transmitting the National Government's proposed FY 2026 budget, begs leave to report as follows:

Presidential Communication No. 23-573 was transmitted to Congress with the *National Government Fiscal Year 2026 Recommended Budget* ("Budget Book"). Pursuant to rule 7, section 4(b), of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Twenty-Fourth Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, your Committee has limited its review to portions of the budget under its jurisdiction. These are:

OPERATIONS Budget

- a) Department of Justice
- b) Office of the Public Defender
- c) National Judiciary (FSM Supreme Court)
- d) Office of Veteran's Affairs
- e) National Postal Service
- f) Office of National Elections

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GRANTS, SUBSIDIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS Budget

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- a) States Joint Law Enforcement
- b) Police Academy
- c) DOJ Fuel Subsidy
- d) World Intellectual Property Organization
- e) Interpol Membership & Activities
- f) Ammunition for Sidearm and Long Rifles
- g) Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons
- h) Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty Organization

Resources (Other Grants, Subsidies, & Contributions)

- a) Kosrae State Judiciary
- b) Pohnpei State Judiciary
- c) Chuuk State Judiciary
- d) Yap State Judiciary
- e) National Law Day
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- e) General Election (2025)

CAPITAL AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

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- a) Anti-Human Trafficking Enforcement, Campaign and Investigation
- b) Victim Shelter & Services
- c) Boat Maintenance
- d) DOJ Satellite Phone & Billing
- e) Police Academy Facility
- f) Purchase of Patrol Boat
- g) Patrol Boat Operations

National Election

a) Voter ID Card & New Voter Registration Project

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Other Capital Investment & Human Resources Dev. (CIP)

- a) A&P Legal Services
- b) Settlement of fishing case with Palau
- c) FSM Supreme Court Renovation

This report, and all previous and subsequent reports by this Committee, should be treated as policy for this Nation, as defined by Congress. It the intent of your Committee that any commentary found in this report should be treated as policy for the guidance of the relevant departments, agencies and offices.

On May 16, 17, and 25 of 2025, your Committee conducted public hearings regarding the FY 2026 budget and deliberated upon the findings and all other information gathered. Thereafter, your Committee held final mark-up sessions on August 14, 2025. This Standing Committee Report reflects the recommendations of your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations regarding the proposed FY 2026 budget under its jurisdiction.

Throughout this report, the amounts in columns titled "FY 26 Proposed" refer to the amounts proposed to the EBRC by the individual departments. The amounts in columns titled "FY 26 Executive Recommendation" refers to the recommendations provided by the EBRC in Presidential Communication No. 23-573.

OPERATIONS BUDGET

(a) Department of Justice

The following is an overview of your Committee's recommended funding for the total operations of the Department of Justice in FY 2026. The funding source is domestic revenue.

Overview - Total Operations

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Personnel	\$6,342,820	\$6,675,064	\$6,398,493	\$6,314,496
Travel	\$695,669	\$775,128	\$630,000	\$543,060
Contractual				
Services	\$1,098,318	\$1,050,228	\$990,228	\$844,230
OCE	\$853,843	\$942,462	\$853,843	\$791,660
Fixed				
Assets	\$162,000	\$437,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Total	\$9,152,650	\$9,879,882	\$8,902,564	\$8,523,446
Employees	256	266	258	258

Your Committee notes that only the personnel budget line item can be estimated to an exact amount, the remaining budget items will be rounded when possible for ease of tracking and computation.

A detailed discussion of each of the divisions of the Department of Justice follows.

Department of Justice - Office of the Secretary

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	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive	FY26 Committee
	Appropriation	1120 110posed	Recommendation	Recommendation
Personnel	\$202,987	\$206,437	\$202,987	\$202,987
Travel	\$31,710	\$31,710	\$31,710	\$31,710
Contractual				
Services	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$256,000
OCE	\$20,340	\$20,340	\$20,340	\$20,340
Fixed				
Assets	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$511,037	\$564,487	\$511,037	\$511,037
Employees	6	6	6	6

Your Committee concurs with the request for the Office of the Secretary as requested by the EBRC.

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Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Office of the Secretary is \$511,037.

Department of Justice - Division of Litigation

	FY25 Original Appropriation	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive Recommendation	FY26 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$625,627	\$703,987	\$703,987	\$619,990
Travel	\$121,966	\$121,966	\$101,171	\$101,170
Contractual				
Services	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200
OCE	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Fixed				
Assets	\$0	\$70,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$835,793	\$984,153	\$893,358	\$809,360
Employees	11	12	12	12

Personnel: You Committee heard testimony that the Division is requesting an attorney position be added for their Yap office. Upon review of the number of cases currently in the FSM Supreme Court in Yap, 7 total (4 criminal, 3 appeal), your Committee does not believe that position is necessary. Your Committee also does not recommend funding the legal secretary in Yap, therefore the personnel line item has been decreased by \$83,998.

Your Committee concurs with the request for the Division of Litigation as requested by the EBRC.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Division of Litigation is \$809,360.

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Department of Justice - Division of Law

	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive	FY26 Committee
	Appropriation	F126 Floposed	Recommendation	Recommendation
Personnel	\$470,152	\$470,152	\$470,152	\$470,152
Travel	\$182,462	\$182,462	\$161,666	\$161,670
Contractual				
Services	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
OCE	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Fixed				
Assets	\$5,000	\$35,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total	\$689,614	\$719,614	\$668,818	\$668,822
Employees	6	6	6	6

Your Committee concurs with the request for the Division of Law as requested by the EBRC.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Division of Law is \$668,822.

Department of Justice - Division of Anti-Human Trafficking

	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive	FY26 Committee
	Appropriation	rizo Proposed	Recommendation	Recommendation
Personnel	\$235,248	\$323,992	\$257,434	\$257,434
Travel	\$62,000	\$56,000	\$56,000	\$56,000
Contractual				
Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
OCE	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Fixed				
Assets	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total	\$340,248	\$422,992	\$348,434	\$348,434
Employees	10	16	11	11

Your Committee concurs with the request for the Division of Anti-Human Trafficking as requested by the EBRC.

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Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Division of Anti-Human Trafficking is \$348,434.

Department of Justice - Registrar of Corporations

	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive	FY26 Committee
	Appropriation	rizo rioposea	Recommendation	Recommendation
Personnel	\$105,385	\$104,345	\$105,385	\$105,385
Travel	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Contractual				
Services	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
OCE	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$14,500
Fixed				
Assets	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Total	\$167,885	\$166,845	\$167,885	\$167,885
Employees	4	4	4	4

Your Committee concurs with the request for the Registrar of Corporations as requested by the EBRC.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Registrar of Corporations is \$167,885.

Department of Justice - Division of Immigration and Passport Services

	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive	FY26 Committee
	Appropriation		Recommendation	Recommendation
Personnel	\$910,146	\$927,120	\$910,146	\$910,146
Travel	\$18,531	\$49,990	\$18,531	\$18,530
Contractual				
Services	\$132,718	\$148,628	\$148,628	\$148,630
OCE	\$130,622	\$130,622	\$130,622	\$130,620
Fixed				
Assets	\$46,000	\$141,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
Total	\$1,238,017	\$1,397,360	\$1,224,927	\$1,224,926
Employees	43	43	43	43

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Your Committee concurs with the request for the Division of Immigration and Passport Services as requested by the EBRC.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Division of Immigration and Passport Services is \$1,224,926.

Department of Justice - Division of Labor

	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive	FY26 Committee
	Appropriation	rizo rioposea	Recommendation	Recommendation
Personnel	\$342,060	\$424,247	\$342,060	\$342,060
Travel	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Contractual				
Services	\$131,443	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
OCE	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000
Fixed				
Assets	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$633,503	\$644,247	\$562,060	\$562,060
Employees	17	19	17	17

Your Committee concurs with the request for the Division of Labor as requested by the EBRC.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Division of Labor is \$562,060.

 $\begin{array}{lll} \textbf{Department of Justice} & - \textbf{National Police} & - \textbf{Division of Investigations} \\ \textbf{and Protection Services} \end{array}$

	FY25 Original Appropriation	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive Recommendation	FY26 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$1,242,170	\$1,340,743	\$1,242,170	\$1,242,170
Travel	\$79,000	\$83,000	\$72,974	\$50,000
Contractual				
Services	\$156,400	\$86,400	\$86,400	\$86,400
OCE	\$265,000	\$250,000	\$265,000	\$265,000

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Fixed				
Assets	\$60,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,802,570	\$1,795,143	\$1,666,544	\$1,643,570
Employees	56	56	56	56

Travel: Your Committee heard testimony that this Division has been tasked with providing protective services for the President when he travels within the four states. The Division testified that officers from Pohnpei accompany the President. Your Committee suggests that the officers stationed in the four states perform these services to reduce travel costs. Therefore, your Committee reduced the travel in this Division to \$50,000.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the National Police Division of Investigations and Protection Services is \$1,643,570.

Department of Justice — Division of Border Control & Maritime Surveillance

	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive	FY26 Committee
	Appropriation	F126 Proposed	Recommendation	Recommendation
Personnel	\$2,092,344	\$2,047,471	\$2,047,471	\$2,047,471
Travel	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$63,974	\$63,980
Contractual				
Services	\$148,557	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
OCE	\$134,700	\$145,000	\$134,700	\$134,700
Fixed				
Assets	\$5,000	\$50,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$2,450,601	\$2,502,471	\$2,436,145	\$2,436,151
Employees	99	100	99	99

Your Committee concurs with the request for the Division of Border Control & Maritime Surveillance as requested by the EBRC.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Division of Border Control & Maritime Surveillance is \$2,436,151.

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Department of Justice - Division of Cyber Security & Intelligence Services

	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive	FY26 Committee
	Appropriation	rizo rioposeu	Recommendation	Recommendation
Personnel	\$116,701	\$126,570	\$116,701	\$116,701
Travel	\$70,000	\$120,000	\$63,974	\$0
Contractual				
Services	\$220,000	\$226,000	\$166,000	\$20,000
OCE	\$76,681	\$170,000	\$76,681	\$14,500
Fixed				
Assets	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$483,382	\$682,570	\$423,356	\$151,201
Employees	4	4	4	4

Your Committee notes that this Division was formed before any laws have been passed for them to implement or enforce. In light of this reality, your Committee has reduced their budget request to correspond to a similar Division comprised of the same amount of employees. In the event any legislation is passed during the FY26 budget cycle which will require additional funding, your Committee suggests the Division makes the appropriate request as a part of a supplemental budget. It should be further noted that this Department is a beneficiary under a World Bank Grant that was approved by Congress, so thy have other avenues of revenue than the general fund.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Division of Cyber Security & Intelligence Services is \$151,201.

(b) Office of the Public Defender

The following is an overview of your Committee's recommended funding for the Office of the Public Defender. The funding source is domestic revenue.

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	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive	FY26 Committee
	Appropriation	1120 110poseu	Recommendation	Recommendation
Personnel	\$1,093,940	\$1,211,377	\$1,093,940	\$1,093,940
Travel	\$80,256	\$80,256	\$60,000	\$80,000
Contractual				
Services	\$149,994	\$193,994	\$149,994	\$149,990
OCE	\$95,590	\$95,590	\$75,000	\$75,000
Fixed				
Assets	\$0	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Total	\$1,419,780	\$1,601,217	\$1,388,934	\$1,408,930
Employees	26	26	26	26

Travel: Your Committee would like to note that the EBRC cut the travel requests across all of the National Government, without consideration for the work of the Departments and Offices. Your Committee heard testimony from the Office of the Public Defender that they are routinely tasked with travelling to the four states for trials and the budget they proposed to accommodate their responsibilities to the courts and clients in those states is reasonable. Your Committee recommends funding travel for the Office of the Public Defender at \$80,000.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Office of the Public Defender is \$1,408,930.

(c) National Judiciary (FSM Supreme Court)

	FY25 Original	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive	FY26 Committee
	Appropriation		Recommendation	Recommendation
Personnel	\$1,526,274	\$1,551,732	\$1,551,732	\$1,551,732
Travel	\$284,635	\$284,635	\$250,000	\$250,000
Contractual				
Services	\$385,600	\$642,400	\$356,400	\$356,400
OCE	\$410,000	\$607,500	\$577,500	\$477,500
Fixed				
Assets	\$103,000	\$9,000	\$9,000	\$9,000

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Total	\$2,709,509	\$3,095,267	\$2,744,632	\$2,644,632
Employees	45	45	45	45

Contractual Services: Your Committee heard testimony that a portion of the proposal requested by the National Judiciary in this area was moved to Capital and Human Resource Development in Section 9 of the budget. Therefore, your Committee concurs with the amount recommended by the EBRC for contractual services.

OCE: Your Committee heard testimony that \$100,000 in the request for OCE was intended to cover the cost of new furniture for the annex building. The Judiciary testified that the annex building will not be completed during FY26, therefore, the \$100,000 is not needed this budget cycle. Based on the testimony, your Committee recommends reducing the EBRC amount in OCE by \$100,000.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the National Judiciary is \$2,644,632.

(d) Office of Veteran's Affairs

	FY25 Original Appropriation	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive Recommendation	FY26 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$116,887	\$170,524	\$116,887	\$116,887
Travel	\$11,515	\$31,110	\$20,000	\$20,000
Contractual				
Services	\$30,300	\$33,500	\$28,785	\$28,790
OCE	\$43,320	\$51,760	\$41,154	\$41,160
Fixed				
Assets	\$0	\$71,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Total	\$202,022	\$357,894	\$236,826	\$236,837
Employees	3	3	3	3

Fixed Assets: Your Committee heard testimony that the Office is in need of a vehicle. While the initial request from the Office was \$71,000, it was reduced to \$30,000 by the EBRC. Yor Committee

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recommends \$30,000 in fixed assets for the Office to purchase a vehicle.

Your Committee concurs with the request by the EBRC and recommends funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Operations of the Office of Veteran's Affairs at \$236,837.

(e) Agencies, Boards, Authorities, Commissions & Corporations - National Postal Service

An overview of proposed funding for the National Postal Service follows. The funding source for the National Postal Service is domestic revenue.

Total Operations

	FY25 Original Appropriation	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive Recommendation	FY26 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$859,305	\$892,707	\$892,707	\$892,707
Travel	\$39,126	\$39,581	\$20,000	\$20,000
Contractual				
Services	\$127,616	\$145,787	\$110,000	\$145,790
OCE	\$113,500	\$185,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
Fixed				
Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,139,547	\$1,263,075	\$1,112,707	\$1,148,497
Employees	44	44	44	44

Personnel: Your Committee notes that there was discussion in the budget hearing regarding the slight increase in the personnel line item from FY25 was due to salary increases as a result of promotions and salary adjustments for ungraded employees. For example, the Postmasters in the states salaries were not adjusted in the prior fiscal year after the 45% salary increase took effect for National Government employees.

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Contractual Services: Your Committee heard testimony that the leases for the Postal Service buildings are increasing. Therefore, your Committee recommends funding contractual services as proposed by the National Postal Service in the amount of \$145,787.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Operations of the National Postal Service is \$1,148,497.

(f) Special Programs - Office of National Election

Total Operations

	FY25 Original Appropriation	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive Recommendation	FY26 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$546,118	\$679,999	\$546,118	\$546,118
Travel	\$25,679	\$50,563	\$25,679	\$25,680
Contractual Services	\$74,236	\$74,236	\$60,000	\$60,000
OCE	\$142,463	\$132,263	\$125,000	\$125,000
Fixed				
Assets	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$778,496	\$997,061	\$756,797	\$756,798
Employees	16	20	16	16

After hearing the testimony from the Office of the National Election that they could work within the budget proposed by the EBRC, your Committee concurs with the request by the EBRC.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Operations of the Office of National Election is \$756,798.

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Your Committee recommends funding Grants, Subsidies and Contributions in the amounts listed in the table below.

GRANTS, SUBSIDIES & CONTRIBUTIONS	FY25 Original Appropriation	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive Recommendation	FY26 Committee Recommendation
Department of	Justice			
Kosrae State				
Joint Law				
Enforcement	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$50,000
Pohnpei State				
Joint Law				
Enforcement	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$150,000	\$75,000
Chuuk State				
Joint Law				
Enforcement	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
Yap State				
Joint Law				
Enforcement	\$62,500	\$62,500	\$100,000	\$50,000
Police				
Academy	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
DOJ Fuel				
Subsidy	\$275,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$275,000
World				
Intellectual				
Property				
Organization				
(WIPO)				
including				
arrears	\$16,340	\$29,436	\$29,436	\$29,436
Interpol -	News and	588 NOSS 455 55150		
Membership	\$18,528	\$40,000	\$18,528	\$18,528

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Ammunition				
for side arm				
& long rifles	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000
OPCW -			,,	1-0/000
Organizations				
for the				
Prevention of				
Chemical				
Weapons	\$3,981	\$3,981	\$3,981	\$3,981
Comprehensive				
Nuclear Test				
Ban Treaty				
Organization	\$6,854	\$6,854	\$6,854	\$6,854
National Judic	iary - FSM Supr	eme Court		
Kosrae State				
Judiciary	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000
Pohnpei State				
Judiciary	\$18,750	\$18,750	\$25,000	\$18,750
Chuuk State				
Judiciary	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$37,000	\$25,000
Yap State				
Judiciary	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$20,000	\$12,500
National Law				
Day	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$50,000
Micronesian				
Legal				
Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
TOTAL	\$1,199,453	\$1,459,021	\$1,585,799	\$964,214

Your Committee heard testimony from the various divisions as to their requests under grants, subsidies, and contributions. Your Committee notes that in light of the states now receiving 50% of the fishing fees, any request made that is for a state entity or for a joint state/national program has been reduced by 50%. Your Committee encourages the states to fund the remaining portion of these requests.

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Your Committee also notes that Chuuk state has requested their portion of the Joint Law Enforcement funds be divided among the local municipalities. The division of those funds will be determined during the Ways and Means consolidated budget hearing.

CAPITAL AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

The funding source for all amounts recommended by the Committee under this section is domestic revenue.

Your Committee recommends funding Investment in Capital and Human Resource Development in the amounts listed in the table below.

The table below does not include funding for State Priority Infrastructure Projects.

CAPITAL AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT	FY25 Original Appropriation	FY26 Proposed	FY26 Executive Recommendation	FY26 Committee Recommend.
Department of J	ustice			
Anti-Human				
Trafficking				
Enforcement,				
Campaign, and				
Investigation	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Victim Shelter				
& Services	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$50,000
Boat				
Maintenance	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
DOJ Satellite				
Phone &				
Billing	\$10,000	\$21,000	\$15,000	\$10,000
Police Academy				
Facility	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0

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Purchase of				
Patrol Boats	\$0	\$2,400,000	\$0	\$0
Patrol Boat				
Operations	\$0	\$2,443,125	\$0	\$0
Office of Natio	nal Election			
Voter ID Card				
& New Voter				
Registration	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Other Capital I	nvestment & Hum	an Resources Dev	. (CIP)	
A&P Legal				
Services	\$300,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0
Settlement of				
Fishing Case				
with Palau	\$500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
FSM Supreme				
Court				
Renovations	\$0	\$0	\$225,000	\$225,000
TOTAL	\$1,210,000	\$5,814,125	\$1,640,000	\$485,000

Your Committee based on the testimony it heard, reduced the requests by the EBRC for the following:

Victim Shelter Services from \$100,000 to \$50,000. Your Committee heard no testimony to justify an 100% increase from FY25 to FY26.

Police Academy Facility from \$500,000 to \$0. Your Committee notes that DOJ did not propose this in their submission to the EBRC. This request was added by the EBRC and there was no testimony as to why this was needed nor why it is needed in this fiscal year.

A&P Legal Services from \$500,000 to \$0. Your Committee notes that the current contract with Arnold & Porter runs through mid-October 2025. It is premature at this time to speculate as to the Executive's decision to continue to utilize A&P past the current contract.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations has reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 budget and carefully scrutinized all the information provided by the Department of Justice; Office of the Public Defender; National Judiciary (FSM Supreme Court); Office of Veteran's Affairs; National Postal Service; and the Office of National Elections including information relating to grants, subsidies and contributions and capital and human resource development which are under your Committee's jurisdiction. Based upon the information provided and its deliberations, your Committee recommends appropriation in the sums set forth above in the columns entitled "FY26 Committee Recommendation," subject to the availability of funds as determined by your Committee on Way and Means upon consolidation of all Committee recommendations.

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