



The President  
Palikir, Pohnpei  
Federated States of Micronesia



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-565  
FSM CONGRESS

February 27, 2025

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses  
Speaker  
Twenty-third Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941

Dear Speaker Moses:

I am transmitting the following act, which I have signed into Public Law No. 23-152 with item veto for the reason stated in this transmittal:

Congressional Act No. 23-158, entitled: "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 9 OF PUBLIC LAW 23-153, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 22-169, 22-181, 22-204, 23-08, 23-13, 23-54 AND 23-75, IN ORDER TO FURTHER REPURPOSE \$500,000 FROM A PREVIOUS APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBSIDIZING THE OPERATION OF SEVERAL VESSELS OPERATING IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

There is a duplication of line-item 9(12)(eg) Narik Mataw POL. This leaves me no choice but item veto the said section. Thank you.

  
Wesley W. Simita  
President

cc: Chief Justice, FSM Supreme Court



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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-Ste 5  
FSM CONGRESS

January 30, 2025

His Excellency Wesley W. Simina  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Palikir, Pohnpei FM 96941



Dear President Simina:

I have the honor to transmit herewith Congressional Act No. 23-158, "AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 9 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-153, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 22-169, 22-181, 22-204, 23-08, 23-13, 23-54 AND 23-75, IN ORDER TO FURTHER REPURPOSE \$500,000 FROM A PREVIOUS APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBSIDIZING THE OPERATION OF SEVERAL VESSELS OPERATING IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, which was passed by the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2025, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required and as duly certified.

Sincerely yours,

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Jessicalynn Reyes  
Chief Clerk, Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

Enclosures



PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-525  
FSM CONGRESS

TWENTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA  
SIXTH REGULAR SESSION  
JANUARY 10 – 29, 2025

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## An Act

TO FURTHER AMEND SECTION 9 OF PUBLIC LAW NO. 22-153, AS AMENDED BY PUBLIC LAWS NOS. 22-169, 22-181, 22-204, 23-08, 23-13, 23-54 AND 23-75, IN ORDER TO FURTHER REPURPOSE \$500,000 FROM A PREVIOUS APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBSIDIZING THE OPERATION OF SEVERAL VESSELS OPERATING IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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INTRODUCED BY SENATOR: ROBSON U. ROMOLOW

DATE: JANUARY 22, 2025

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REFERRED TO: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE  
WITHDRAWN – JANUARY 23, 2025

FIRST READING: JANUARY 23, 2025

SECOND READING: JANUARY 28, 2025

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Jessicalynn Reyes  
Chief Clerk, FSM Congress



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PRESIDENTIAL COMM. NO. 23-565  
FSM CONGRESS

ACT NO. 23-158

(CONGRESSIONAL BILL NO. 23-229, C.D.1,  
C.D.2, C.D.3)

We hereby certify that on January 28 the foregoing act passed Second and Final Reading of the Twenty-Third Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2025, by a two-thirds vote of all the State delegations as required under article IX, section 20, of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia.

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Esmond B. Moses  
Speaker  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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Jessicalynn Reyes  
Chief Clerk  
Congress of the  
Federated States of Micronesia

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AN ACT

To further amend section 9 of Public Law No. 22-153, as amended by Public Laws Nos. 22-169, 22-181, 22-204, 23-08, 23-13, 23-54 and 23-75, in order to further repurpose \$500,000 from a previous appropriation for the purpose of subsidizing the operation of several vessels operating in the Federated States of Micronesia, and for other purposes.

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

1           Section 1. Section 9 of Public Law No. 22-153, as amended by  
2 Public Laws Nos. 22-169, 23-08, 23-13, 23-54 and 23-75, is hereby  
3 further amended to read as follows:

4           "Section 9. Capital and Human Resources Development.

5           The sum of \$23,752,475 or so much thereof as may be  
6 necessary, is hereby appropriated from the General Fund  
7 of the Federated States of Micronesia for the fiscal  
8 year ending September 30, 2023, for the following  
9 capital improvements, development programs, and projects  
10 and human resources development. Of the total amount of  
11 funds appropriated herein, \$1,534,539 shall be deemed to  
12 come from funds available under the Supplemental  
13 Education Grant and \$1,000,000 shall be deemed to come  
14 from funds available under the Compact Sector Grants.  
15 The sum appropriated by this section shall be  
16 apportioned as follows:

17           (1) College of Micronesia – FSM.

18           (a) College of Micronesia–FSM .....\$     4,000,000

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1	(b) FSM Fisheries and Maritime	
2	Institute (FMI) .....	\$ 965,735
3	(c) College of Micronesia-FSM	
4	SEG Funding .....	878,978
5	(d) COM-FSM Endowment Fund .....	500,000
6	(e) COM-FSM Public Health	
7	Initiative .....	488,798
8	(f) Assistance to boarding students,	
9	COM-FSM main campus Pohnpei:	
10	(i) Chuukese students .....	100,000
11	(ii) Yapese students .....	75,000
12	(iii) Kosraen students .....	50,000
13	(2) <u>Department of Foreign Affairs</u>	
14	(a) Acting Pay: UN Mission .....	98,394
15	(b) Acting Pay: Fiji .....	19,395
16	(c) Acting Pay: D.C. Embassy .....	16,764
17	(d) Acting Pay: Guam .....	19,000
18	(3) <u>Department of Finance and Administration</u>	
19	(a) FSM Warehouse Lease and Maintenance	-0-
20	(b) PCD Awareness and Training .....	35,000
21	(c) Support to Municipal Government	
22	Financial Management Improvement .....	50,000
23	(d) Tax Reform Commission .....	100,000
24	(e) Housing for local staff assigned	
25	to financial organizations for short term	

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1	Training (IMF, WB, ADB, GCF) .....	\$ 72,000
2	(4) <u>Department of Resources and Development</u>	
3	(a) R&D SNLC .....	75,000
4	(b) FSM Chamber of Commerce .....	50,000
5	(c) Chamber of Commerce: Kosrae ....	20,000
6	(d) Chamber of Commerce: Pohnpei ...	30,000
7	(e) Chamber of Commerce: Chuuk .....	30,000
8	(f) Chamber of Commerce: Yap .....	20,000
9	(g) Conservation Society: Kosrae ...	25,000
10	(h) Conservation Society: Pohnpei ..	40,000
11	(i) Conservation Society: Chuuk ....	40,000
12	(j) Conservation Society: Yap .....	25,000
13	(5) <u>Department of Transportation, Communications</u>	
14	<u>and Infrastructure</u>	
15	(a) Operation and Dry-Docking	
16	of Caroline Voyager and Navigator .....	2,300,000
17	(b) FSM National Government Facility	
18	Improvements and Renovations .....	115,685
19	(c) FSM National Government Computer	
20	Network .....	100,000
21	(6) <u>Department of Justice</u>	
22	(a) Anti-Human Trafficking Enforcement,	
23	Campaign, and Investigation .....	125,000
24	(b) Victim Shelter and Services .....	125,000
25	(c) Boat Maintenance .....	200,000

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1	(d) DOJ Satellite Phone Billing....\$	10,000
2	(7) <u>Department of Environment, Climate Change</u>	
3	<u>and Emergency Management</u>	
4	(a) National & State Table Top Exercise	30,000
5	(b) Outer Island Trip Assessment -	
6	Climate Change & Disaster Risk Management ..	80,000
7	(c) National Joint Platform for	
8	Environment & Risk Resilience .....	40,000
9	(d) International Day for Disaster	
10	Reduction .....	12,000
11	(e) Fourth Disaster Risk Management	
12	Environment Conference .....	40,000
13	(8) <u>National Election Commission Office</u>	
14	(a) Voter ID Card and New Voter	
15	Registration Project .....	50,000
16	(9) <u>Department of Health and Social Affairs</u>	
17	(a) Medical Specialist Team .....	120,000
18	(b) MOE-BHWP Med.....	22,200
19	(c) Electronic Record System.....	35,000
20	(d) Youth in Sports.....	50,000
21	(e) Hispathology and diagnostic	
22	Improvement .....	16,000
23	(f) Implementation, FSM Pharmaceutical	
24	Act .....	24,010
25	(g) Competent Authority, compliance	

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1	process for fisheries exportation .....	\$ 115,990
2	(h) Medical Profession Recruitment..	33,500
3	(10) <u>Department of Education</u>	
4	(a) NDOE Year 3 Project (SEG).....	655,561
5	(b) School Accreditation.....	-0-
6	(c) Teacher Certification Project...	-0-
7	(d) Vernacular Language Arts (VLA)	
8	Curriculum Standards and Benchmarks Training	75,170
9	(e) CTE Teacher Training.....	56,910
10	(11) <u>NORMA</u>	
11	(a) Hosting WPCFC, TTC, & SC.....	10,000
12	(b) Internship for students in the	
13	area of fisheries management .....	5,000
14	(c) T3 Monitoring.....	150,000
15	(d) Commemoration of World Tuna Day 2023	70,000
16	(12) <u>Other Capital and Human Resources Development</u>	
17	(a) Donor Roundtable.....	100,000
18	(b) Chuuk State Supreme Court parking lot,	
19	fencing, and maintenance .....	200,000
20	(c) National Voter Registration.....	64,000
21	(d) TC&I Utwe Water project settlement	260,000
22	(e) Diplomatic Mission Geneva.....	300,000
23	(f) FSM ConCon Public Education Awareness	200,000
24	(g) Capitol road improvement Nanpohnmal	
25	to Sekere .....	400,000

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1	(h) Road improvement and heavy	
2	equipment, Yap .....	\$ -0-
3	(i) Road improvement, Weno, Chuuk ..	100,000
4	(j) State subsidies:	
5	(i) Generator overhaul and parts,	
6	Yap State, YSPSC .....	350,000
7	(ii) Fuel Chuuk State, CPUC .....	300,000
8	(iii) Power line extension,	
9	Pohnpei State, PUC .....	100,000
10	(iv) Fuel Kosrae State, KPUA .....	-0-
11	(k) Chuuk Narik Mataw ship/	
12	operations subsidy .....	200,000
13	(l) Pohnpei Lady Pohnpei ship .....	117,385
14	(m) Lady Minto ship .....	95,000
15	(n) PMA subsidy .....	100,000
16	(o) Open market Pohnpei causeway ...	350,000
17	(p) Case tracking system (CTS) .....	25,000
18	(q) H2 Habilmohol - fuel subsidy and up to	
19	\$42,000 may be used to pay \$10 per day at sea per-diem	
20	for crews on Yap state operated vessel that is owned by	
21	the FSM National Government; PROVIDED THAT the at sea	
22	per-diem begins from the Yap port of departure to when	
23	the vessel is secured back at the Yap port dock.	250,000
24	(r) Kosrae Solar and other projects	200,000
25	(s) Construction of a postal service	

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1	building in Tonoas, Chuuk .....	\$ 50,000
2	(t) Establish Diplomatic Mission	
3	in Australia .....	500,000
4	(u) Purchase property in Honolulu for	
5	Hawaii FSM Consulate Office .....	2,000,000
6	(v) Airport Subsidy: Kosrae State .	250,000
7	(w) Airport Subsidy: Pohnpei State .	250,000
8	(x) Airport Subsidy: Chuuk .....	250,000
9	(y) Airport Subsidy for Outer Islands:	
10	Yap State .....	250,000
11	(z) Repair and refurbishment of HI	
12	and Chief Mailo .....	17,741
13	(aa) Disposal of Oil Recovered from WWII	
14	Shipwreck in Chuuk .....	-0-
15	(bb) Renovation of Official Residences	
16	and Access Road .....	200,000
17	(cc) CEC - Chief Executive Conference .	50,000
18	(dd) Presidential Public Schedule	
19	& State Visits .....	250,000
20	(ee) Purchase/down payment for Embassy	
21	building of the FSM Embassy in	
22	Washington D.C., including renovation and	
23	parking spaces .....	3,000,000
24	(ef) H2 POL .....	100,000
25	<del>(eg) Narik Mataw POL .....</del>	<del>82,259</del>

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1	(eg) Narik Madaw POL.....	\$ 82,259
2	(eh) Lien Pukial subsidy.....	50,000
3	(ei) Lien Fenapi subsidy.....	50,000
4	(ej) Lien Umoumach subsidy.....	50,000
5	(ek) Lady Minto subsidy.....	50,000
6	(el) Lady Pohnpei subsidy.....	50,000
7	(em) Sea Haven POL.....	50,000"

8 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the  
9 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its  
10 becoming law without such approval.

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Feb. 27, 2025

  
Wesley W. Sirina  
President  
Federated States of Micronesia