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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-37

RE: C.A. NO. 24-119 (P.C. NO. 24-359)/J&GO.

SUBJECT: VETO OVERRIDE

SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker, Twenty-Fourth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session, 2026

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 24-359, regarding the veto of Congressional Act No. 24-119, entitled:

"AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 703 AND 705 OF TITLE 41
CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
(ANNOTATED), TO DEFINE CERTAIN TERMS AND TO CLARIFY
PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee has reviewed Congressional Act No. 24-119 and the accompanying veto message (P.C. No. 24-359). Your Committee did not find any legal impediments or drafting errors in the Act. Your Committee notes the President's comments in P.C. No. 24-359, and your Committee has determined that the veto is purely based on policy. Your Committee notes that the Executive makes a Constitutional argument in the Presidential Communication but it is misguided. This Act does not limit the President's powers under Article X Section 9 of the FSM Constitution to make "appropriate decrees."

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee has reviewed the veto of Congressional Act No. 24-119 and the veto message (P.C. No. 24-359). Your Committee finds that the decision made by the Executive was made based on policy and not on a valid legal or constitutional defect of the Act. Your Committee recommends overriding the veto of Congressional Act No. 24-119.

Respectfully submitted,


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