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JUDICIARY AND
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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-41

RE: PRESIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION NO. 24-244

SUBJECT: FY 2027 BUDGET/J&GO

SEPTEMBER 21, 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 jointly referred Presidential Communication No. 24-244 transmitting the National Government's proposed FY 2027 budget, begs leave to report as follows:

Presidential Communication No. 24-244 was transmitted to Congress with the *National Government Fiscal Year 2027 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
- g) Office of the Independent Prosecutor

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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
- d) Micronesian Legal Services
- e) General Election (2027)

CAPITAL AND HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Department of Justice

- 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) Boat
- h) Labor Development

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National Election

- a) Voter ID Card & New Voter Registration Project

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 15, 16, 21, and 22 of 2026, your Committee conducted public hearings regarding the FY 2027 budget and deliberated upon the findings and all other information gathered. Thereafter, your Committee held final mark-up sessions on September 17, 2026. This Standing Committee Report reflects the recommendations of your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations regarding the proposed FY 2027 budget under its jurisdiction.

Throughout this report, the amounts in columns titled "FY 26 Final Appropriation" refer to the FY 26 Budget appropriation through Public Law 24-39. The amounts in columns titled "FY 27 Proposed" refer to the amounts proposed to the EBRC by the individual departments. The amounts in columns titled "FY 27 Executive Recommendation" refers to the recommendations provided by the EBRC in Presidential Communication No. 24-244.

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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 2027. The funding source is domestic revenue.

Overview – Total Operations

	FY26 Original Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$6,307,757	\$6,695,246	\$6,341,034	\$6,349,041
Travel	\$543,061	\$825,346	\$701,240	\$585,236
Contractual Services	\$944,228	\$1,390,028	\$1,247,527	\$835,304
OCE	\$791,662	\$1,050,015	\$791,662	\$791,662
Fixed Assets	\$30,000	\$714,000	\$34,000	\$34,000
Total	\$8,616,708	\$10,674,635	\$9,115,464	\$8,595,247
Employees	258	257	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.

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Department of Justice – Office of the Secretary

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$202,987	\$206,437	\$202,987	\$206,437
Travel	\$31,710	\$31,710	\$31,710	\$31,710
Contractual Services	\$356,000	\$256,000	\$256,000	\$256,000
OCE	\$20,340	\$20,340	\$20,340	\$20,340
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$611,037	\$514,487	\$511,037	\$514,487
Employees	6	6	6	6

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

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Office of the Secretary is \$514,487.

Department of Justice – Division of Litigation

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$619,990	\$704,363	\$619,990	\$619,990
Travel	\$101,170	\$121,966	\$114,860	\$114,860
Contractual Services	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$13,200
OCE	\$75,000	\$85,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$80,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$809,360	\$1,004,529	\$823,050	\$823,050
Employees	12	12	12	12

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

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Division of Litigation is **\$823,050**.

Department of Justice – Division of Law

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$470,152	\$470,152	\$470,152	\$470,152
Travel	\$161,670	\$161,670	\$161,666	\$161,666
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	\$668,822	\$698,822	\$668,818	\$668,818
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 2027 for the Division of Law is **\$668,818**.

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Department of Justice – Division of Anti-Human Trafficking

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$257,434	\$270,507	\$252,877	\$257,434
Travel	\$56,000	\$112,000	\$82,000	\$56,000
Contractual Services	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
OCE	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Fixed Assets	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Total	\$348,434	\$517,507	\$369,877	\$348,434
Employees	11	12	11	11

Travel: During the oversight hearing, Secretary Bacalando pointed out that the only increase in this division is in travel. Your Committee asked for a report on how many cases a year this division handles to justify the increase. Secretary Bacalando stated he would provide one but no report has been received as of the writing of this report.

Your Committee recommends funding the Division of Anti-Human Trafficking at the same level as FY26.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Division of Anti-Human Trafficking is **\$348,434**.

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Department of Justice – Registrar of Corporations

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$105,385	\$105,385	\$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	\$167,885	\$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 2027 for the Registrar of Corporations is **\$167,885**.

Department of Justice – Division of Immigration and Passport Services

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$910,146	\$935,398	\$906,537	\$906,537
Travel	\$18,531	\$66,000	\$41,000	\$41,000
Contractual Services	\$148,628	\$139,704	\$139,704	\$139,704
OCE	\$130,622	\$148,175	\$130,622	\$130,622
Fixed Assets	\$17,000	\$141,000	\$21,000	\$21,000
Total	\$1,224,927	\$1,430,277	\$1,238,863	\$1,238,863
Employees	43	43	43	43

Travel: Your Committee heard testimony that the travel line item increased due to the new per diem rates and increase in car rental.

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Fixed Assets: Your Committee heard testimony that this Division is requesting a truck, therefore the fixed asset line item is increased to \$21,000.

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 2027 for the Division of Immigration and Passport Services is **\$1,238,863**.

Department of Justice – Division of Labor

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$342,060	\$416,586	\$383,503	\$383,503
Travel	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000
Contractual Services	\$90,000	\$95,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
OCE	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000	\$95,000
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$562,060	\$641,586	\$603,503	\$603,503
Employees	17	19	17	17

Personnel: Your Committee heard testimony that the increase in the personnel line item is to cover employee benefits that were not properly accounted for previously.

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

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Division of Labor is **\$603,503**.

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**Department of Justice – National Police – Division of Investigations
and Protection Services**

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$1,235,431	\$1,448,881	\$1,235,431	\$1,235,431
Travel	\$50,000	\$97,000	\$70,000	\$50,000
Contractual Services	\$86,400	\$298,624	\$268,624	\$86,400
OCE	\$265,000	\$330,000	\$265,000	\$265,000
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$120,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,636,831	\$2,194,505	\$1,839,054	\$1,636,831
Employees	56	62	56	56

Contractual Services: Your Committee heard testimony that this Division wishes to increase their manpower but the EBRC recommended doing so through the use of contracted employees. Secretary Bacalando testified that he preferred they go through the Public Service System. Your Committee requested a breakdown of the positions that were envisioned under the Public Service System but as of the date of the writing of this report no breakdown has been received.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the National Police Division of Investigations and Protection Services is **\$1,636,831**.

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Department of Justice – Division of Border Control & Maritime Surveillance

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$2,047,471	\$2,092,344	\$2,047,471	\$2,047,471
Travel	\$63,980	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
Contractual Services	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000
OCE	\$134,700	\$145,000	\$134,700	\$134,700
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$290,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$2,436,151	\$2,787,344	\$2,442,171	\$2,442,171
Employees	99	99	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 **\$2,442,171**.

Department of Justice – Division of Cyber Security & Intelligence Services

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$116,701	\$145,193	\$116,701	\$116,701
Travel	\$0	\$105,000	\$70,000	\$0
Contractual Services	\$20,000	\$257,500	\$250,000	\$20,000
OCE	\$14,500	\$170,000	\$14,500	\$14,500
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$40,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$151,201	\$717,693	\$451,201	\$151,201
Employees	4	5	5	4

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Travel: Your Committee heard testimony that this division is requesting a travel budget. Your Committee notes again this fiscal year 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 FY27 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 still a beneficiary under a World Bank Grant that was approved by Congress, so they have other avenues of revenue than the General Fund.

Contractual Services: Your Committee heard testimony that this division wishes to hire three contract employees. Your Committee reiterates its previous statements above: in the event any legislation is passed during the FY27 budget cycle which will require additional funding, your Committee suggests the Division makes the appropriate request as a part of a supplemental budget.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Division of Cyber Security & Intelligence Services is **\$151,201.**

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(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.

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$1,093,940	\$1,093,940	\$1,093,940	\$1,093,940
Travel	\$80,000	\$87,815	\$87,815	\$87,815
Contractual Services	\$149,994	\$167,994	\$149,994	\$149,994
OCE	\$75,000	\$99,242	\$75,000	\$75,000
Fixed Assets	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,408,934	\$1,448,991	\$1,406,749	\$1,406,749
Employees	24	26	26	26

Travel: Your Committee heard testimony that this Office submitted a travel budget of \$158,798 to the EBRC but they cut it by \$70,982 without explanation. This Office asked for a higher travel budget this year due to the increase in the per diem, the rental car rates, and multiple mandatory trips to the states to represent clients in conflict and multi-defendant cases.

Contractual Services: Your Committee heard testimony that this Office submitted a contractual services budget of \$159,543 to the EBRC but they cut it by nearly \$10,000. The justification for the increase by the Office was that their rent costs have doubled.

OCE: Your Committee heard testimony that this Office submitted an OCE budget of \$99,242 to the EBRC but they cut it by nearly \$24,242. The justification for the increase by the Office was that their fuel costs, utilities, and general inflation have all increased significantly.

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Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Office of the Public Defender is \$1,406,749.

(c) National Judiciary (FSM Supreme Court)

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$1,551,732	\$1,650,276	\$1,650,276	\$1,551,732
Travel	\$250,000	\$349,595	\$349,595	\$250,000
Contractual Services	\$356,400	\$380,400	\$380,400	\$380,400
OCE	\$477,500	\$557,500	\$557,500	\$500,000
Fixed Assets	\$9,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0
Total	\$2,644,632	\$3,012,771	\$3,012,771	\$2,682,132
Employees	45	45	45	45

Personnel: Your Committee heard testimony that the increase in the personnel line item is to fund an Assistant Chief Justice position that has yet to be filled.

Travel: Your Committee heard testimony that the increase in travel is due to the shortage of Judges and the increase in the per diem and car rental rates

Contractual Services: Your Committee heard testimony that the increase is due to an increase in the employees eligible to receive the housing allowance and the subsequent increase in the housing allowance this past fiscal year.

OCE: Your Committee heard testimony that the \$80,000 increase in the request for OCE was due to inflation.

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Fixed Assets: Your Committee heard testimony that the increase in fixed assets was to purchase a new generator for the courthouse in Yap.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the National Judiciary is \$2,682,132.

(d) Office of Veteran's Affairs

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$116,887	\$157,107	\$157,107	\$157,107
Travel	\$20,000	\$39,900	\$39,900	\$39,900
Contractual Services	\$28,790	\$33,500	\$33,500	\$33,500
OCE	\$41,160	\$30,650	\$30,650	\$30,650
Fixed Assets	\$30,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$236,837	\$261,157	\$261,157	\$261,157
Employees	3	4	4	4

Travel: Your Committee heard testimony that the increase in travel is due to involve the Veterans Outreach Specialist to meet and interface with veterans in all the states. This also includes a trip to Washington D.C. with the President.

Contractual Services: Your Committee heard testimony that the increase in this line item is due to an increase in the rent cost for the office.

Your Committee concurs with the request by the EBRC and recommends funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Operations of the Office of Veteran's Affairs at **\$261,157**.

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(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

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$892,707	\$973,524	\$892,707	\$892,707
Travel	\$20,000	\$58,886	\$58,886	\$58,886
Contractual Services	\$145,790	\$172,450	\$145,790	\$145,790
OCE	\$90,000	\$217,175	\$90,000	\$90,000
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,148,497	\$1,422,035	\$1,187,383	\$1,187,383
Employees	44	45	45	45

Travel: Your Committee heard testimony that the increase in travel is due to the increased per diem, rental car costs, and to accommodate the annual trip to the USPS for accreditation.

Contractual Services: Your Committee heard testimony that the recommended increase in contractual services is to contract with PPA and CIA for outer island delivery and general mail transportation.

OCE: Your Committee heard testimony that the collection of revenue went way down last year due to the inability to mail parcels to the United States. It resulted in a 60% decrease in revenue from 2025. Therefore, the Postal Service need to temporarily off-set that loss to be able to purchase necessary supplies.

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Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Operations of the National Postal Service is **\$1,187,383**.

(f) Special Programs – Office of National Election

Total Operations

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$546,118	\$679,999	\$546,118	\$546,118
Travel	\$25,680	\$30,626	\$25,680	\$25,680
Contractual Services	\$60,000	\$74,236	\$60,000	\$60,000
OCE	\$125,000	\$132,263	\$125,000	\$125,000
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$30,000	\$0	\$0
Total	\$756,798	\$947,124	\$756,798	\$756,798
Employees	16	16	16	16

Travel: Your Committee heard testimony that this Office requested an increase in travel due to the increase in the per diem and rental car rates, but the EBRC reduced it.

Contractual Services: Your Committee heard testimony that this Office requested an increase in this line item as their office space rental costs have increased and they need to pay the costs of a computer integrated network.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Operations of the Office of National Election is **\$756,798**.

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(g) Office of the Independent Prosecutor

Total Operations

	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Personnel	\$0	\$138,000	\$138,000	\$80,000
Travel	\$0	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$0
Contractual Services	\$0	\$210,000	\$210,000	\$0
OCE	\$0	\$49,000	\$49,000	\$0
Fixed Assets	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Total	\$0	\$492,000	\$492,000	\$80,000
Employees	2	2	2	1

Your Committee did not have a hearing with the Office of the Independent Prosecutor as he resigned. Your Committee notes that there are unexpended funds for the Office of the Independent Prosecutor in the FY 24 budget under section 9, therefore we suggest funding only the salary for the position and will revisit the other line items when the Office is functional.

Your Committee's recommended funding for Fiscal Year 2027 for the Operations of the Office of the Independent Prosecutor is **\$80,000**.

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

GRANTS, SUBSIDIES & CONTRIBUTIONS	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Department of Justice				
Kosrae State Joint Law Enforcement	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Pohnpei State Joint Law Enforcement	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$75,000
*Chuuk State Joint Law Enforcement	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Yap State Joint Law Enforcement	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Police Academy	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$100,000
DOJ Fuel Subsidy	\$275,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) including arrears	\$29,436	\$16,340	\$16,340	\$16,340
**Interpol - Membership	\$18,528	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

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Ammunition for side arm & long rifles	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$10,000
OPCW – 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
Resources (Others Grants, Subsidies, & Contributions)				
Kosrae State Judiciary	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Pohnpei State Judiciary	\$18,750	\$18,750	\$18,750	\$18,750
Chuuk State Judiciary	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Yap State Judiciary	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$12,500
National Law Day	\$50,000	\$198,350	\$198,350	\$50,000
Micronesian Legal Services	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
***General Election 2027	0	0	0	\$635,100
TOTAL	\$985,049	\$1,491,775	\$1,491,775	\$1,863,525

* Chuuk State Joint Law Enforcement: The funds for the Chuuk State Joint Law Enforcement should be distributed accordingly; \$25,000 Chuuk Election District 3, \$50,000 Chuuk Election District 2, \$50,000 Chuuk State.

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****Interpol Membership:** Your Committee heard testimony that the increase in the Interpol Membership is based on a projected estimate. Your Committee has received no additional information from the Department of Justice to confirm the true amount of the annual membership dues.

*****General Election:** Your Committee heard testimony from the Election Director that an additional \$635,100 will be needed for the 2027 General Election (see Section 9 requests). Your Committee believes that this request should be in Section 8 of the FY 27 Budget so that the excess may lapse with the fiscal year.

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	FY26 Final Appropriation	FY27 Proposed	FY27 Executive Recommendation	FY27 Committee Recommendation
Department of Justice				
Anti-Human Trafficking Enforcement, Campaign, and Investigation	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000

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Victim Shelter & Services	\$50,000	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Boat Maintenance	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
DOJ Satellite Phone & Billing	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Police Academy Facility	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Purchase of Patrol Boats	\$0	\$130,000	\$0	\$0
Boat	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Labor Development	\$0	\$357,611	\$0	\$0
Office of National Election				
Voter ID Card & New Voter Registration	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
March 2, 2027 General Election Fund	\$342,361	\$635,100	\$635,100	\$0
Other Capital Investment & Human Resources Dev. (CIP)				
A&P Legal Services	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$500,000
Settlement of Fishing Case with Palau	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
*FSM Supreme Court Renovations	\$225,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$1,327,361	\$2,252,711	\$1,545,100	\$760,000

*FSM Supreme Court Renovations: Your Committee heard testimony that this request was to cover two projects: \$100,000 to move the kitchen

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and conference room in the Kosrae Courthouse and \$50,000 to upgrade the driveway of the Associate Justice's private property.

CONCLUSION

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations has reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 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; the Office of National Elections; and the Office of the Independent Prosecutor 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 "FY27 Committee Recommendation," subject to the availability of funds as determined by your Committee upon consolidation of all Committee recommendations.

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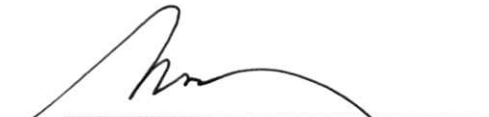
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