

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-109

RE: C.B. NO. 14-178/J&GO

SUBJECT: ELECTION LAW

JULY 11, 2006

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fourth Special Session, 2006

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations ("J&GO"), to which was referred C.B. No. 14-178 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 9 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, AS AMENDED, BY REPEALING CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 9 IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ENACTING NEW CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 8, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The subject bill is identical to C.B. NO. 14-115, C.D.3 which was acted upon during the Second Special Session of Congress and subsequently vetoed by the President on the basis that the first and second readings of the bill did not take place on separate calendar days. Your Committee makes no comment on the decision of the President to veto the C.B. No. 14-115. However, on the basis that there is a strong public interest in fair and efficiently administered elections the decision was made to introduce a new, identical bill for passage on first and second reading.

Your Committee refers to Standing Committee Report No. 14-85, which sets out the rationale for passage of a new election law and discusses the proposed changes to the existing election law in detail.

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 14-178 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 as C.B. No. 14-115, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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