

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-8

RE: C.B. NO. 14-22/W&M

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC LAW NO. 8-100, CHUUK STATE

MAY _____, 2005

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred C.B. No. 14-22 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND PUBLIC LAW NO. 8-100, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF TO MODIFY THE USE OF CERTAIN FUNDS, 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 was originally passed by the Thirteenth Congress as Congressional Act No. 13-118 and subsequently vetoed in Presidential Communication No. 13-327. The only explanation afforded in the Presidential Communication was that "no more funds were available". On May 16, 2005, your committee spoke to the Assistant Secretary of the National Treasury Division to the Department of Finance and Administration and was advised that the funds are in fact available and that the recommendation of a veto must have been a clerical error.

Your committee also refers you to S.C.R. No. 13-237, which explains how your committee verified that there were funds available and a necessary correction to the public law made via the bill.

Your Committee on Ways and Means is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 14-22 and recommends its passage on First Reading and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

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