

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-03

RE: C.R. NO. 15-02/J&GO

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT FROM THE PACIFIC REGIONAL POLICING
INITIATIVE FOR TRAINING FOR STATE AND NATIONAL POLICE
OFFICERS

MAY 25, 2007

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Fifteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2007

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations ("J&GO"), to which was referred C.R. No. 15-02 entitled:

"TO APPROVE A GRANT FROM THE PACIFIC REGIONAL POLICING INITIATIVE (PRPI) FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY FOR STATE AND NATIONAL POLICE OFFICERS.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The Division of the FSM National Police has expressed the need for training for our police officers, both state and national. A twelve-week law enforcement training academy, to begin early in July 2007, has been proposed.

The new Pacific Regional Recruit Course was endorsed by the Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police Conference, which took place in Palau in 2006. The course has elements that reflect shared Pacific regional issues and concerns and may lead to enhanced police performance through the adoption of "regional best practices". In addition to the regionally standardized elements of the program, material that is specific to the legislation, organizations and culture of the FSM will also be included. The course is currently being implemented in Vanuatu and Kiribati.

Your committee agrees that the proposed training has the potential to benefit our law enforcement officers. The cost of implementing the training is \$100,000. Half of this amount will be offered through a regional funding program made available by Australia and New Zealand, the approval of which is the subject of this resolution. The other half must be matched by the host nation. Congress is prepared to appropriate the remaining half of the required funding through a

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supplemental appropriation. The states of Yap and Pohnpei have also expressed willingness to contribute to the cost of the training program. Accordingly, your committee recommends adoption of the subject resolution to approve the Pacific Regional Policing Initiative grant.

Your committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 15-02 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 15-02.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Fredrico O. Primo
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