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UTWE: Andy J. Andrew Yamado A. Melander The Honorable Semeon J. Phillip Speaker, 13<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature Tofol, Kosrae FM 96944

Dear Speaker Phillip,

Your Joint Committee on Resources and Development (R&D) and Judiciary and Government Operations (J&GO), reports on L.R. No. 13- entitled,

"Consenting and confirming to the nomination of Mr. Steven L. George to serve as a member of the FSM Petro Corporations Board of Directors."

## **COMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

Your Joint Committees on Resources & Development and Judiciary & Governmental Operations met in an Executive meeting on April 03, 2023 to discuss and dispose on L.R. No. 13-

The decided courses of action were to hold public hearings and solicit comments from the general public through a radio announcement.

On March 27, 2023, your joint committee held four (4) separate sessions for the public hearing inviting the nominee, the Governor, the Kosrae Housing Authority Board of Directors, and FSM Petro Corp representative.

## COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The intent of the subject resolution is clearly stated in its title.

The purpose of this resolution is to consent to the nomination upon Mr. Steven L. George to serve as a board member for the FSM Petroleum Corporation.

The following are notes taken from the testimonies provided during the public hearings: Session 1: Governor Tulensa W. Palik:

During the public Hearing with Governor Palik, members were made aware that the State Government is struggling to obtain information and regular updates on the corporation and according to the Governor, he believes that the nomination's presence on the Board would help the government on the said problem. Also according to the Governor, the nomination selection is based on someone that the Governor can work with.

Session 2: Mr. Steven L. George, the nominee:

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During the nominee's public hearing, the committee also learned from the nominee that the Governor shared the current problems with him and that he has expressed to the Governor that he is ready and willing to provide his assistance and work with the State Government at his best.

Session 3: KHA Board of Directors:

Kosrae Housing Board of Directors were also invited and was represented by two (2) members: William K. William Jr. and Arnold R. Moody. Understanding that the nominee is not a full-time responsibility, the Board of Directors of the Housing is in agreement and in support of the nomination.

Session 4: Representative for FSM Petro Corp.

The Regional Terminal Manager, Mr. Gibson Siba, also appeared for questioning. During the public hearing, Mr. Siba stated that he has no say against or for the nomination but to go with the decision by the legislature, hoping for the nominee's full cooperation on matters regarding the FSM Petroleum Corporation.

Based on the aforementioned findings, your Joint Committee on Resources and Development and Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the reporting out of this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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