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RE: L.R. No. 13-49

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

Dear Speaker Phillip:

\* Your Committee of the Whole (COW), to which was assigned L.R. No. 13-49 entitled, "Expressing approval and endorsing of the 2023 Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, to amend the Compact of Free Association, as amended, and its subsidiary agreements, namely the 2023 Fiscal Procedures Agreement and the 2023 Compact Trust Fund Agreement," begs leave to report as follows:

## **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Your Committee of the Whole (COW) met on August 18, 2023 during recess after a Motion to Dissolve request by the members, particularly to dispose actions on L.R. No. 13-49.

## **COMMITTEE FINDINGS:**

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

During the committee's deliberation, information was shared that the FSM Government (through Congress) has already done its part in ratifying the 2023 Amended Compact, as mandated under Article IX Section 4 of the FSM Constitution. Nevertheless, one concern brought forth was the proper language used in the subject resolution, which was resolved by an affirmation that the language used has originated by the FSM Attorney General's Office, to the States, as templates.

After all the discussions, the committee decided to move forward with the subject resolution.

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

With the aforementioned findings, Your Committee of the Whole (COW) hereby recommends the adoption of L.R. No. 13-49.

COWR. No. 13- <u>08</u> August <u>18</u>, 2023 RE: L.R. No. 13-49

Respectfully submitted,

Salpasr E. Tilfas, Chairman

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