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COWR No. 13- 04
 July 11, 2023
 RE: L.B. No. 13-37

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The Honorable Semeon J. Phillip
 Speaker
 13th Kosrae State Legislature
 Tofol, Kosrae FM 96944

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Dear Speaker Phillip:

Your Committee of the Whole (COW), to which was assigned L.B. No. 13-37 entitled, ***“To amend section 18.601 of Title 18 of the Kosrae State Code by modifying the salary schedule of Kosrae State Government employees to include a 22% increase to its amounts; and for other purposes,”*** begs leave to report as follows:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Your Committee of the Whole (COW) met in an Executive Meeting on June 5th, 2023 and decided to dispose its action on L.B. No. 13-37.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

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

This bill is aimed at modifying the salary schedule of the state government employees, by way of a 22% increase.

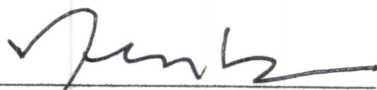
During the committee’s brief deliberations, it was well-noted by the members that the concept of salary adjustment for the state government employees is direly needed to address the ever-increasing costs of living. The members in general felt the need to support the bill; however, with the uncertainty of the State’s current revenue collection, a few members were a bit hesitant. Furthermore, the members collectively felt that should the fishing fees proposal (Constitutional amendment) fall through in the July 2023 referendum, then there would be absolute support, as the funding source would be guaranteed.

In general, the members decided to move forward with the bill with shared optimism that the July referendum would ultimately fall into the State’s favor.

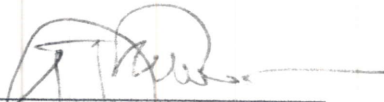
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

With the aforementioned findings, Your Committee of the Whole (COW) hereby recommends the reporting out and further passage of L.B. No. 13-37 in its first and final readings.

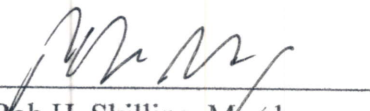
Respectfully submitted,




Salpasr E. Tilfas, Chairman



Andy J. Andrew, Member

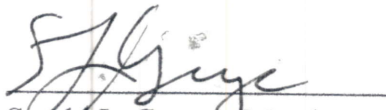


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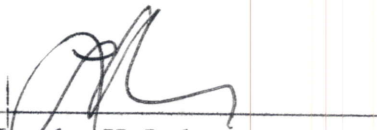
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