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COWR No. 13-02
June 15, 2023
RE: L.R. No. 13-34

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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.R. No. 13-34 entitled, ***“Urging Governor Palik to formally request the President of the FSM, His Excellency Wesley Simina, to respectfully consider postponing the 2nd FSM Cultural Expo scheduled to be held in July of this year, in the State of Kosrae,”*** begs leave to report as follows:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Your Committee of the Whole (COW) met in an Executive Meeting on June 12th, 2023, following the 3rd Day - 3rd Special Session and decided to dispose its action on L.R. No. 13-34.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

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

As public knowledge, the State of Kosrae has been selected to be the host for the 2nd FSM Cultural Expo, which is scheduled for the week of July 17-21, 2023. This social event was initiated by former President David W. Panuelo with full backing from the FSM Congress in terms of financial support. To date, the State’s preparation for the 2nd FSM Expo has commenced and now in full swing.

During the committee’s meeting, the members were informed that, due to obvious concerns raised by the public and some leaders of the State, this resolution has materialized to address Kosrae State’s disadvantaged status, most especially in terms of current funding assistance from the Nation Government. Information was also shared that there’s evidently a huge disparity of the availability of fund assistance between the 1st and the 2nd FSM Expo which is scheduled here in Kosrae. Information was shared that around \$400K+ was appropriated by FSM Congress for the hosting of the 1st FSM Expo, while a meager \$100K is publicly known for Kosrae State’s hosting of the 2nd FSM Expo. Unfortunately, as viewed by some members, this disparity is a big deciding factor for the successful hosting of the 2nd FSM Expo; hence, some members felt that Kosrae State is at a huge disadvantage

and probable loss. These reasons were validated by members to be appropriate for the postponement of the 2nd FSM Expo.


On the other hand, other appropriate concerns were also brought forth during the committee's meeting -- concerns such as the public's view on the abrupt postponement by State leadership; another was the exceeded level of preparations for some of our people -- i.e. some may have already set their travel plans to participate.

At the end of all discussions, the committee generally decided to move forward with the resolution, with the common understanding that each member will ultimately decide for himself/ herself during the final adoption of the resolution.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

With the aforementioned findings, Your Committee of the Whole (COW) hereby recommends the reporting out and further adoption of L.R. No. 13-34.


Respectfully submitted,



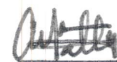
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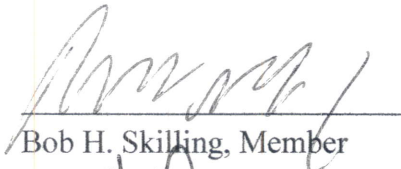
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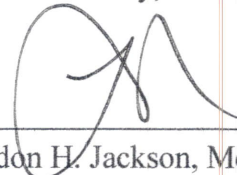
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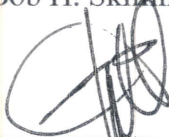
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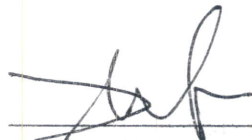


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