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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To amend the Kosrae State Code by inserting a new Chapter 15 under Title 7 of the Kosrae State Code, thereby inserting a new subsection (15) under Section 7.102 with new sections 7.1501, 7.1502, 7.1503, 7.1504, and 7.1505, to establish the Kosrae Farmers Board; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

1 Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to amend the Kosrae State Code by
2 by inserting a new Chapter 15 under Title 7 of the Kosrae State Code, thereby inserting a
3 new subsection (15) under Section 7.102 with new sections 7.1501, 7.1502, 7.1503,
4 7.1504, and 7.1505, to establish the Kosrae Farmers Board; and for other purposes.

5 Section 2. Amendment. Title 7, Chapter 15 of the Kosrae State Code is hereby
6 inserted to read as follows:

7 “Section 7.102. Agencies; enumeration. The agencies are:

- 8 (1) The Broadcast Authority
- 9 (2) The Election Commission
- 10 (3) The Kosrae Island Resource Management Authority
- 11 (4) The Port Authority
- 12 (5) The Parole Board
- 13 (6) The Sports Council
- 14 (7) The Scholarship Board
- 15 (8) The Utility Authority
- 16 (9) The Visitors Bureau

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- 1 (10) The Education Advisory Board
 - 2 (11) Health Advisory Board
 - 3 (12) The Housing and Rural Development Authority
 - 4 (13) Price Control Commission
 - 5 (14) Foreign Investment Board
 - 6 (15) Kosrae Farmers Board

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9 Section 7.1501. Establishment of the Kosrae Farmers Board.

10 There is hereby established an Agency under this chapter which shall be known as
11 the Kosrae Farmers Board.

12 Section 7.1502. Board of Directors; Terms.

13 The Kosrae Farmers Board shall consist of five (5) members that are nominated by
14 the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature. The Director of the
15 Department of Resources & Economic Affairs (DREA) shall act as an ex-officio
16 member of the Board and serves for a term of four (4) years, subject to
17 reappointment, and until his successor has been qualified and appointed. A
18 vacancy in the Board of Directors is filled for the remaining term in the same
19 manner Directors are qualified and appointed.

1 Section 7.1503. Powers and duties.

2 The Board has the power and duty to:

3 (1) Handle any and all agriculture trade-related activities or affairs regarding the
4 State of Kosrae;

5 (2) Formulate government regulations on any relevant references to agriculture
6 trade of the State;

7 (3) Collect any fees from agriculture trade-related activities.

8 Section 7.1504. Meeting of the Board; organization, quorum, compensation,
9 expenses.

10 Within 15 days after confirmation of the initial Board, the Governor calls an
11 organizational meeting for the purpose of electing its presiding officers. The
12 Board meets and holds at least one public meeting each calendar quarter and
13 other public meetings, as it may deem necessary for the transaction of its general
14 business. Any three (3) members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. No
15 official business may be transacted with a quorum present. Directors are
16 compensated at established rates when actually attending meetings of the Board,
17 except the Director of the Department of Resources & Economic Affairs, who
18 does not receive additional compensation. All Directors receive travel
19 expenses and per diem at Kosrae State Government rates when these amounts

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1 would be payable to Kosrae State Government employees in the same
2 circumstances.


3 Section 7.1505. Reporting.

4 The Board presents to the Governor and the Legislature a quarterly report on the
5 board's affairs.

6 Section 3.Effective Date. This act takes effect upon the approval of the Governor
7 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

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10 Date: 2/16/23

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