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S.C.R. No. 13- 31  
May 9, 2023  
RE: L.B. No. 13-22

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SPEAKER

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Andy J. Andrew  
FLOOR LEADER

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

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Dear Speaker Phillip:

Your Joint Committee on Ways & Means (W&M) & Land & Municipal Affairs (L&MA), to which was assigned L.B. No. 13-22 entitled, *“To appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 from the Revenue Fund of the Kosrae State Treasury for the purpose of funding the 2023 Liberation Celebrations for the four municipal governments in the State of Kosrae; and for other purposes,”* begs leave to report as follows:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Your joint committee met in an Executive Meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023, following the Closing Day Session of the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session and decided to dispose its action on L.B. No. 13-22.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

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

During the committee’s brief deliberations, some of the members raised their concerns on the rationale of the equal apportionment of the bill. In response, the author stated that there was not much motive behind the equal distribution of the amount, but to allow for equal enjoyment among the four municipal governments. He further added that there’s still room for amendments. With that offer, the members agreed to amend the bill as follows: \$5,000 each for Lelu and Tafunsak, making a new total of \$18,000. (Malem and Utwe remain at \$4,000 each municipality.)

At the end of all the discussions, the committee collectively agreed to move forward with the bill, with the understanding that the bill would be amended to reflect the members’ agreement.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

With the aforementioned findings, Your Joint Committee on W&M & L&MA hereby recommends the first reading passage of L.B. 13-22 with the following amendments:

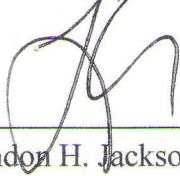
- Title: delete the amount "16,000" and replace with "18,000", in lieu thereof;
- Page 1, line 1: delete the amount "16,000" and replace with "18,000", in lieu thereof;
- Page 1, line 10: delete the amount "4,000" and replace with "5,000", in lieu thereof;
- Page 1, line 11: delete the amount "4,000" and replace with "5,000", in lieu thereof.

Your Joint Committee on W&M and L&MA further recommends the reporting out of this standing committee report.

Respectfully submitted,



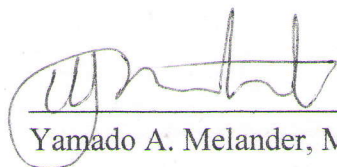
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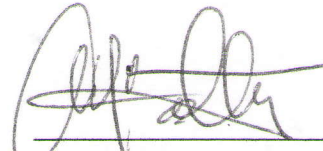
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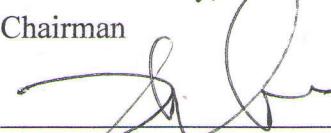
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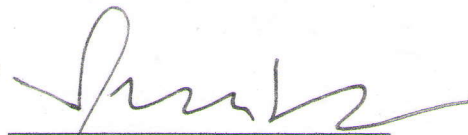


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