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S.C.R. No. 13- 18
March 14, 2023
RE: L.B.No.13-15

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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 Joint Committee on Ways & Means (W&M) and Environment, Transportation, Communication, and Infrastructure (ETC&I), to which was assigned L.B. No. 13-15 entitled, *"To appropriate the sum of \$16,000.00 from the Local Revenue Fund of the Kosrae State Treasury to subsidize the operation of the Utwe Water System; and for other purposes,"* begs leave to report as follows:

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Your joint committee met in an Executive Meeting on March 13th, 2023, following the 25th Day Session of the First Regular Session, and decided to dispose its action on L.B. No. 13-15.

COMMITTEE FINDINGS:

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

As shared by members during their meeting, the principal goal of this subsidy is to provide a temporary remedy to mainly cover a shortage of operational cost currently identified for the Utwe water system project, while waiting for a permanent solution. Information was also shared on the developing stages of the water project until recently. As also shared by some members, several factors have impeded the progression of the project, such as the ongoing court case, absence of an analysis report, imbalance of existing laws/ policies/ regulations, etc.

As a result, the committee agreed to move forward with the bill, with the understanding that further details can be sought for and obtained through testimonies of all the relevant parties in an upcoming public hearing proposed for Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

With the aforementioned findings, Your Joint Committee on W&M and ETC&I hereby recommends the passage of L.B. No. 13-15 in its first reading.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Alik S. Isaac, W&M Chairman



Moses M. Thomson, ETC&I
Chairman



Lyndon H. Jackson, W&M V/Chair



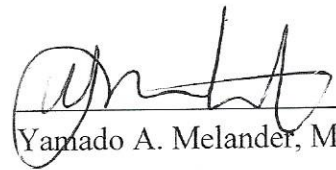
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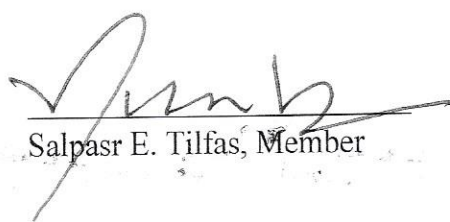
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