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February 4, 2026

Standing Comm. Report No. 11-192

Re: Resolution No. 11-139

The Honorable Nicholas Figirllaarwon  
Speaker  
Eleventh Legislature of the State of Yap  
Fourth Regular Session, 2026

*adopted  
2/5/26  
[Signature]*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources, Education and Development, to which was referred Resolution No. 11-139, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING BERNARD GOOSUR TO SERVE AS A MEMBER ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE YAP INVESTMENT TRUST.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of the resolution is expressed in its title.

On December 2, 2025 Governor Francis Itimai transmitted his three nominations for the Yap State Foreign Investment Board. The letter was designated as Governor’s Communication No. 11-490, and on December 11, 2025, Floor Leader Terrence R. Fong, by request, introduced Resolutions Nos. 11-137, 11-138 and 11-139 on October 7, 2024 for Ms. Numie Acker, Ms. Susan Gooliyan and Mr. Bernard Goosur, respectively. The communication and resolutions are assigned to your Committee for consideration.

Your Committee conducted a public hearing on January 28, 2026 at 2:30 pm with the nominee, Mr. Bernard Goosur, Chief of Commerce and Industry Tony Rutmag, FIP Board Member Eric Gooflan and Governor Itimai, along with Senator Gabriel Ramoloilug, present during the hearing.

This would be a new appointment for Mr. Goosur to the FIP Board. The nominee is currently a contractor in the private sector, having been away from Yap State for a long time. He had lived and worked abroad in the U.S. The FIP Board deals primarily with the review, approval and issuance of Foreign Investment Permits within the legal requirements. Also under the law, they are to look at the economic categories, the regulations and the laws that may not be consistent with the policy of the State or when they feel that such amendments are warranted, they would make appropriate recommendations. The nominee’s background has been in the private business sector.

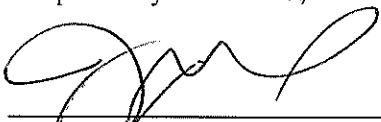
The nominee's perspective on foreign investment is that there is still room for improvement, not only policy-wise, but perhaps in procedural changes. While not having the experience of serving on the Board yet, he expects that he can work with other members of the board in seeing ways to improve and better serve the purpose of the Board.

In looking at the introduced Resolution No. 11-139, your Committee noted its introduction in the last regular session and would make technical amendments to ensure its adoption in the Fourth Regular Session. Further, there is a technical error made in the introduced resolution where the nomination is for the Foreign Investment Board, but the text of the resolution is for Yap Investment Trust. We are offering corrective amendments for this and the appropriated referenced, footnoted communication on the face of the resolution.

1. Header, line 2 - Delete "Third" and replace with "Fourth".
2. Header, line 3 - Delete "2025" and replace with "2026".
3. Title, line 1 - Delete "on the Board" and replace with "the Yap State".
4. Title, line 2 - Delete "Directors of the Yap" and replace with "Foreign"; Delete "Trust" and replace with "Board".
5. Page 1, line 2 - Delete "Third" and replace with "Fourth"; Delete "2025" and replace with "2026".
6. Page 1, line 3 - Delete "on the Board" and replace with "the Yap State".
7. Page 1, line 4 - Delete "Directors of the Yap" and replace with "Foreign"; Delete "Trust" and replace with "Board".
8. Page 1, footnote 1 - delete "491" and replace with "490".

Your Committee, after reviewing the nomination, is in accord with the purpose and intent of Resolution No. 11-139 and recommends its adoption, as amended, in the form attached hereto as Resolution No. 11-139, D1.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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John Mafel - Chairman

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Liyon Sulog - Vice Chairman

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF YAP  
ThirdFourth Regular Session  
20252026

Resolution No. 11-139<sup>1</sup>,D1

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A RESOLUTION

Confirming Bernard Goosur to serve as a member *of the Board of the Yap State Directors of the Yap Foreign Investment Trust Board.*

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eleventh Legislature of the State  
2 of Yap, ThirdFourth Regular Session, 20252026, that Bernard  
3 Goosur is hereby confirmed to serve as a member *of the Board*  
4 of the Yap State Directors of the Yap Foreign Investment  
5 Trust Board; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Resolution be transmitted to Bernard Goosur, the Governor, the  
8 Attorney General, the Chairman of the Council of Pilung, and  
9 the Chairman of the Council of Tamol.

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12 Date: 122/11/25

Introduced by: /s/Terrence R. Fong

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Terrence R. Fong  
(By Request)

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<sup>1</sup> Governor's Communication No. 11-40490