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January 21, 2026

Standing Comm. Report No. 11-187

Re: Bill No. 11-193

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

*adopted  
1/22/26  
[Signature]*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred Bill No. 11-193, entitled,

“A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$50,000 FROM THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND OF THE STATE OF YAP FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING TO AUTHORIZE THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA GRANT FOR IFALIK WATER CATCHMENT DURING FISCAL YEAR 2026, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”,

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of the bill are expressed in its title.

On January 9, 2026, Governor Francis Itimai sent his request to Speaker Nicholas Figirlaarwon for the appropriation of grant funds from the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China. The grant was sent to Yap State from the Embassy in the form of a check (No. 4476) to provide funding for Ifalik Water Catchment project. The letter was designated as Governor’s Communication No. 11-504 and assigned to your Committee on Finance.

According to the letter, the check was deposited in the Yap State Treasury on December 18, 2025, and the receipt and fund balance was included in the transmittal for our information.

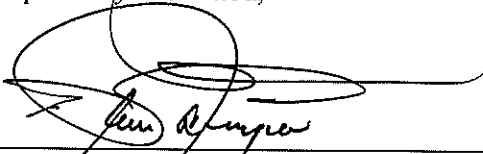
The requisite Bill No. 11-193, introduced by request by Floor Leader Terrence R. Fong in today’s session, is also assigned to your Committee.

Your Committee notes that while there is an exception in Section 1212 (b)(1) in Title 13 of the Yap State Code for such funds requiring Legislative appropriation, we are aware that the PRC Embassy staff have made it clear under the terms of the grant require it must be received and have government controls and mechanisms of our internal appropriations. Therefore, the need to have an appropriation bill.

We are further aware that the grant program with the PRC Embassy, from which the funds were awarded, was made available, and their staff, upon approaching deadlines, urged certain departments and offices in the State to put in relevant requests. Although all documents were provided, no applications, other than for the Ifalik Water Catchment project, were submitted. Your Committee urges the Governor to encourage all departments, offices and agencies to be pro-active in seeking out such opportunities and avoid losing out due to inertia and apathy.

Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill No. 11-193 and would recommend passage on First and Final reading in its original form.

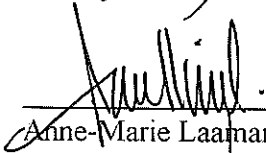
Respectfully submitted,



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Pius Talmesei - Chairman

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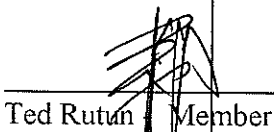
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