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February 25, 2026

Standing Comm. Report No. 11-201

Re: Bill No. 11-175

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

*adopted  
2/25/26  
[Signature]*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred Bill No. 11-175, entitled,

“A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$144,252 FROM THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND OF THE STATE OF YAP FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE YAP COOPERATIVE FORESTRY PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT STARTING FISCAL YEAR 2025, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”,

beg leave to report as follows:

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

The Honorable Francis Itimai, then Acting Governor, transmitted his request for a US Federal Grant to Speaker Figirlaarwon on September 29, 2025. The communication was designated Governor’s Communication No. 11-457, and assigned to the Committee on Finance. The grant is for the Division of Agriculture and Forestry in the Department of Resource and Development. The **FY2025 Yap Cooperative Forestry Assistance** in the amount \$144,252, as a new grant. According to the attached documents, the grant performance was approved to begin on September 5, 2025 and expire on September 30, 2029, (over the course of four of our fiscal years).

Floor Leader Terrence R. Fong introduced, by request, Bill No. 11-175 on October 7, 2025 and it was also referred to this Committee.

Your Committee notes this request came also around the same time as Governor Communication No. 11-432 requesting appropriation of \$210,000 for the Yap Cooperative Forestry Programs. [see YSL No. 11-132, Bill No. 11-165, SCR No. 11-155].

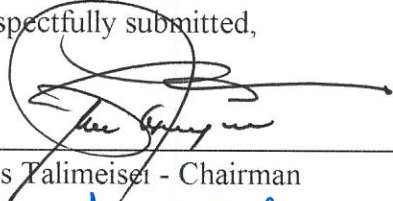
Your Committee notes that this is also part of the Yap Cooperative Forestry Program, a multi-year award. In deciding not to have a public hearing, we had information on the previous award under YSL No. 11-132 and found this grant was for the same purpose, but to assist in certain existing projects under the program. The proposal and specifics of the grant are documents the Committee has looked over. Therefore, we have also decided not to hold hearings as we have sufficient information on the matter.

We have reviewed the attached grant and documents and have found no underlying issues. We see that this grant is for the Division of Agriculture and Forestry would have to ensure the funds are spent as provided in the grant. Your Committee has previous knowledge of the reliability of this Division from donors in securing, monitoring and reporting on such funds, and recommends that such performance be maintained with this current grant. Because the bill is being considered in the current regular session, we would make technical corrections to the bill. The appropriation would clarify that while the grant started in FY2025, this appropriation will begin during 2026, and would modify the language on the bill accordingly. Your Committee is also changing the performance part on the face of the bill to reflect the actual award approval date.

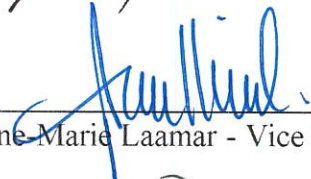
1. Header, line 2 - delete "Third" and replace with "Fourth"
2. Header, line 3, delete "2025" and replace with "2026"
3. Title, line 4 - delete "starting" and replace with "during"; delete "5" and replace with "6".
4. Page 1, line 6 - delete "starting" and replace with "during"; delete "5" and replace with "6".
5. Page 1, line 8 - delete "August 27" and replace with "September 5".

Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill No. 11-175 and recommends passage on first and final reading in the form attached hereto as Bill No. 11-175, D1.

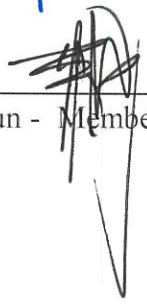
Respectfully submitted,

  
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Pius Talimeiset - Chairman

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Anne-Marie Laamar - Vice Chairman

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF YAP  
~~Thirteenth~~ Fourth Regular Session  
2025~~2026~~

Bill No. 11-175<sup>1</sup>, D1

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate the sum of \$144,252 from the Special Revenue Fund of the State of Yap for the purpose of funding the Yap Cooperative Forestry program in the Department of Resources and Development ~~starting during~~ Fiscal Year 2025~~2026~~, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Yap.

1           Section 1. The sum of \$144,252, or so much thereof as  
2           may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the Special  
3           Revenue Fund of the State of Yap for the purpose of providing  
4           funding to fund the Yap Cooperative Forestry program in the  
5           Division of Agriculture and Forestry, Department of Resources  
6           and Development, ~~starting during~~ Fiscal Year 2025~~2026~~. The funds  
7           are pursuant to Grant Award No. 25-IG-11052021-262, which  
8           began on ~~August 27~~ September 5, 2025 and ending September 30,  
9           2029.

10           Section 2. Conditions and Restrictions.

11                   (1) Funds appropriated by this Act shall not be  
12           available for obligation for their planned uses by the agency  
13           until the respective grant cash amounts have been drawn down  
14           by the State and are deposited in their respective State  
15           accounts and available for disbursement.

16                   (2) The sum appropriated by this Act shall not be  
17           advanced to the agency. Memorandum of agreement (MOA) or

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<sup>1</sup>Governor Communication No. 11-457

1 other forms of agreement the purpose of which is to obligate  
2 and disburse to the agency any amounts from the sum  
3 appropriated herein, including reimbursements for payments is  
4 prohibited.

5 (3) All funds appropriated by this Act shall be  
6 maintained under the authority of the Director of the Office  
7 of Administrative Services.

8 Section 3. Allotment and Management of Funds, and  
9 Lapse Date. The sum appropriated by this Act shall be  
10 allotted to the Governor who shall be responsible for ensuring  
11 these funds are used only for the purposes specified under  
12 Section 1 of this Act. The sum appropriated by this Act shall  
13 be administered in accordance with the provisions of  
14 applicable law, including, but not limited to, the State  
15 Financial Management Act of 1983 and the State Contracts Act.  
16 The authority to obligate the funds appropriated by this Act  
17 shall lapse as of September 30, 2029, and any part of this  
18 appropriation not obligated as of September 30, 2029 shall  
19 revert to the Special Revenue Fund of the State of Yap.

20 Section 4. Reports. The Governor shall submit to the  
21 Legislature the performance and financial quarterly reports  
22 for each quarter in each fiscal year no later than twenty days  
23 after the end of each quarter. Each quarterly report shall  
24 include, but not limited to, complete descriptions of the

1 obligations incurred against the funds appropriated by this  
2 Act, and the status of the Funds as of the end of the  
3 completed quarter.

4 Section 5. This Act shall take effect upon the approval  
5 by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such  
6 approval.

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9 Date: 10/07/25

Introduced by: /s/Terrence R. Fong  
Terrence R. Fong  
(By Request)

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