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April 6, 2026

Standing Comm. Report No. 11-216

Re: Bill No. 11-217

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

*adopted  
4-7-26  
[Signature]*

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred Bill No. 11-217, entitled,

“A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$260,000 FROM THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND OF THE STATE OF YAP FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATING U.S. FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION 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 March 31, 2026, the Governor transmitted his request to the Legislature for appropriation of a US Federal Grant for the Special Education program. The communication was designated as Gov. Comm. No. 11-551 and assigned to your Committee for handling. The funding is reflected in Grant Nos. H027A250005 and H027A250005-25A. The period of performance for the grant funds started on July 1, 2025 and shall expire on September 30, 2026. All supporting documents, including Advice No. 520Y26005, are enclosed in the communication.

In the upcoming session, Bill No. 11-217 will be introduced by Floor Leader Terrence R. Fong, by request and will be assigned to this Committee.

Your Committee reviewed the request for the grant and as decided to forgo holding a public hearing as the request was straightforward in nature, and all relevant information is available to this Committee for consideration and recommendation. As with the Special Education program grants over the years, the funding period overlaps with the recent final submission for FY2025 and this initial funding for FY2026. Your Committee has already considered and recommended approval of the final FY2025 grant funds, and this report is focused on the first increment for FY2026. Your Committee is expecting more request in future, as well as a possible request for extension, as in other years.

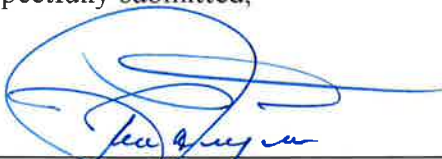
According to Gov. Comm. No. 11-551, the total amount under this advice is for \$260,000, with authorized breakdown as follows:

1. Personnel - \$150,000;
2. Travel - \$60,000;
3. Consumable goods - \$25,000;
4. Contractual Services - \$20,000; and
5. Fixed Assets \$5,000.


Your Committee recommends approval of the funding for Special Education program, and noted that the other grant award for the same program for FY2025 would be introduced and considered in a separate measure. Both grants are scheduled to lapse this fiscal year on September 30, 2026. It is recommended that the FY2025 funds should be expended before using the FY2026 funding.

Therefore, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill No. 11-217 and recommends passage on first and final reading in its original form.


Respectfully submitted,

  
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Pius Talimeisei - Chairman

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