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April 6, 2026

Standing Comm. Report No. 11-217

Re: Bill No. 11-207

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. 11-207, entitled,

“A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND YAP STATE LAW NO. 11-130, BY AMENDING THE TITLE AND SECTION 1, AS AMENDED BY YAP STATE LAW NOS. 11-147 AND 11-157, TO APPROPRIATE THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF \$50,000 FROM THE YAP STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES IN GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR YAP-UNITED STATES MILITARY OPERATION (YUMO) TASKFORCE 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.

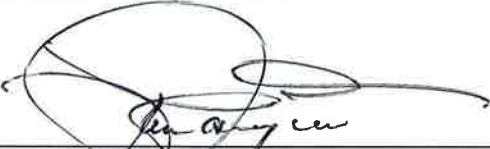
On March 13, 2026, the Governor transmitted his request to the Legislature for appropriation of supplemental funding for the YUMO Coordination Office for travel purposes. The request was designated as Governor’s Communication No. 11-541 and assigned to your Committee. According to his transmittal, the Governor stated, “These funds are urgently required to support the travel and participation of the YUMO Task Force in critical negotiations and working group meetings in Guam, Pohnpei, and Honolulu. Additionally, the funds will support a vital fact-finding mission to Palau to gather essential data on how our regional neighbors are managing the community and state-level impacts of large-scale military projects.” The request was for the amount of \$50,000 to be used solely for travel for members of the Yap-US Military Operation task force members’ travel.

Floor Leader Terrence R. Fong, by request, introduced Bill No. 11-207 on March 17, 2026, and it was also assigned to your Committee on Finance. Your Committee subsequently held a public hearing on March 23, 2026 at 1:00 pm with the Chairman of the YUMO task force, Chief of Budget, and Chief of Finance as witnesses.

Your Committee verified the use of funds during the public hearing. The members of the task force are from various different offices, and the testimonies during the hearing confirmed that the respective offices of the YUMO members who were required to travel for YUMO have had to cover the travel costs for their personnel. The funding would be used for such travel so not to interfere with the regular operations budget of those offices. Your Committee would recommend, through adoption of this report, that the funds under Bill No. 11-207, be approved to replenish travel budgets for those departments and offices who have had their travel funds charged for YUMO travel purposes. We trust the Division of Finance may be able to work with those departments and offices to process the paperwork.


Your Committee recommends approval of the funding, with the above conditions. Therefore, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill No. 11-207 and recommends passage on first and final reading in its original form

Respectfully submitted,



Pius Talimeisei - Chairman

4/7/20
Date



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