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June 19, 2026

Standing Comm. Report No. 11-224

Re: Bill No. 11-223

The Honorable Nicholas Figirilaarwon

Speaker

Eleventh Legislature of the State of Yap
Fourth Regular Session, 2026

Yap State

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred Bill No. 11-223, entitled,

“A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND YAP STATE LAW NO. 11-130, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTION 2, AS AMENDED BY YAP STATE LAW NO. 11-181 FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROVING REPROGRAMMING OF FUNDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”,

beg leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee, in the process of conducting various public hearings for the FY 2027 Budget, with funding source from the General Fund, took note of a number of Fixed Assets from various departments/offices/agencies that may be purchased in the current FY2026 Budget appropriation for operations, especially in Personnel. In Yap State Law No. 11-130, Section 2, for Conditions and Restrictions of using the appropriated funds, prohibit reprogramming of funds for Personnel and reprogramming any Fixed Asset funding before July 31, 2026.

In reviewing the latest Quarterly Report for FY2026 (Gov. Comm. No. 11-557), as well as hearing witness testimonies from relevant departments, your Committee has found that with a number of vacancies still within the respective departments, there will be left-over funding at the end of the current fiscal year. It is the recommendation of this Committee that the proposed fixed assets request for FY2027 can be funded from the calculated surplus from this year's budget appropriation. Your Committee requested from various agencies to re-examine the EBRC recommended figures and report back to the Legislature on certain FY2027 Fixed Assets request that can be accommodated currently.

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| 1. Office of the Governor | 5. Yap Visitor's Bureau |
| 2. Office of the Attorney General | 6. Historical Preservation Office |
| 3. Yap State Legislature | 7. Yap Investment Trust |
| 4. Environmental Protection Agency | 8. Election Office |

Recommended for Reprogramming: This committee is recommending approval of reprogramming of respective Personnel amounts to be used for specific purposes as follows:

1. Office of the Governor - \$13,600 is recommended with \$3,600 for purchase of desktop computers and \$10,000 for an office staff vehicle.
2. Office of the Attorney General - \$34,000 with breakdown of \$22,000 for Law and Litigation to have \$12,000 for purchase of computers/laptops and \$10,000 for a multifunction printer and \$12,000 for Public Safety to use \$12,000 for waterpump/gasoline and \$4,000 for CCTV Camera.
3. Yap State Legislature - \$22,908 for use in Consumables.
4. Environmental Protection Agency - \$5,800 to purchase desktop computer for \$3,000 and printer for \$2,800.
5. Yap Visitor's Bureau - \$9,000 to use for Printer for \$1,500, two laptops for \$5,000 and a desktop computer for \$2,500. In the last amendment to YSL 11-130, the Legislature has already authorized \$16,532 under YSL No. 11-181 to use in Contractual Services for expenses of a consultant for YVB. The total recommended approval of Personnel reprogramming for YVB would be \$25,532.
6. Historical Preservation Office - \$9,394 would be \$4,000 for a booklet maker machine and recommending the remainder \$5,394 for a boat trailer. Your Committee feels such a purchase would not cost the requested \$10,000 and the recommended amount should be sufficient.
7. Yap Investment Trust - \$2,066 would be for purchase of a desktop computer with software. Your Committee is aware there is a balance of \$600 according to hearing testimony, and the available amount under Personnel of \$2,066 would be sufficient to purchase a desktop within the calculated \$2,666.

8. Election Office request for reprogramming is slightly different. The amount of \$5,841 is the balance in Fixed Assets after completion of approved purchase. The law does not allow reprogramming of funds until the end of July, however the office is in dire need to replace ballot boxes. Therefore, your Committee is recommending that the balance of the amount under Fixed Asset be approved for reprogramming prior to July 31, 2026.

With all the recommended changes to the appropriated FY2026 General Fund budget, your Committee is hereby recommending introduction of Bill No. 11-223 on June 19, 2026 during session. This Standing Committee Report stands as the intent of the Committee in reporting out on this bill.

Therefore, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill No. 11-223 and recommends passage on first and final reading in its original form.

Respectfully submitted,


Pius Talimeisei - Chairman

6/19/26
Date

Anne-Marie Laamar - Vice Chairman


Date

Ted Rutun - Member


Date