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September 6, 2024

Standing Comm. Report No. 11-105
Re: Resolution No. 11- 84

adopted
9/9/24

The Honorable Nicholas Figirlaarwon
Speaker
Eleventh Legislature of the State of Yap
Second Regular Session, 2024

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources, Education and Development, to which was referred Resolution No. 11-84, entitled:

> "A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING BERNARD GORONG AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of the resolution is expressed in its title.

On August 1, 2024 Governor Charles Chieng transmitted to the Legislature for consent, his nomination of Bernard Gorong for Director of Resources and Development (Gov. Comm. No. 11-262) Your Committee on RED was assigned the communication. A copy of Mr. Gorong's resume is attached to the communication.

Your Committee reviewed the nominee's qualifications and his current employment. Mr. Gorong is currently working as Chief of Workforce Enrichment, a division within the Department, and he has also previously worked within the Department as Registrar of Corporations with the division of Commerce and Industry. Given his years of experience within the Department, your Committee is satisfied with the nominee's capability to take the lead in-house.

Your Committee further feels that the nominee is well known to the Committee and the members of the Legislature. With the preliminary review conducted, your Committee does not see the need for further public hearings for Mr. Gorong's nomination.

However, your Committee does note one concern regarding the nominee's potential health issues, if he is able to withstand the expected stress of the position. After conducting an informal interview with the nominee, he has assured your Committee that he does not foresee any issues with his health in undertaking the position.

Floor Leader Terrence R Fong is introducing Resolution No. 11-84 in today's session, the same time as this Committee is reporting out our findings and recommendations.

Thus, your Committee after review and discussion, concurs with the Governor and is in accord with the purpose and intent of Resolution No. 11-84, and recommends its adoption in its original form.

Respectfully submitted,

John Mafel - Chairman — Date 9/9/24

Liyon Sulog - Vice Chairman — Date 9/09/24

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