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August 13, 2026

Standing Comm. Report No. 11-234
Re: Bill No. 11-230 and 11-238

adopted 8/13/26

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred Bill No. 11-230, entitled,

> "A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND YAP STATE LAW NO. 11-130, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE TITLE AND SECTION 1 TO APPROPRIATE THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF $325,000 FROM THE YAP STATE FISCAL YEAR 2026 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES IN GENERAL FUND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FOR THE YAP-US 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 is expressed in its title.

On July 15, 2026, Governor Francis Itimai transmitted his Supplemental Budget Request for $325,000 for the legal team retained by the State in reviewing the Department of Defense (War) projects. It was designated as Governor's Communication No. 11-590 and assigned to your Committee on Finance. On August 6, 2026, Floor Leader Terrence R. Fong introduced, by request, Bill No. 11-230, and it was also referred to your Committee.

Your Committee conducted a public hearing at 10:00 am on August 7, 2026 in the Legislative Chambers with the members and staff of the YUMO task force. The discussion mainly focused on short briefing on the current status of the Environmental Impact Assessment, a focal requirement of the DoD projects. It became clear that there is still a need to retain the current legal team and environmental experts in completing the EIA

Bill No. 11-230 amends the current FY2026 Budget to add the requested amount to YUMO's Contractual Services budget. However, during the review, your Committee is mindful that there may be delays in the funding and with less than two months before the end of FY2026, it is not efficient and logical to include the funding in operation costs.

Your Committee therefore would recommend that the appropriation be reflected as a single project. Additionally, due to the unclear status of the projects at this point, it is better that the funding should not be in operations. For these simple reasons, your Committee recommends filing of Bill No. 11-230.

Furthermore, your Committee is introducing a "stand-alone" appropriation, similar to YSL No. 11-98 for the same purpose. YSL No. 11-98 had lapsed and reverted as of September 30, 2025, and could not be amended. Therefore, this Committee, through its Chairman, is introducing Bill No. 11-238 and recommends that it be placed on calender for passage on First and Second Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

Pius Talimeisei - Chairman — Date 8/18/26

Anne-Marie Laamar - Vice Chairman — Date 8/13/26

Ted Rutun - Member — Date 8/13/26