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August 17, 2026

Standing Comm. Report No. 11- 240
Re: Bill No. 11-243

adopted 8/17/26

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. 11-243, entitled,

> "A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $671,211 FROM THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND OF THE STATE OF YAP FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATING THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY (SPC) GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FOR THE WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE PROJECT STARTING 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 August 14, 2026, Acting Governor Thomas G. Tun transmitted his request for a legislative appropriation of the SPC Grant for Water Security and Climate Resilience Project. The grant agreement (Grant No. n° GA26-659) was attached to his request. The transmittal was designated as Governor's Communication No. 11-605 and assigned to your Committee. The request was in the total amount of $671,211, and the breakdown and schedule is included for information.

Floor Leader Terrence R. Fong, by request, is introducing Bill No. 11-243, the requisite bill for the request, in today's session with the assignment to your Committee on Finance.

Your Committee has looked over the request and found the information provided complete and enough justification without the need of conducting a public hearing. The grantor is the The Pacific Community or "SPC" based out of the South Pacific. The previous grant from the same grantor was earlier under Governor's Communication No. 11-588, which requested appropriation of $13,800 for Yap State Court Storage project (Bill No. 11-231). The bill was directly placed on Calendar with a verbal report on the floor during consideration.

Noteably, your Committee, due to the large amount in this appropriation,

would offer explanation in this Standing Committee Report for consideration.

Your Committee reviewed the grant requested under Gov. Comm No. 11-605. The project funding would be for a period of July 2026 and expire on January 31, 2028. The funds would be used for water security for all ten municipalities, and where possible and practicable, a few of the islands in Yap State. The Office of Planning and Budget would be the administering agency, with the funds to be utilized by all four water authorities in the State of Yap.

With the onset of a "Super" El Nino in the coming months, your Committee is cognizant of the urgency in getting the work started, and thus would facilitate the approval of this grant for its intended use. The schedule of payment is contained within the agreement, with the first tranche scheduled for a month after signing of the grant agreement and with requirements to be fulfilled. Your Committee sees this project is vital to commence as soon as possible.

Therefore, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill No. 11-243 and recommends passage on first and final reading in its original form.

Respectfully submitted,

Pius Talimeisei - Chairman — Date: 8/14/26

Anne-Marie Laamar - Vice Chairman — Date: 8/14/26

Ted Ruttan - Member — Date: 8/7/26