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September 17, 2026

Standing Comm. Report No. 11-241
Re: Bill No. 11-245

adopted
9/17/26

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. 11-245, entitled,

> "A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $26,924.18 FROM THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND OF THE STATE OF YAP FOR THE PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATING SPREP GRANT FUNDS AWARDED FOR THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT 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 August 25, 2026, Governor Francis Itimai transmitted his request for a legislative appropriation of the SPREP Grant for the African Tulip Project in the amount of $26,924.18. The letter of agreement (Ref. No.AP_2/18/18/1) was attached to his request. The transmittal was designated as Governor's Communication No. 11-609 and assigned to your Committee. In his communication, Governor conveyed that the total requested amount is composed of three components:

1. The remaining balance of previously appropriated funds for the same project from the same grant: **$664.18**.
2. Additional funding for the grant deposited in the Treasury: **$17,500**.
3. Expected remaining grant funds after reporting: **$8,760**.

Floor Leader Terrence R. Fong, by request, is introducing Bill No. 11-245, the requisite bill for the request, in today's session with the assignment to your Committee on Finance.

Your Committee reviewed the request and found the information provided sufficient for consideration and recommendation. There would not be a need for public hearing. Also, the letter of agreement for the grant funds provided that the effective date ends on September 30, 2026, leaving very limited time for DAF to complete all procedures, reports and expenditures.

. Your Committee notes the original appropriation was in Yap State Law No. 11-123, which lapsed on June 13, 2026. The issued agreement letter attached to Gov. Comm. No. 11-619 is essentially extending the effective date to spend the remaining balance and additional funds until the end of this September. This new letter of agreement to expend usage of funds was executed on August 19, 2026, leaving very little time to deal with remaining funds.

This Committee would recommend appropriation of these remaining funds and also suggest the requisite departments and branches work effectively to maximize the full available funding under the grant.

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Therefore, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of Bill No. 11-245 and recommends passage on first and final reading in its original form.

Respectfully submitted,

Pius Talimeisei - Chairman — 9/17/26 Date

Anne-Marie Laamar - Vice Chairman — 9/17/26 Date

Ted Rutun - Member — 9/17/26 Date