
A BILL FOR AN ACT

To further amend Public Law No. 13-57, as amended, by amending Section 1 thereof to authorize the use of \$500,000 to fund various consultants required for private sector development, tax reform efforts, and for other purposes.

BE IN ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA:

1 Section 1. Section 1 of Public Law No. 13-57, as amended by
2 Public Law No. 13-76 and 13-88, is hereby further amended to read
3 as follows:

4 "Section 1. Authorization. The President of the
5 Federated States of Micronesia is hereby authorized to
6 utilize a portion of the proceeds of the first tranche
7 of the FSM National Government's portion of Private
8 Sector Development (PSD) Program loan from the Asian
9 Development Bank:

10 (a) in an amount not to exceed \$180,000 for the
11 Division of Customs and Tax Administration, within the
12 Department of Finance and Administration, within the
13 Department of Finance and Administration, to employ a
14 certified tax accountant and a lawyer specializing in
15 taxation law for the purpose of improving taxation
16 collection and administration within the Division of
17 Customs and Tax Administration;

18 (b) in an amount not to exceed \$140,000 to
19 support the work of the FSM tax reform task force and

1 follow up work by the Executive Steering Committee for
2 tax reform implementation;

3 (c) in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to fund
4 consultancy services to pursue the Investment
5 Development Fund grant and for reporting requirements
6 under the Amended Compact;

7 (d) in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for the
8 work of the Fuel Task Force; and

9 (e) in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 for
10 advisors in the areas of economic statistics, investment
11 and trade policy, and implementation of the Secured
12 Transactions Law.

13 ~~[Each position shall be a contract position for a period~~
14 ~~of one (1) year.]~~ The selection criteria for each
15 position shall include at least equivalent
16 qualifications in the relevant field to those which are
17 set out in the eligibility criteria for the professional
18 premium under section 163 of the National Public Service
19 System Act, as amended from time to time."

1 Section 2. This act shall become law upon approval by the
2 President of the Federated States of Micronesia or upon its
3 becoming law without such approval.

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5 Date: 11/08/05

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