

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-34

RE: C.R. NO. 20-37/EDUCATION

SUBJECT: CONFIRMING THE NOMINATION OF MRS. PELMA JOHNSON MINGII TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM, REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twentieth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Second Regular Session, 2017

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred C.R. No. 20-37, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MRS. PELMA JOHNSON MINGII TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA-FSM, REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in its title.

On September 27, 2017, your Committee held a public hearing regarding the nomination of Mrs. Pelma Johnson Mingii, to serve as the FSM National Government representative to the College of Micronesia-FSM Board of Regents. Present at this hearing were the President of COM-FSM, the nominee, as well as, a representative from the Office of the President and the Secretary of the Department of Education.

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The nominee to serve as the representative for the National Government is a well respected businesswomen and accounting professional, she is currently the Comptroller of the Pohnpei Port Authority, and has served with distinction previously for more than seventeen years at College of Micronesia-FSM. She is also highly educated having attained a Master's Degree in Education and a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. The nominee is well known to the Committee. The President of COM-FSM stated that he was very impressed with the qualifications of this nominee, and she would bring necessary diversity to the Board of Regents, which currently has no women serving as members. The President stated that with half of the student population female and forty percent of COM-FSM staff women, the Board of Regents needed to represent the institution with at least one female board member. The President also reminded the Committee that diversity on its Board of Regents is a mandate under the accreditation standards.

The nominee has a very positive attitude and is hard working. She stated that she would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Board of Regents and she did not think that it would interfere with her position at the Port Authority.

Mrs. Mingii is known for her personal integrity and work ethic. She has been recommended by the Secretary of Education, the President of COM-FSM, representatives from the Board of Regents and the President. The nominee also stated that she believed she would be able to serve on the Board without undue hardship, and she was willing to serve. Further, your Committee defers to the President of our Nation, the President of COM-FSM and the Board of Regents as to the decision to put forward this nominee.

Absent any contrary indication, your Committee believes this nominee should be confirmed, and so recommends that Mrs. Pelma Johnson Mingii, be confirmed as the FSM National

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Government representative on the Board of Regents of the College of Micronesia-FSM. Your Committee on Education is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 20-37, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
Joseph J. Urusemal, chairman

/s/ Derensio S. Konman  
Derensio S. Konman, vice chairman

Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ Alik L. Alik  
Alik L. Alik, member

/s/ Esmond B. Moses  
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/s/ Wesley W. Simina  
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/s/ Ferny S. Perman  
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