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TH Semeon J. Phillip
 Speaker
 13th Kosrae State Legislature
 Tofol, Kosrae, 96944

Dear Speaker Phillip,

I am transmitting the enclosed bill which has the intent in creating a new division under the Department of Education to oversee and focus on services needed by Kosraean students aspiring to further postsecondary and graduate education in colleges in the FSM and abroad.

This administration places a high premium on education, most specifically at the postsecondary level. There is currently no division under our education system to oversee and coordinate services needed by Kosraean students that are currently in school and who may be enrolling in the near future.

With the U.S. Government agreeing in reinstating federal financial aid programs, such as SEOG, College Work Study and Student Loan Program to FSM students, we need to take the lead in utilizing the opportunity to broaden our assistance to our students.

The State has already executed three MOUs with three colleges in the U.S. as part of our effort to assist more students to take the path in earning higher college degrees.

The creation of the division will build on the above stated policies and will serve as the "one-stop-shop" for students needing services, guidance and academic advice while still in high school and beyond.

Your favorable actions are highly solicited.

Respectfully,


 Tulensa W. Palik
 Governor, Kosrae State

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