



Governor's Message -  
No. 13-55  
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May 22, 2023

The Honorable Semeon J. Phillip  
Speaker  
13<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature  
Tofol, Kosrae FM 96944

Dear Speaker Phillip,

I extend my compliments and warm greetings to you and the members of the 13<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature.

Pursuant to Article IV, §16 of the Kosrae State Constitution, I am returning this bill, affixing my signature to section 2, at subsections (1) through (4), as line item veto to L.B. No. 13-22, L.D.1.

It is apparent that this appropriation bill seeks funding for the "Liberation Celebrations" for the four municipal governments, in support of the growth of the agriculture and fisheries development in the State.

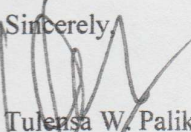
I understand the rationale behind the subject bill; however, I have recently transmitted a proposal shifting funding from the Foreign Assistance Fund to the Local Revenue to source the operations of the locally funded entities of the government. These entities are in dire need to source their operation obligations, which are almost depleted as addressed in my transmittal letter on May 15, of this year.

As you are aware of, the national government subsidies we are anticipating to assist the Foreign Assistance funding of our budget has been redirected to the road and shoreline projects.

Mr. Speaker, my action to L.B. No. 13-22, L.D. 1, is to ensure that the core obligations of the government is taken care of without disruption, even at the bare minimum, with the limited local revenue source we have. I am not aware of the urgency of the subject bill, as we have few more months before the Liberation month and by July we will definitely know the outcome of the referendum we are anticipating to increase our revenue.

Should you and members need additional information, please do let us know.

Sincerely,

  
Tulensa W. Palik  
Governor, Kosrae State

CC: File

"TUKENI OREKMA IN AKWOYE MWET LASR A AN SESR KOSRAE"  
"WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE WELLBEING OF OUR PEOPLE AND KOSRAE"

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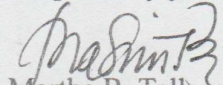
May 12, 2023

The Honorable Tulensa W. Palik  
Governor  
State of Kosrae  
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Dear Governor Palik,

I have the honor to transmit herewith for your consideration and action **L.B. No. 13-22 L.D.1, TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF \$18,000.00 FROM THE LOCAL REVENUE FUND OF THE KOSRAE STATE TREASURY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE 2023 LIBERATION CELEBRATIONS FOR THE FOUR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE STATE OF KOSRAE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**, which passed the Legislature, Second Special Session, by two-thirds of the members of the Legislature, a quorum being present.

Respectfully yours,

  
Martha B. Talley

Chief Clerk  
Thirteenth Kosrae State Legislature

Enclosures

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

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INTRODUCED BY: Senator Alik S. Isaac

DATE: April 11, 2023

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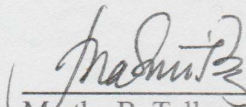
ACTION BY THE LEGISLATURE

PASSED FIRST READING: May 9, 2023

REFERRING TO: S.C.R. No. 13-31 – Adopted on May 9, 2023

PASSED SECOND READING: May 11, 2023

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Martha B. Talley  
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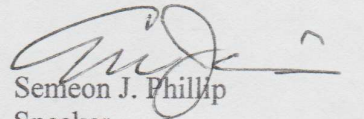
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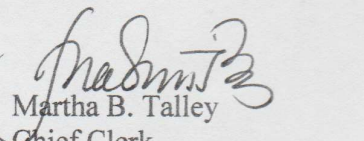
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LEGISLATIVE BILL NO. 13-22 L.D.1

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill has been passed by the  
Legislature, Second Special Session, 2023, by two thirds of the members  
of the Thirteenth Kosrae State Legislature, a quorum being present.

  
Semeon J. Phillip  
Speaker  
13<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature

  
Martha B. Talley  
Chief Clerk  
13<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate the sum of ~~\$18,000.00~~ <sup>\$10,000.00</sup> from the Local Revenue Fund of the Kosrae State Treasury for the purpose of funding the 2023 Liberation Celebrations for the four municipal governments in the State of Kosrae; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE

1 Section 1. Appropriation. The sum of \$18,000 is hereby appropriated from the

2 Local Revenue Fund of the Kosrae State Treasury for the purpose of funding the 2023

3 Liberation Celebrations for the four municipal governments in the State of Kosrae. The

4 funding assistance is recommended as prime supports to the goals and objectives set in the

5 Kosrae State Strategic Development Plan (SDP). The Kosrae State SDP specifically

6 pledges for the state's strong support to the growth of our economy, most especially the

7 areas of agriculture and fisheries development. Hence, the fair competition event is the

8 principal intent of this funding assistance, supported by this bill.

9 Section 2. Apportionment. The amount shall be apportioned as follows:

10	(1) Lelu Municipal Government	<del>\$5,000.00</del> <sup>3,000.00</sup>
11	(2) Tafunak Municipal Government	<del>\$5,000.00</del> <sup>3,000.00</sup>
12	(3) Malem Municipal Government	<del>\$4,000.00</del> <sup>2,000.00</sup>
13	(4) Utwe Municipal Government	<del>\$4,000.00</del> <sup>2,000.00</sup>

14 Section 3. Allottee and Lapse Date. All funds appropriated by this act shall be

15 allotted, managed, administered and accounted for in accordance with applicable law. The

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, MARCH 2023

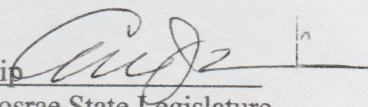
L.B. No. 13-22 L.D. 1

1 allottee of the fund appropriated shall be the Governor of the State of Kosrae, who shall be  
2 responsible for ensuring that these funds, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are  
3 used for the purpose of which are appropriated and that no obligations are incurred in  
4 excess of the sum appropriated.

5 Section 4. Effective Date. This act takes effect upon the approval of the Governor  
6 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

7 PASSED BY THE 13<sup>TH</sup> KOSRAE STATE LEGISLATURE ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF  
8 MAY, 2023.

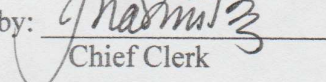
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10 Semeon J. Phillip   
Speaker, 13<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature

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14 Attested by:   
Chief Clerk

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18 Tulensa W. Palik  
Governor, State of Kosrae

Date: \_\_\_\_\_