



Governor's Message No. 13-65  
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The Honorable Semeon J. Phillip  
Speaker  
13<sup>th</sup> Kosrae State Legislature  
Tofol, Kosrae FM 96944

Dear Speaker Phillip,

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

Upon my review of L.B. No. 13-42, L.D.1, and the financial outlook of the State Government, most especially the State Revenue, I must exercise the authority vested in me, pursuant to Article IV, §16 of the Kosrae State Constitution by returning L.B. No. 13-42, L.D. 1, without affixing my signature, VETO.

I do understand L.B.13-42, L.D.1 seek to appropriate \$3,100 from the State Revenue Fund for the Behavioral Health & Wellness Program (BH&W) under the Department of Health Services. The program is a federally funded program, and as any other programs, funding should be secured before the implementation is in effect.

Mr. Speaker, my action to L.B. No. 13-42, L.D.1 is to safeguard the meager revenue source in our treasury. As I had stated in my previous communications, we should prioritize the core obligation of the state.

Do let me know if you need further clarification.

Sincerely,

Tulensa W. Palik  
Governor

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