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Serial No. 18-634

The Honorable Hokkons Baules
President of the Senate
10th Olbiil Era Kelulau
Ngerulmud, Palau National Capitol
Republic of Palau 96939

Signing Statement Re: HB 10-80-6S, HD7, SD8, CD1 – The Fiscal Year 2018 Supplemental Budget Authorization and Appropriation Act

Dear Senate President Baules:

Thank you for your attention to House Bill No. 10-80-6S, HD7, SD8, CD1, authorizing and appropriating additional sums from the National Treasury for general operations and capital improvements during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018. As always, your diligent attention to the financial health of our Republic will ensure that the needs of our people continue to be served.

We know that our Republic is faced with the likelihood of increased operating costs in the near future. Rising fuel prices alone present a significant threat to our finances, and the scheduled step-down of direct economic assistance through the Compact of Free Association only compounds the problem. Given these circumstances, we must all ensure that our expenditures align with our anticipated revenues, and the national government must set that example. Given your leadership role, I hope you understand the necessity of my line-item reductions to budget increases for each chamber of the OEK. All departments encounter unanticipated expenses as the year progresses, but only half of all supplemental budget requests could be satisfied this year. Supplemental appropriations are appropriate for both the House and the Senate; but we must reduce the size of those budget increases, as we look forward to the rest of this year and beyond.

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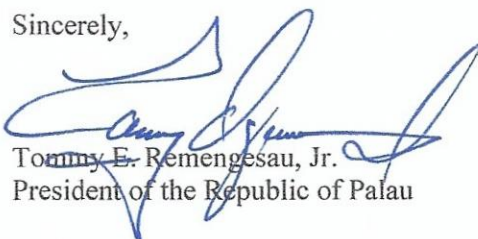


No consideration of our FY2018 National Budget would be complete without mentioning the March appropriation by the U.S. Congress of \$123.824 million to fund the 2010 Compact Section 432 Review Agreement (CRA). We thank our many American friends, especially those in the U.S. Congress, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Defense, and the Department of State, for their tireless efforts to secure this appropriation after so many years of delay. Unfortunately, I must take this opportunity to raise with you an unfortunate potential consequence of that long delay. Because of discrepancies between the original CRA funding schedule and the Continuing Resolution funds provided by Congress from 2011-2017, the U.S. is proposing to allocate this \$123.824 million appropriation in a way that will drastically reduce direct economic assistance payments to Palau for the remainder of the CRA term. While we are working with our friends in the U.S. government to mitigate this consequence, at this time Palau must prepare for the worst, which would be increased reliance upon the COFA Trust Fund. Fortunately, even this worst-case scenario should not require more than the originally scheduled drawdown of \$9 million.

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With these points made, I would like to thank you once again for your diligent attention to the important details of financing our national government. I am proud to sign this bill into law, and look forward to continuing our work together to advance the Republic of Palau.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.", is written over the typed name and title.

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CC: Speaker Sabino Anastacio



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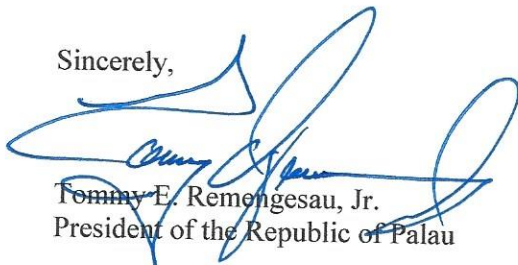


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TENTH OLBIIL ERA KELULAU

SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION

MAY 2018

HOUSE BILL NO. 10-80-6S, HD7, SD8, CD1

AN ACT

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OFFERED BY ~~DELEGATE(S)~~ President Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.

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HOUSE ACTION

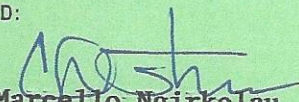
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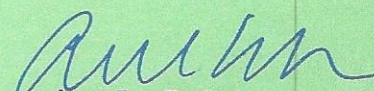
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 FINAL ACTION: May 23, 2018

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ACTION

DATE: May 23, 2018
 COMMITTEE REPORT: 10-3
 DATE PASSED: May 23, 2018


 Marcello Ngirkelau
 HOUSE CLERK


 Ann L. Pedro
 SENATE CLERK

AN ACT

To authorize and appropriate additional sums from the National Treasury for general operations and capital improvements of the Republic of Palau for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018; to amend 40 PNC § 2706(c) to allocate a percentage of PPEF funds to the Civil Service Pension Fund; to appropriate funds to the Ministry of Health for the continuation of the Health Assistant Training Program; to appropriate funds to Republic of Palau Postal Service for the continuation of the Philatelic Office extension project; to appropriate funds for the 25th Silver Anniversary Conference of Mechesil Belau; to appropriate additional funds to cover the cost of state CIP projects; and for related purposes.

THE PEOPLE OF PALAU REPRESENTED IN THE OLBIL ERA KELULAU DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Short Title. This Act may be cited as “The Fiscal Year 2018 Supplemental Budget Authorization and Appropriation Act”.

Section 2. Amendment. Section 2 of RPPL No. 10-12, as amended, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 2. Executive Branch Operations. The sum of \$46,562,000 is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure and obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 for the purpose of covering the operational and contingent expenses of the Executive Branch. The total amount authorized to be appropriated shall be made up of the following available revenues: The amount of \$28,265,000 shall come from local revenues; the amount of \$13,147,000 shall come from anticipated USDOJ-OIA Fiscal Year 2018 grant assistance or the direct economic assistance under the amended Compact provided to Palau; the amount of \$5,000,000 shall come from Compact Section 211(f) Trust Fund Investment Account; and the amount of \$150,000 for the Marine Ambulance shall come from the Non-Communicable Disease Fund as created by RPPL 9-57, as amended by RPPL 10-9. The total amount authorized for appropriation and that it is hereby appropriated in this section shall be allocated according to the following schedule, respectively:

...

(3) Ministry of Finance

(a) Office of the Minister \$258,000

Of this sum, \$100,000 is transferred from the appropriated funds of the Office of the Public Auditor and \$100,000 from the authorized funds which is hereby

1	appropriated. The entire amount of \$200,000 is earmarked to facilitate the	
2	independent audit of state governments pursuant to RPPL 9-9.	
3	...	
4	(c) Bureau of National Treasury	\$933,000
5		Sub-Total \$4,064,000
6	(4) Ministry of State	
7	...	
8	(d) ROP Embassy in Washington, D.C	\$340,000
9	Of this sum, the amount of \$10,000 is to cover additional office expenses	
10	for the ROP Embassy in Washington, D.C.	
11	(e) ROP Embassy in Tokyo, Japan	\$691,000
12	Of this sum, an amount of \$15,000, or so much thereof as may be	
13	necessary, is hereby earmarked toward our participation at the Pacific	
14	Island Leaders Meeting (PALM 8) in Japan in May 2018.	
15	...	
16	(h) United Nations Representation Office	\$389,000
17	...	
18	(j) Bureau of Trade and Foreign Affairs	\$470,000
19	(k) Bureau of Domestic Affairs	\$316,000
20	(l) Passport Office	\$127,000
21	Of this sum, an amount of \$35,000, or so much thereof as may be	
22	necessary, is hereby earmarked toward passport printing equipment,	
23	supplies and maintenance services.	
24	...	
25	(n) Southwest Island Field Trips / Sonsorol & Hatohobei	\$310,000
26	Of this sum, the amount of \$38,000 is earmarked for a field trip to the	
27	State of Hatohobei to allow the Bureau of Land and Survey to conduct	
28	land surveying and monumentation work.	
29	(o) ROP Embassy for European Union/Climate Change	\$209,000

1		Sub-Total	\$4,015,000
2	(5) Ministry of Community and Cultural Affairs		
3	...		
4	(c) Bureau of Youth, Applied Arts and Career	\$373,000	
5	Of this sum, an amount of \$19,000, or so much thereof as may be		
6	necessary, is hereby earmarked toward the remaining Civic Center		
7	improvement works.		
8	...		
9		Sub-Total	\$1,566,000
10	(6) Ministry of Education		
11	...		
12	(d) Bureau of School Administration	\$7,354,000	
13	...		
14		Sub-Total	\$9,066,000
15	(7) Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce		
16	...		
17	(c) Bureau of Commercial Development	\$354,000	
18	Of this sum, an amount of \$24,000, or so much thereof as may be		
19	necessary, is hereby earmarked toward navigation markers improvement		
20	works.		
21	...		
22	(e) Bureau of Aviation	\$1,959,000	
23	Of this sum, an amount of \$91,000, or so much thereof as may be		
24	necessary, is hereby earmarked toward ARFF firefighting gear.		
25	(f) Bureau of Lands and Survey	\$899,000	
26	...		
27		Sub-Total	\$7,141,000
28	(8) Ministry of Justice		
29	(a) Office of the Attorney General	\$634,000	

1	...	
2	(c) Bureau of Public Safety	\$3,321,000
3	(d) Bureau of Maritime Security & FWP	\$1,016,000
4		Sub-Total \$6,283,000
5		Section 2 Total \$46,562,000"

6 Section 3. Amendment. Section 4 of RPPL No. 10-12 is hereby amended as
7 follows:

8 "Section 4. Legislative Branch. The sum of ~~\$6,253,000~~ ^{\$6,078,000} is hereby authorized to
9 be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal
10 Year 2018 for the purpose of covering the operational and contingent expenses of the
11 Legislative Branch. The entire amount of funds authorized and appropriated in this
12 section shall come from local revenues. The total authorization and appropriation shall
13 be allocated according to the following schedule:

14	(1) Senate	\$2,308,000 \$2,433,000
15	(2) Senate Legal Counsel Office	210,000
16	(3) House of Delegates	\$2,840,000 2,890,000
17	(4) House Legal Counsel Office	215,000
18	(5) Joint Staff	345,000
19	(6) Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL)	60,000

20 Palau will be hosting the 2017 APIL Board of Directors Meeting, and the one-
21 time increase in this amount will fund the cost of hosting. Of this sum, the
22 amount of \$20,000 is to cover additional costs incurred when Palau hosted the
23 APIL Board of Directors Meeting in December 2017, and to finance Palau's
24 participation in upcoming APIL meetings and functions.

25	(7) Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)	15,000
26	(8) Palau-Japan Parliamentary Friendship	35,000
27	(9) Electricity for Koror OEK Building	30,000
28	(10) Pacific Island Development Bank	20,000

29 This sum of \$20,000 is to support the work of the Chairman of the PIDB, and
30 attendance at meetings and functions of the PIDB.

Section 4 Total \$6,253,000”

Section 4. Amendment. Section 6 of RPPL No. 10-12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 6. State Block Grants. The sum of \$7,576,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 for the purpose of State Governments' operational and capital improvement projects expenses. The amount of funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues, except for \$478,000 which shall come from local revenues and from the excess of the \$2.0 million of the Environmental Protection Fee (Green Fee) in Section 3413 of Title 24, and the sum of \$864,000 which shall come from the twelve dollar and fifty cents (\$12.50) allocation of the “Pristine Paradise Environmental Fee” to the states pursuant to 40 PNC § 2706(b), or from local revenues. The amount authorized for appropriation shall be available for expenditure for operations and CIP projects in accordance with 40 PNC Chapter 22. The total authorization and total appropriation shall be allocated according to the following schedule, respectively:

...”

Section 5. Amendment. Section 7 of RPPL 10-12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 7. Independent Agencies. The sum of \$3,434,000 is authorized for appropriation and the sum of \$3,434,000 is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 as operating grants or subsidies for independent agencies of the National Government. The entire amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues. The total authorization and appropriation shall be allocated according to the following schedule, respectively:

- | | |
|---|-----------|
| (1) Office of the Public Auditor | \$532,000 |
| (2) ... | |
| (3) Palau Environmental Quality Protection Board (EQPB) | \$503,000 |

The sum of \$50,000 is to cover the cost of hiring an engineer.

...

Section 7 Total \$3,434,000”

Section 6. Amendment. Section 8 of RPPL No. 10-12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 8. Other Agencies and Activities. The sum of \$1,886,000 is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure and obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 as grants or subsidies for recurring programs and activities. The entire amount of funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues. The total authorization and appropriation shall be allocated according to the following schedule, respectively:

...

(4) Head Start Program	\$126,000
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...

Section 8 Total \$1,886,000”

Section 7. Amendment. Section 24 of RPPL No. 10-12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 24. Micronesian Games. The sum of \$200,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 as funding support for Palau’s participation in the Micronesian Games to be held in Yap State, FSM on July 2018. The Palau National Olympic Committee and the Team Palau Organizing Committee shall submit expenditure reports and disclosure of donation sources to the Office of the President and the Olbiil Era Kelulau no later than sixty (60) days after the closing of the Micronesian Games. The reports shall specify the amounts spent, and include an itemized description of the nature of each expense. The entire amount authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues.”

Section 8. Amendment. Section 25 of RPPL No. 10-12 is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 25. Civil Service Pension Plan Actuarial Study and Trust Fund. The sum of \$1,150,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 to fund the Pension Plan Trust Fund.

Of these funds, the sum of \$150,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated to fund the CSPP Reform Options Actuarial Study; provided that CSPP shall work in close collaboration with the Olbiil Era Kelulau and the Ministry of Finance to commission an actuarial study. The actuarial study shall determine viable options toward a comprehensive reform that will ensure long term financial viability of the CSPP. The remaining \$1,000,000 is authorized and appropriated in this section to the Civil Service Pension Plan Trust Fund for the purpose of satisfying the national government's debt owed to the Civil Service Pension Plan Fund. The entire amount authorized to be appropriated in this section shall come from the fifty percent of the twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) allocation of the "Pristine Paradise Environmental Fee" earmarked for the Civil Service Pension Plan pursuant to 40 PNC § 2706(c). Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year."

Section 9. Amendment. Section 702 (b) of Title 15 of the Palau National Code, as established by RPPL No. 10-17, is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 702. Establishment of the Bureau of Communications.

(a) ...

(b) A sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) is hereby allocated and appropriated from local revenues for use by the Bureau for fiscal year 2018."

Section 10. Amendment. 40 PNC § 2706(c) is hereby amended to read as follows:

"§ 2706. Allocation of Pristine Paradise Environmental Fee

Of the Pristine Paradise Environmental Fee paid by each passenger:

...

(c) Twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be deposited in the National Treasury, with fifty percent (50%) of these funds earmarked and appropriated to relevant agencies for purposes related to the security, operation, maintenance, and improvement of the Palau International Airport; and fifty percent (50%) earmarked and appropriated to the Civil Service Pension Plan. This second fifty percent (50%) of funds shall be transmitted by the Ministry of Finance to the Civil Service Pension Plan on or before the fifteenth

(15th) day of each month following the end of a quarter;

...”

Section 11. Amendment. RPPL 10-12 is hereby amended to include the following new sections as follows and renumber subsequent sections accordingly:

“Section 43. Ministry of Health.

The sum of \$65,000 is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 to the Ministry of Health to fund the continuation of the Health Assistant Training Program. The appropriated sum shall be used to fund the students’ completion of the training program; specifically, the “Internship Component” which runs from May 2018 through October 2018. The entire amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from the Non-Communicable Diseases Fund. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 44. Republic of Palau Postal Service.

The sum of \$30,000 is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 to the Republic of Palau Postal Service to fund the continuation of the Philatelic Office extension project. The appropriated sum shall be used to cover the cost of the additional labor and materials needed to complete the project. The entire amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 45. Appropriation for the 25th Silver Anniversary Conference of Mechesil Belau.

The sum of ~~\$95,000~~ ^{\$70,000} is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated to Mechesil Belau for the purpose of funding the operational and contingent expenses relating to the 25th Silver Anniversary Conference of Mechesil Belau. Of this sum, \$25,000 shall be earmarked to cover hospitality expenses in lieu of state group donations. Mechesil Belau shall submit expenditure reports to the Office of the President and the Olbiil Era Kelulau no later than sixty (60) days after the Conference.

1 The reports shall specify the amounts spent, and include an itemized description of the
2 nature of each expense. The entire amount of funds authorized and appropriated in this
3 section shall come from local revenues and shall be non-lapsing.”

4 Section 12. Amendment. RPPL 10-12 is hereby amended to include the following
5 new sections to support State CIP projects, which shall be coordinated with CIP
6 assessments and requirements determined by CIP which shall inspect each project for
7 conformance, and renumber the subsequent sections accordingly:

8 “Section 37. Ngaraard State Government; PPUC.

9 The sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) is authorized for appropriation,
10 and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 to PPUC
11 to be used for the benefit of Ngaraard State. The appropriated sum shall be allocated to
12 continue construction projects for power line extensions in Ngkekklau. The entire
13 amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from local
14 revenues. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section
15 shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year, and may be used for other Ngaraard State
16 CIP projects.

17 Section 38. Ngiwal State Government.

18 The sum of one hundred twenty five thousand dollars (\$125,000) is authorized for
19 appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year
20 2018 to the Capital Improvement Project Office to continue upgrading the existing road
21 from East Ngiwal to the Compact Road in order to connect the Ngiwal Housing Area
22 (Ngarmechau) to the Compact Road. The Ngiwal State Government will collaborate
23 with CIP to coordinate the details of the upgrading of the existing road. The entire
24 amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from the
25 Road Maintenance Fund. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation
26 of this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

27 Section 39. Ngardmau State Government.

28 The sum of seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) is authorized for appropriation
29 and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 to the
30 Ngardmau State Government to begin the community project to repair the dock which

has suffered damage. The Ngardmau State Government will collaborate with CIP to coordinate the details of the dock repair project. This community project shall be administered by the Office of the Governor. The appropriated funds may be applied to design costs, estimates, materials cost, labor cost and all other related costs for construction. The entire amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 40. Ngeremlengui State Government.

The sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 to Ngeremlengui State community for use in a community project to construct roads to provide access to housing areas for the people of Ngeremlengui State. This community project shall be administered by the Office of the Governor. Ngeremlengui State Government will collaborate with CIP to coordinate the details of the road construction. The entire amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from the Road Maintenance Fund. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 41. Ngatpang State Government.

The sum of eighty-five thousand dollars (\$85,000) is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 to Ngatpang State for use in constructing an access road to a proposed subdivision in Ngerebkus, Ibobang area. The Ngatpang State Government will collaborate with CIP to coordinate the details of the road construction project. The appropriated funds may be applied to material, equipment, labor costs, and other associated costs for the construction of the access road as proposed to the subdivision, including costs associated with obtaining earth-moving permits and required erosion control measures. The entire amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from the Road Maintenance Fund. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 42. Airai State Government; PPUC

The sum of \$100,000 is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 to Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC) for use in providing Ngerikiil residents access to clean and treated water. The funds will be used to procure a water pump, as well as to cover all associated costs including but not limited to labor costs for installation. The Airai State Government will collaborate with PPUC, and PPUC will maintain the pump and provide quality control service to ensure proper working condition. The entire amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.”

Section 13. Amendment. The title of RPPL 10-12 is amended to read as follows:

“To enact a budget law for Fiscal Year 2018 through the authorization of the sum of \$94,473,514 and appropriation of the sum of \$91,266,514 from the National Treasury for the annual general operations, special revenue, and debt service budget of the Republic of Palau for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, and for related purposes.”

Section 14. Amendment. RPPL 10-12 is amended to add the following new Sections and renumber subsequent Sections Accordingly:

“Section 46. Appropriation to Palau Small Business Development Center. The sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 by the Palau SBDC as matching funds in order for the Palau SBDC to receive funds stemming from its recent eligibility of Palau SBDC for additional funding through PISBDCN.

Section 47. Appropriation to the Bureau of Communications. The sum of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal Year 2018 by the Bureau of Communications.

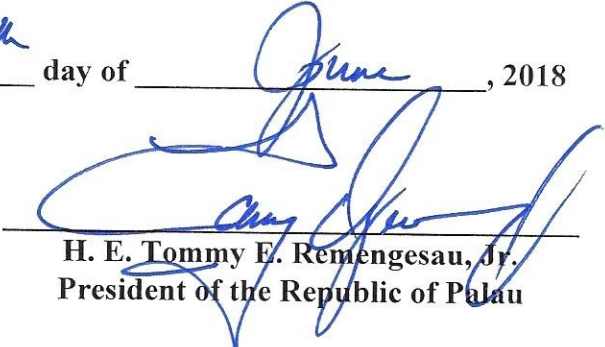
Section 48. Kayangel State. The sum of \$50,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated, and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation by Kayangel State for Fiscal Year 2018. The appropriation will be used to construct the Bai ra Ngerbesang. The source of these funds shall come from local revenues. Any

1 unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at
2 the end of the fiscal year.”

3 Section 15. Effective Date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the
4 President of the Republic of Palau or upon becoming law without such approval, except
5 as otherwise provided by law.

PASSED: May 23, 2018

Approved this 7th day of June, 2018


H. E. Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.
President of the Republic of Palau