

A RESOLUTION

To amend Rule 4.2.6 at subsections A,B,C&E so as to modify the designated responsibilities of various Standing Committees to reflect the organizational changes made in the structure of the Executive and Judicial Branches of Government.

1           **WHEREAS**, following the passage of various laws of the State, some of the  
2 departments and divisions of the Executive Branch have been renamed and/or  
3 restructured; and

4           **WHEREAS**, the Land Commission has been abolished and its functions and  
5 responsibilities assumed by the Land Court; and

6           **WHEREAS**, the Kosrae State Legislature Rules of Procedure Rule 4.2.6 sets out  
7 the duties and responsibilities of each of the Legislature’s Standing Committees; and

8           **WHEREAS**, those duties and responsibilities need to be amended in order to  
9 accurately reflect the current organization of the Executive and Judicial Branches;

10           **BE IT RESOLVED**, that Kosrae State Legislature Rules of Procedure Rule 4.2.6  
11 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12           “**Rule 4.2.6. Jurisdiction of Standing Committees.** Standing committees have  
13 jurisdiction and oversight as follows:

14           **A. The Standing Committee on Ways and Means.** The Committee  
15 has jurisdiction and oversight of all matters pertaining to Executive nominations which  
16 require the advice and consent of the Legislature, all bills and resolutions pertaining to  
17 the finances and financial administration of the Government of Kosrae State, such  
18 subjects to include but not limited to budgets, budget requests, expenditures,  
19 appropriation measures, loans, borrowing, or indebtedness on public credit, monetary  
20 claims, funding arrangements or requirements, accounting and audits, past, present or  
21 proposed, and all taxation and revenue sharing matters contained in Title 9, and all

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1 commerce matters contained in Title 15 of the Kosrae State Code, as well as matters  
2 relating to:

- 3 1. The Department of Administration and Finance
- 4 2. The Division of Trade and Investment of the Department of  
5 ~~Commerce and Industry~~ Resources and Economic Affairs.
- 6 3. The Office of the Governor

7 **B. The Standing Committee on Resources and Development.** The  
8 Committee has jurisdiction and oversight of all bills, resolutions and referred nominations  
9 which require Legislature advice and consent, and all other matters pertaining to the  
10 economy of the State of Kosrae and the resources thereof, including matters relating to  
11 foreign trade; foreign investment permits; any treaty related matters which would affect  
12 the State, economic planning, priorities and policies, public or private investments, and  
13 development loans, private savings and indebtedness, usury and banking, labor and  
14 manpower development, agriculture, forestry and fisheries development, exportation of  
15 land-based mineral resources, land management, industries, public utilities,  
16 communications, land, air and sea transportation, including state regulation of navigation  
17 and shipping; maritime matters; regulation and management of ownership; exploitation  
18 and exploration of mineral or natural resources within the 12 nautical mile baseline of  
19 jurisdiction claimed by the State of Kosrae; relations between the State of Kosrae and the  
20 National FSM Government; other sovereign nations; the United Nations; and any other  
21 international organizations and other related subjects and other related subject matters. It  
22 shall be the duty of this committee to consider to the Committee of the Whole any needed  
23 revisions of existing laws or new legislation relating to the subject matter within its  
24 jurisdiction.

25 The Committee shall be responsible for reviewing specific subjects in the budget

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1 of the Governor, and all supplemental thereto, which make a request for an appropriation  
 2 that relates to a subject matter within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to its review, the  
 3 committee shall recommend whether the matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be  
 4 authorized, and if so, in what amount. Following its review the committee shall promptly  
 5 report its recommendation to the Kosrae State Legislature. Those subjects which fall  
 6 within the jurisdiction of this committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 7 1. The Department of ~~Public Works~~ Transportation and Infrastructure
- 8 2. The Kosrae Utility Authority
- 9 3. The Division of Agriculture and Land Management; and the  
 10 Division of Fisheries and Marine Resources of the Department of  
 11 ~~Agriculture, Land and Fisheries~~ Resources and Economic Affairs.
- 12 4. The ~~Development Review Commission~~ Kosrae Island Resource  
 13 Management Authority
- 14 5. Micronesian Petroleum Corporation
- 15 6. Pacific Tuna Industries, Inc.
- 16 7. SEMO-Micronesia, Inc.

17 C. **The Standing Committee on Health and Social Affairs.** The  
 18 Committee has jurisdiction and oversight of all matters pertaining to bills, resolutions,  
 19 and other matters referred to it, including Governor's nominations submitted to the  
 20 Speaker during a session, which nominations require the advice and consent of the  
 21 Legislature, pertaining to physical and natural environment, physical and mental health of  
 22 the general public; public welfare; social security and general well-being of the people of  
 23 the State of Kosrae; and any other related subjects. It shall be the duty of this committee  
 24 to consider, investigate, or recommend needed revisions of existing laws or new  
 25 legislation relating to any subject matter within its jurisdiction.

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1           The committee shall be responsible for reviewing specific subjects, in the budget  
2 of the Governor, and all supplemental thereto which make a request for an appropriation  
3 that relates to a subject matter within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to its review the  
4 committee shall recommend whether the matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be  
5 authorized, and if so, in what amount. Following its review the committee shall promptly  
6 report its recommendation to the Legislature. Those subjects which fall within the  
7 jurisdiction of the Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 8           1.     The Department of Health Services
- 9           2.     The Division Office of Community Affairs of the Department of  
10           Resources and Economic Affairs
- 11          3.     The Sports Council
- 12          4.     The Broadcast Authority

13           **D.           The Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs.**

14   The Committee has jurisdiction and oversight of all matters pertaining to bills,  
15 resolutions, and other matters referred to it, including Governor's nominations submitted  
16 to the Speaker during a session, which nominations require the advice and consent of the  
17 Legislature, pertaining to public education, cultural issues; traditional issues; and any  
18 other related subjects. It shall be the duty of this committee to consider, investigate, or  
19 recommend needed revisions of existing laws or new legislation relating to any subject  
20 matter within its jurisdiction.

21           This committee shall be responsible for reviewing specific subjects, in the budget  
22 of the Governor, and all supplemental thereto, which make a request for an appropriation  
23 that relates to a subject matter within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to its review the  
24 committee shall recommend whether the matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be  
25 authorized, and if so, in what amount. Following its review the committee shall promptly

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1 report its recommendation to the Legislature. Those subjects which fall within the  
2 jurisdiction of the committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 3 1. The Department of Education
- 4 2. The Scholarship Board

5 **E. The Standing Committee on Judiciary & Governmental**

6 **Operations.** The committee has jurisdiction and oversight of all bills and resolutions,  
7 and other matters referred to it, including nominations submitted by the Governor to the  
8 Speaker between sessions and appropriate nominations submitted to the Speaker during a  
9 session which requires the advice and consent of the Legislature, pertaining to civil and  
10 criminal laws; judicial administration and organization; land laws and traditional rights;  
11 suffrage and state elections; proposed revisions of statutes; governmental organization,  
12 structure or functions; executive service; insurance, securities and insolvencies; proposed  
13 Constitutional amendments; judicial removal; suspension or expulsion of a member of the  
14 Legislature and such other related subjects. It shall be the duty of this committee to  
15 consider, investigate or recommend to the Legislature any needed revision of existing  
16 laws or new legislation relating to any subject matter within its jurisdiction.

17 The committee shall be responsible for reviewing specific subjects in the budget  
18 of the Governor, and all supplemental thereof, which make a request for an appropriation  
19 that relates to a subject matter within its jurisdiction. Pursuant to its review the  
20 committee shall recommend whether the matters referred to it, or portions thereof, will be  
21 authorized, and if so, in what amount. Following its review the committee shall promptly  
22 report its recommendation to the Legislature. Those subjects which fall within the  
23 jurisdiction of this committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 24 1. The Office of the Attorney General
- 25 2. The Election Commission

- 1            3.     The Land ~~Commission~~ Court
- 2            4.     The Parole Board
- 3            5.     Micronesian Legal Services Corporation
- 4            6.     Affairs of Municipal Government
- 5            7.     The Kosrae FSM Liaison Office
- 6            8.     The State Court
- 7            9.     The Kosrae State Legislature”

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Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Senator John Martin