

[DISCUSSION DRAFT]

118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. J. RES. _____

To approve the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact, and related agreements, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, **[the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact]**, and certain related agreements between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau **[and certain related agreements]**, to appropriate funds to carry out the agreements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. WESTERMAN introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on _____

JOINT RESOLUTION

To approve the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact, and related agreements, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia, **[the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact]**, and certain related agreements between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement between the Govern-

ment of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau [and certain related agreements], to appropriate funds to carry out the agreements, and for other purposes.

Whereas the United States (in accordance with the Trusteeship Agreement for the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the United Nations Charter, and the objectives of the international trusteeship system of the United Nations) fulfilled its obligations to promote the development of the people of the Trust Territory toward self-government or independence, as appropriate, to the particular circumstances of the Trust Territory and the people of the Trust Territory and the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned;

Whereas the United States, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands entered into the Compact of Free Association set forth in section 201 of the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 99–239) and the United States and the Republic of Palau entered into the Compact of Free Association set forth in section 201 of Public Law 99–658 (48 U.S.C. 1931 note) to create and maintain a close and mutually beneficial relationship;

Whereas the “Compact of Free Association, as amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia”, the “Compact of Free Association, as Amended, between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands”, and related agreements were signed by the Government of the United States and the Governments of the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of

the Marshall Islands and approved, as applicable, by section 201 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public Law 108–188);

Whereas the “Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review”, was signed by the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of Palau on September 3, 2010, and amended on September 19, 2018;

Whereas, on May 22, 2023, the United States signed the U.S.-Palau 2023 Agreement, following the Compact of Free Association Section 432 Review;

Whereas, on May 23, 2023, the United States signed 3 agreements related to the U.S.-FSM Compact of Free Association, including an Agreement to Amend the Compact, as amended, a new fiscal procedures agreement, and a new trust fund agreement; and

Whereas the United States is undergoing negotiations relating to a Compact with the Republic of the Marshall Islands: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This joint resolution may be cited as the “Compact
5 of Free Association Amendments Act of 2023”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this joint resolution:

1 (1) 2003 AMENDED U.S.-FSM COMPACT.—The
2 term “2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact” means
3 the Compact of Free Association, as amended, be-
4 tween the Government of the United States of
5 America and the Government of the Federated
6 States of Micronesia set forth in section 201(a) of
7 the Compact of Free Association Amendments Act
8 of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public Law 108–
9 188).

10 (2) 2003 AMENDED U.S.-RMI COMPACT.—The
11 term “2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact” means
12 the Compact of Free Association, as amended, be-
13 tween the Government of the United States of
14 America and the Government of the Republic of the
15 Marshall Islands set forth in title 201(b) of the
16 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of
17 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public Law 108–188).

18 (3) 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE U.S.-FSM
19 COMPACT.—The term “2023 Agreement to Amend
20 the U.S.-FSM Compact” means the Agreement be-
21 tween the Government of the United States of
22 America and the Government of the Federated
23 States of Micronesia to Amend the Compact of Free
24 Association, as amended, done at Palikir on May 23,
25 2023.

1 **[(4) 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE U.S.-**
2 **RMI COMPACT.—**The term “2023 Agreement to
3 Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact” means the **[Agree-**
4 **ment between the Government of the United States**
5 **of America and the Government of the Republic of**
6 **the Marshall Islands to Amend the Compact of Free**
7 **Association, as Amended]**, done at **[____]** on
8 **[____].]**

9 **(5) 2023 AMENDED U.S.-FSM COMPACT.—**The
10 term “2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact” means
11 the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, as amended
12 by the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-FSM
13 Compact.

14 **[(6) 2023 AMENDED U.S.-RMI COMPACT.—**The
15 term “2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact” means
16 the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, as amended
17 by the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-RMI
18 Compact.]

19 **[(7) 2023 U.S.-FSM FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND**
20 **SERVICES AGREEMENT.—**The term “2023 U.S.-FSM
21 Federal Programs and Services Agreement” means
22 **[____].]**

23 **(8) 2023 U.S.-FSM FISCAL PROCEDURES AGREE-**
24 **MENT.—**The term “2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Proce-
25 dures Agreement” means the Agreement Concerning

1 Procedures for the Implementation of United States
2 Economic Assistance provided in the 2023 Amended
3 U.S.-FSM Compact.

4 (9) 2023 U.S.-FSM TRUST FUND AGREEMENT.—
5 The term “2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund Agreement”
6 means the Agreement between the Government of
7 the United States of America and the Government
8 of the Federated States of Micronesia Regarding the
9 Compact Trust Fund, done at Palikir on May 23,
10 2023.

11 (10) 2023 U.S.-PALAU COMPACT REVIEW
12 AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-Palau Compact
13 Review Agreement” means the Agreement between
14 the Government of the United States of America
15 and the Government of the Republic of Palau Re-
16 sulting From the 2023 Compact of Free Association
17 Section 432 Review, done at Port Moresby on May
18 22, 2023.

19 (11) 2023 U.S.-RMI FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND
20 SERVICES AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-RMI
21 Federal Programs and Services Agreement” means
22 **[_____].**

23 **[(12) 2023 U.S.-RMI FISCAL PROCEDURES**
24 **AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal**
25 **Procedures Agreement” means [_____.]**

1 **[(13) 2023 U.S.-RMI TRUST FUND AGREE-**
2 **MENT.—**The term “2023 U.S.-RMI Trust Fund
3 **Agreement”** means **[_____].]**

4 **(14) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-**
5 **GRESS.—**The term “appropriate committees of Con-
6 **gress”** means—

7 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
8 Resources of the Senate;

9 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
10 the Senate;

11 (C) the Committee on Natural Resources
12 of the House of Representatives; and

13 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
14 the House of Representatives.

15 **(15) FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES.—**The term
16 **“Freely Associated States”** means—

17 (A) the Federated States of Micronesia;

18 (B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

19 and

20 (C) the Republic of Palau.

21 **(16) SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT.—**The term
22 **“subsidiary agreement”** means any of the following:

23 (A) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Procedures
24 Agreement.

1 (B) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund
2 Agreement.

3 (C) Any operative Federal Programs and
4 Services Agreement between the United States
5 and the Federated States of Micronesia.

6 (D) Any operative Fiscal Procedures
7 Agreement between the United States and the
8 Republic of the Marshall Islands.

9 (E) Any operative Federal Programs and
10 Services Agreement between the United States
11 and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

12 (F) Any operative Trust Fund Agreement
13 between the United States and the Republic of
14 the Marshall Islands.

15 (G) Any operative Federal Programs and
16 Services Agreement between the United States
17 and the Republic of Palau.

18 (H) Any other agreements that the United
19 States may from time-to-time enter into with
20 the Government of the Federated States of Mi-
21 cronnesia, the Government of the Republic of
22 Palau, or the Government of the Republic of
23 the Marshall Islands, in accordance with—

24 (i) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
25 Compact;

1 (ii) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Re-
2 view Agreement; **[or]**

3 (iii) **[the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI**
4 **Compact]**.

5 (17) U.S.-FSM COMPACT; U.S.-RMI COMPACT.—

6 The terms “U.S.-FSM Compact” and “U.S.-RMI
7 Compact” mean the Compact of Free Association
8 set forth in section 201 of the Compact of Free As-
9 sociation Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public
10 Law 99–239).

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14 (18) U.S.-PALAU COMPACT.—The term “U.S.-
15 Palau Compact” means the Compact of Free Asso-
16 ciation between the United States and the Govern-
17 ment of Palau set forth in section 201 of Public
18 Law 99–658 (48 U.S.C. 1931 note).

19 **SEC. 3. APPROVAL OF 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE**
20 **U.S.-FSM COMPACT, 2023 AGREEMENT TO**
21 **AMEND THE [U.S.-RMI COMPACT,] 2023 U.S.-**
22 **PALAU COMPACT REVIEW AGREEMENT, AND**
23 **SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS.**

24 (a) FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.—

1 (1) APPROVAL.—The 2023 Agreement to
2 Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact and the 2023 U.S.-
3 FSM Trust Fund Agreement, as submitted to Con-
4 gress on June 15, 2023, are approved and incor-
5 porated by reference.

6 (2) CONSENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress con-
7 sents to—

8 (A) the 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Procedures
9 Agreement, as submitted to Congress on June
10 15, 2023; and

11 (B) **【the 2023 U.S.-FSM Federal Pro-**
12 **grams and Services Agreement, as submitted to**
13 **Congress on 】.**

14 (3) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—The President
15 is authorized to bring into force and implement the
16 agreements **【described in paragraphs (1) and (2)】.**

17 **【(b) REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.—】**

18 **【(1) APPROVAL.—The 2023 Agreement to**
19 **Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact and the 2023 U.S.-**
20 **RMI Trust Fund Agreement, as submitted to Con-**
21 **gress on 】, are approved and incor-**
22 **porated by reference.】**

23 **【(2) CONSENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress con-**
24 **sents to—】**

1 【(A) the 【2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Proce-
2 dures Agreement】, as submitted to Congress on
3 【_____】; and】

4 【(B) the 【2023 U.S.-RMI Federal Pro-
5 grams and Services Agreement】, as submitted
6 to Congress on 【_____】.】

7 【(3) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—The Presi-
8 dent is authorized to bring into force and implement
9 the agreements described in paragraphs (1) and
10 (2).】

11 (c) REPUBLIC OF PALAU.—

12 (1) APPROVAL.—The 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact
13 Review Agreement, as submitted to Congress on
14 June 15, 2023, is approved.

15 (2) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—The President
16 is authorized to bring into force and implement the
17 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement.

18 (d) AMENDMENTS, CHANGES, OR TERMINATION TO
19 COMPACTS AND CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any amendment to, change
21 to, or termination of all or any part of the 2023
22 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, 【2023 Amended
23 U.S.-RMI Compact】, or the U.S.-Palau Compact, by
24 mutual agreement or unilateral action of the Gov-
25 ernment of the United States, shall not enter into

1 force until the date on which Congress has incor-
2 porated the applicable amendment, change, or termi-
3 nation into an Act of Congress.

4 (2) ADDITIONAL ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS.—

5 In addition to the Compacts described in paragraph
6 (1), the requirements of that paragraph shall apply
7 to—

8 (A) any action of the Government of the
9 United States under the 2023 Amended U.S.-
10 FSM Compact, 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Com-
11 pact, or U.S.-Palau Compact, including an ac-
12 tion taken pursuant to section 431, 441, or 442
13 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact,
14 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or U.S.-
15 Palau Compact;

16 (B) any amendment to, change to, or ter-
17 mination of—

18 (i) the agreement described in section
19 462(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
20 Compact;

21 (ii) the agreement described in section
22 462(a)(5) of the **2023 Amended U.S.-**
23 **RMI Compact**;

24 (iii) an agreement concluded pursuant
25 to section 215(a) of the 2003 Amended

1 U.S.-FSM Compact and section 265 of the
2 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;

3 (iv) an agreement concluded pursuant
4 to section 216(a) of the 2003 Amended
5 U.S.-RMI Compact and section
6 **【_____】** of the **【2023 Amended**
7 **U.S.-RMI Compact】**;

8 (v) an agreement concluded pursuant
9 to section 177 of the **【2023 Amended】** U-
10 S.-RMI Compact;

11 (vi) Articles III and IV of the agree-
12 ment described in section 462(b)(6) of the
13 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;

14 (vii) Articles III, IV, and X of the
15 agreement described in section 462(b)(6)
16 of the **【2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Com-
17 pact】**;

18 (viii) the agreement described in sec-
19 tion 462(h) of the U.S.-Palau Compact;
20 and

21 (ix) Articles VI, XV, and XVII of the
22 agreement described in section 462(b)(7)
23 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact
24 and **【2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact】**

1 and section 462(i) of the U.S.-Palau Com-
2 pact.

3 (e) ENTRY INTO FORCE OF FUTURE AMENDMENTS
4 TO SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS.—An agreement between
5 the United States and the Government of the Federated
6 States of Micronesia, the Government of the Republic of
7 the Marshall Islands, or the Government of the Republic
8 of Palau that would amend, change, or terminate any sub-
9 sidiary agreement or portion of a subsidiary agreement
10 (other than an amendment to, change to, or termination
11 of an agreement described in subsection (d)) shall not
12 enter into force until the date that is 90 days after the
13 date on which the President has transmitted to the Presi-
14 dent of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
15 resentatives—

16 (1) the agreement to amend, change, or termi-
17 nate the subsidiary agreement;

18 (2) an explanation of the amendment, change,
19 or termination;

20 (3) a description of the reasons for the amend-
21 ment, change, or termination; and

22 (4) in the case of an agreement that would
23 amend, change, or terminate any agreement de-
24 scribed in section 462(b)(3) of [the 2023 Amended
25 U.S.-FSM Compact or the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI

1 Compact], a statement by the Secretary of Labor
2 that describes—

3 (A) the necessity of the amendment,
4 change, or termination; and

5 (B) any impacts of the amendment,
6 change, or termination.

7 **SEC. 4. AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERATED STATES OF MICRO-**
8 **NESIA.**

9 (a) LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to sections 222
11 and 224 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact,
12 the United States shall provide nonreimbursable
13 technical and training assistance, as appropriate, in-
14 cluding training and equipment for postal inspection
15 of illicit drugs and other contraband, to enable the
16 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia—

17 (A) to develop and adequately enforce laws
18 of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

19 (B) to cooperate with the United States in
20 the enforcement of criminal laws of the United
21 States.

22 (2) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Funds ap-
23 propriated pursuant to subsection (j) of section 105
24 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments
25 Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) (as amended by sec-

1 tion 8(j)) may be used in accordance with section
2 102(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
3 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921a(a)).

4 (b) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT ECO-
5 NOMIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.—

6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States ap-
7 pointees (which are composed of the United States
8 chair and 2 other members from the Government of
9 the United States) to the Joint Economic Manage-
10 ment Committee established under section 213 of
11 the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact (referred to
12 in this subsection as the “Committee”) shall—

13 (A) be voting members of the Committee;
14 and

15 (B) continue to be officers or employees of
16 the Federal Government.

17 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United
18 States members of the Committee described in para-
19 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term of 5 years
20 as follows:

21 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
22 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
23 retary of the Treasury.

1 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
2 Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with
3 the Secretary of the Treasury.

4 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
5 Interagency Group on Freely Associated States
6 established under section 7(d)(1).

7 (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—A United States mem-
8 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)
9 shall be an individual who—

10 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or
11 training, is especially qualified in accounting,
12 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, grant ad-
13 ministration, or program management; and

14 (B) possesses not less than 5 years of full-
15 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget
16 analysis, compliance, grant administration, or
17 program management.

18 (4) NOTICE.—Not later than 90 days after the
19 date of appointment of a United States member of
20 the Committee under paragraph (2), the Secretary
21 of the Interior shall notify the appropriate commit-
22 tees of Congress that an individual has been ap-
23 pointed as a voting member of the Committee under
24 that paragraph, including a statement attesting to

1 the qualifications of the appointee described in para-
2 graph (3).

3 (5) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
4 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-
5 ceives or completes any report required under the
6 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related
7 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior
8 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-
9 tees of Congress.

10 (6) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
11 days after the date on which the applicable signatory
12 government submits to the Committee a report re-
13 quired under the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Com-
14 pact, or any related subsidiary agreement, the Sec-
15 retary of the Interior shall submit to the appropriate
16 committees of Congress—

17 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
18 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
19 report is complete and accurate; or

20 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
21 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
22 port has not been timely submitted.

23 (c) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT TRUST
24 FUND COMMITTEE.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States voting
2 members (which are composed of the United States
3 chair and 2 other members from the Government of
4 the United States) to the Joint Trust Fund Com-
5 mittee established pursuant to the agreement de-
6 scribed in section 462(b)(5) of the 2023 Amended
7 U.S.-FSM Compact (referred to in this subsection as
8 the “Committee”) shall continue to be officers or
9 employees of the Federal Government.

10 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United
11 States members of the Committee described in para-
12 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term not more
13 than 5 years as follows:

14 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
15 Secretary of State.

16 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
17 Secretary of the Interior.

18 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
19 Secretary of the Treasury.

20 (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—A member of the Com-
21 mittee appointed under paragraph (2) shall be an in-
22 dividual who—

23 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or
24 training, is especially qualified in accounting,
25 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, financial

1 investment, grant administration, or program
2 management; and

3 (B) possesses not less than 5 years of full-
4 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget
5 analysis, compliance, financial investment,
6 grant administration, or program management.

7 (4) NOTICE.—Not later than 90 days after the
8 date of appointment of a United States member to
9 the Committee under paragraph (2), the Secretary
10 of the Interior shall notify the appropriate commit-
11 tees of Congress that an individual has been ap-
12 pointed as a voting member of the Committee under
13 that paragraph, including a statement attesting to
14 the qualifications of the appointee described in para-
15 graph (3).

16 (5) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
17 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-
18 ceives or completes any report required under the
19 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related
20 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior
21 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-
22 tees of Congress.

23 (6) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
24 days after the date on which the applicable signatory
25 government submits to the Committee a report re-

1 quired under the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Com-
2 pact, or any related subsidiary agreement, the Sec-
3 retary of the Interior shall submit to the appropriate
4 committees of Congress—

5 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
6 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
7 report is complete and accurate; or

8 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
9 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
10 port has not been timely submitted.

11 **SEC. 5. AGREEMENTS WITH AND OTHER PROVISIONS RE-**
12 **LATED TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL**
13 **ISLANDS.**

14 (a) LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE.—

15 (1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to sections 222
16 and 224 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact,
17 the United States shall provide nonreimbursable
18 technical and training assistance, as appropriate, in-
19 cluding training and equipment for postal inspection
20 of illicit drugs and other contraband, to enable the
21 Government of the Republic of the Marshall Is-
22 lands—

23 (A) to develop and adequately enforce laws
24 of the Marshall Islands; and

1 (B) to cooperate with the United States in
2 the enforcement of criminal laws of the United
3 States.

4 (2) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Funds ap-
5 propriated pursuant to subsection (j) of section 105
6 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments
7 Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) (as amended by sec-
8 tion 8(j)) may be used in accordance with section
9 103(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
10 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(a)).

11 (b) ESPOUSAL PROVISIONS.—Congress reaffirms
12 that—

13 (1) section 103(g)(1) of the Compact of Free
14 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(g)(1)) and
15 section 103(e)(1) of the Compact of Free Associa-
16 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
17 1921b(e)(1)) provided that “It is the intention of
18 the Congress of the United States that the provi-
19 sions of section 177 of the Compact of Free Associa-
20 tion and the Agreement between the Government of
21 the United States and the Government of the Mar-
22 shall Islands for the Implementation of Section 177
23 of the Compact (hereafter in this subsection referred
24 to as the ‘Section 177 Agreement’) constitute a full
25 and final settlement of all claims described in Arti-

1 cles X and XI of the Section 177 Agreement, and
2 that any such claims be terminated and barred ex-
3 cept insofar as provided for in the Section 177
4 Agreement.”; and

5 (2) section 103(g)(2) of the Compact of Free
6 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(g)(2)) and
7 section 103(e)(2) of the Compact of Free Associa-
8 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
9 1921b(e)(2)) provided that “In furtherance of the
10 intention of Congress as stated in paragraph (1) of
11 this subsection, the Section 177 Agreement is hereby
12 ratified and approved. It is the explicit under-
13 standing and intent of Congress that the jurisdic-
14 tional limitations set forth in Article XII of such
15 Agreement are enacted solely and exclusively to ac-
16 complish the objective of Article X of such Agree-
17 ment and only as a clarification of the effect of Arti-
18 cle X, and are not to be construed or implemented
19 separately from Article X.”.

20 (c) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT ECO-
21 NOMIC MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY
22 COMMITTEE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States ap-
24 pointees (which are composed of the United States
25 chair and 2 other members from the Government of

1 the United States) to the Joint Economic Manage-
2 ment and Financial Accountability Committee estab-
3 lished under section 214 of the 2003 Amended U.S.-
4 RMI Compact (referred to in this subsection as the
5 “Committee”) shall—

6 (A) be voting members of the Committee;
7 and

8 (B) continue to be officers or employees of
9 the Federal Government.

10 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United
11 States members of the Committee described in para-
12 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term of 5 years
13 as follows:

14 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
15 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
16 retary of the Treasury.

17 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
18 Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with
19 the Secretary of the Treasury.

20 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
21 Interagency Group on Freely Associated States
22 established under section 7(d)(1).

23 (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—A United States mem-
24 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)
25 shall be an individual who—

1 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or
2 training, is especially qualified in accounting,
3 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, grant ad-
4 ministration, or program management; and

5 (B) possesses not less than 5 years of full-
6 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget
7 analysis, compliance, grant administration, or
8 program management.

9 (4) NOTICE.—Not later than 90 days after the
10 date of appointment of a United States member
11 under paragraph (2), the Secretary of the Interior
12 shall notify the appropriate committees of Congress
13 that an individual has been appointed as a voting
14 member of the Committee under that paragraph, in-
15 cluding a statement attesting to the qualifications of
16 the appointee described in paragraph (3).

17 (5) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
18 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-
19 ceives or completes any report required under the
20 **【2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact】**, or any re-
21 lated subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the In-
22 terior shall submit the report to the appropriate
23 committees of Congress.

24 (6) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
25 days after the date on which the applicable signatory

1 government submits to the Committee a report re-
2 quired under the **【2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Com-**
3 **compact】**, or any related subsidiary agreement, the Sec-
4 retary of the Interior shall submit to the appropriate
5 committees of Congress—

6 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
7 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
8 report is complete and accurate; or

9 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
10 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
11 port has not been timely submitted.

12 (d) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO TRUST FUND
13 COMMITTEE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States voting
15 members (which are composed of the United States
16 chair and 2 other members from the Government of
17 the United States) to the Trust Fund Committee es-
18 tablished pursuant to the agreement described in
19 section 462(b)(5) of the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI
20 Compact (referred to in this subsection as the
21 “Committee”) shall continue to be officers or em-
22 ployees of the Federal Government.

23 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United
24 States members of the Committee described in para-

1 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term not more
2 than 5 years as follows:

3 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
4 Secretary of State.

5 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
6 Secretary of the Interior.

7 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
8 Secretary of the Treasury.

9 (3) QUALIFICATIONS.—A member of the Com-
10 mittee appointed under paragraph (2) shall be an in-
11 dividual who—

12 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or
13 training, is especially qualified in accounting,
14 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, financial
15 investment, grant administration, or program
16 management; and

17 (B) possesses not less than 5 years of full-
18 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget
19 analysis, compliance, financial investment,
20 grant administration, or program management.

21 (4) NOTICE.—Not later than 90 days after the
22 date of appointment of a United States Member
23 under paragraph (2), the Secretary of the Interior
24 shall notify the appropriate committees of Congress
25 that an individual has been appointed as a voting

1 member of the Committee under that paragraph, in-
2 cluding a statement attesting to the qualifications of
3 the appointee described in paragraph (3).

4 (5) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
5 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-
6 ceives or completes any report required under the
7 **【2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact】**, or any re-
8 lated subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the In-
9 terior shall submit the report to the appropriate
10 committees of Congress.

11 (6) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
12 days after the date on which the applicable signatory
13 government submits to the Committee a report re-
14 quired under the **【2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Com-
15 pact】**, or any related subsidiary agreement, the Sec-
16 retary of the Interior shall submit to the appropriate
17 committees of Congress—

18 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
19 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
20 report is complete and accurate; or

21 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
22 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
23 port has not been timely submitted.

24 (e) FOUR ATOLL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—Con-
25 gress reaffirms that—

1 (1) section 103(j)(1) of the Compact of Free
2 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(1)) and
3 section 103(h)(1) of the Compact of Free Associa-
4 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
5 1921b(h)(1)) provided that services “provided by the
6 United States Public Health Service or any other
7 United States agency pursuant to section 1(a) of Ar-
8 ticle II of the Agreement for the Implementation of
9 Section 177 of the Compact (hereafter in this sub-
10 section referred to as the ‘Section 177 Agreement’)
11 shall be only for services to the people of the Atolls
12 of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrik who were
13 affected by the consequences of the United States
14 nuclear testing program, pursuant to the program
15 described in Public Law 95–134 and Public Law
16 96–205 and their descendants (and any other per-
17 sons identified as having been so affected if such
18 identification occurs in the manner described in such
19 public laws). Nothing in this subsection shall be con-
20 strued as prejudicial to the views or policies of the
21 Government of the Marshall Islands as to the per-
22 sons affected by the consequences of the United
23 States nuclear testing program.”;

24 (2) section 103(j)(2) of the Compact of Free
25 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(2)) and

1 section 103(h)(2) of the Compact of Free Associa-
2 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
3 1921b(h)(2)) provided that “at the end of the first
4 year after the effective date of the Compact and at
5 the end of each year thereafter, the providing agency
6 or agencies shall return to the Government of the
7 Marshall Islands any unexpended funds to be re-
8 turned to the Fund Manager (as described in Article
9 I of the Section 177 Agreement) to be covered into
10 the Fund to be available for future use.”; and

11 (3) section 103(j)(3) of the Compact of Free
12 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(3)) and
13 section 103(h)(3) of the Compact of Free Associa-
14 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
15 1921b(h)(3)) provided that “the Fund Manager
16 shall retain the funds returned by the Government
17 of the Marshall Islands pursuant to paragraph (2)
18 of this subsection, shall invest and manage such
19 funds, and at the end of 15 years after the effective
20 date of the Compact, shall make from the total
21 amount so retained and the proceeds thereof annual
22 disbursements sufficient to continue to make pay-
23 ments for the provision of health services as speci-
24 fied in paragraph (1) of this subsection to such ex-
25 tent as may be provided in contracts between the

1 Government of the Marshall Islands and appropriate
2 United States providers of such health services.”.

3 (f) RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM; AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PROGRAMS.—

5 (1) RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—

6 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on the
7 request of the Government of the Republic of the
8 Marshall Islands, the President (through an appropriate
9 department or agency of the United States)
10 shall continue to provide special medical care and
11 logistical support for the remaining members of the
12 population of Rongelap and Utrik who were exposed
13 to radiation resulting from the 1954 United States
14 thermonuclear “Bravo” test, pursuant to Public Law
15 95–134 (91 Stat. 1159) and Public Law 96–205 (94
16 Stat. 84).

17 (2) AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PROGRAMS.—

18 (A) FINDINGS.—Congress reaffirms that—

19 (i) section 103(h)(2) of the Compact
20 of Free Association Act of 1985 (48
21 U.S.C. 1903(h)(2)) and section
22 103(f)(2)(A) of the Compact of Free Association
23 Amendments Act of 2003 (48
24 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(2)(A)) provided that not-
25 withstanding “any other provision of law,

1 upon the request of the Government of the
2 Marshall Islands, for the first fifteen years
3 after the effective date of the Compact, the
4 President (either through an appropriate
5 department or agency of the United States
6 or by contract with a United States firm or
7 by a grant to the Government of the Re-
8 public of the Marshall Islands which may
9 further contract only with a United States
10 firm or a Republic of the Marshall Islands
11 firm, the owners, officers and majority of
12 the employees of which are citizens of the
13 United States or the Republic of the Mar-
14 shall Islands) shall provide technical and
15 other assistance without reimbursement, to
16 continue the planting and agricultural
17 maintenance program on Enewetak; with-
18 out reimbursement, to continue the food
19 programs of the Bikini, Rongelap, Utrik,
20 and Enewetak people described in section
21 1(d) of Article II of the Subsidiary Agree-
22 ment for the Implementation of Section
23 177 of the Compact and for continued wa-
24 terborne transportation of agricultural
25 products to Enewetak including operations

1 and maintenance of the vessel used for
2 such purposes.”;

3 (ii) section 103(h)(2) of the Compact
4 of Free Association Act of 1985 (48
5 U.S.C. 1903(h)(2)) and section
6 103(f)(2)(B) of the Compact of Free Asso-
7 ciation Amendments Act of 2003 (48
8 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(2)(B)) provided that “The
9 President shall ensure the assistance pro-
10 vided under these programs reflects the
11 changes in the population since the incep-
12 tion of such programs.”; and

13 (iii) section 103(h)(3) of the Compact
14 of Free Association Act of 1985 (48
15 U.S.C. 1903(h)(3)) and section 103(f)(3)
16 of the Compact of Free Association
17 Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
18 1921b(f)(3)) provided that “payments
19 under this subsection shall be provided to
20 such extent or in such amounts as are nec-
21 essary for services and other assistance
22 provided pursuant to this subsection. It is
23 the sense of Congress that after the peri-
24 ods of time specified in paragraphs (1) and
25 (2) of this subsection, consideration will be

1 given to such additional funding for these
2 programs as may be necessary.”.

3 (B) PLANTING AND AGRICULTURAL MAIN-
4 TENANCE PROGRAM.—The Secretary of the In-
5 terior may provide grants to the Government of
6 the Marshall Islands to carry out a planting
7 and agricultural maintenance program on
8 Enewetak.

9 **SEC. 6. AGREEMENTS WITH AND OTHER PROVISIONS RE-**
10 **LATED TO THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.**

11 (a) BILATERAL ECONOMIC CONSULTATIONS.—
12 United States participation in the annual economic con-
13 sultations referred to in Article 8 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau
14 Compact Review Agreement shall be by officers or employ-
15 ees of the Federal Government.

16 (b) ECONOMIC ADVISORY GROUP.—

17 (1) QUALIFICATIONS.—A member of the Eco-
18 nomic Advisory Group described in Article 7 of the
19 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement (re-
20 ferred to in this subsection as the “Advisory
21 Group”) who is appointed by the Secretary of the
22 Interior shall be an individual who, by reason of
23 knowledge, experience, or training, is especially
24 qualified in private sector business development, eco-
25 nomic development, or national development.

1 (2) FUNDS.—With respect to the Advisory
2 Group, the Secretary of the Interior may use avail-
3 able funds for—

4 (A) the costs of the 2 members of the Ad-
5 visory Group designated by the United States
6 in accordance with Article 7 of the 2023 U.S.-
7 Palau Compact Review Agreement;

8 (B) 50 percent of the costs of the 5th
9 member of the Advisory Group designated by
10 the Secretary of the Interior in accordance with
11 the Article described in subparagraph (A); and

12 (C) the costs of—

13 (i) technical and administrative assist-
14 ance for the Advisory Group; and

15 (ii) other support necessary for the
16 Advisory Group to accomplish the purpose
17 of the Advisory Group.

18 **SEC. 7. OVERSIGHT PROVISIONS.**

19 (a) AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF THE COMP-
20 TROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES.—

21 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of
22 the United States (including any duly authorized
23 representative of the Comptroller General of the
24 United States) shall have the authorities necessary

1 to carry out the responsibilities of the Comptroller
2 General of the United States under—

3 (A) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Com-
4 pact and related subsidiary agreements, includ-
5 ing the authorities and privileges described in
6 section 102(b) of the Compact of Free Associa-
7 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
8 1921a(b));

9 (B) **the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Com-**
10 **pact and related subsidiary agreements, includ-**
11 **ing the authorities and privileges described in**
12 **section 103(k) of the Compact of Free Associa-**
13 **tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.**
14 **1921b(k))**]; and

15 (C) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review
16 Agreement, related subsidiary agreements, and
17 the authorities described in appendix D of the
18 “Agreement between the Government of the
19 United States of America and the Government
20 of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact
21 of Free Association Section 432 Review” signed
22 by the United States and the Republic of Palau
23 on September 3, 2010.

24 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 3 years after the
25 date of enactment of this Act, and every 5 years

1 thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United
2 States shall submit to the appropriate committees of
3 Congress a report with respect to the Freely Associ-
4 ated States, including—

5 (A) the topics described in subparagraphs
6 (A) through (E) of section 104(h)(1) of the
7 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act
8 of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921c(h)(1)); and

9 (B) the effectiveness of administrative
10 oversight by the United States of the Freely As-
11 sociated States.

12 (b) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OVERSIGHT AU-
13 THORITY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall have the
14 authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities for moni-
15 toring and managing the funds appropriated to the Com-
16 pact of Free Association account of the Department of the
17 Interior by section 10(a) to carry out—

18 (1) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;
19 (2) **the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact**;
20 (3) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review
21 Agreement; and

22 (4) subsidiary agreements.

23 (c) POSTMASTER GENERAL OVERSIGHT AUTHOR-
24 ITY.—The Postmaster General shall have the authority
25 necessary to fulfill the responsibilities for monitoring and

1 managing the funds appropriated to the United States
2 Postal Service under paragraph (1) of section 10(b) and
3 deposited in the Postal Service Fund under paragraph
4 (2)(A) of that section to carry out—

5 (1) section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended
6 U.S.-FSM Compact;

7 (2) **section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended**
8 **U.S.-RMI Compact**;

9 (3) section 221(a)(2) of the U.S.-Palau Com-
10 pact; and

11 (4) Article 6(a) of the 2023 U.S.-Palau Com-
12 pact Review Agreement.

13 (d) INTERAGENCY GROUP ON FREELY ASSOCIATED
14 STATES.—

15 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President, in con-
16 sultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary
17 of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense, shall
18 establish an Interagency Group on Freely Associated
19 States (referred to in this subsection as the “Inter-
20 agency Group”).

21 (2) PURPOSE.—The purposes of the Inter-
22 agency Group are—

23 (A) to coordinate development and imple-
24 mentation of executive branch policies, pro-

1 grams, services, and other activities in or relat-
2 ing to the Freely Associated States; and

3 (B) to provide policy guidance, rec-
4 ommendations, and oversight to Federal agen-
5 cies, departments, and instrumentalities with
6 respect to the implementation of—

7 (i) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
8 Compact;

9 (ii) **the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI**
10 **Compact;** and

11 (iii) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact
12 Review Agreement.

13 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Group
14 shall consist of—

15 (A) the Secretary of State, who shall serve
16 as co-chair of the Interagency Group;

17 (B) the Secretary of the Interior, who shall
18 serve as co-chair of the Interagency Group;

19 (C) the Secretary of Defense;

20 (D) the heads of relevant Federal agencies,
21 departments, and instrumentalities carrying out
22 obligations under—

23 (i) sections 131 and 132 of the 2003
24 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact and sub-
25 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 and sec-

1 tion 261 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
2 Compact;

3 (ii) sections 131 and 132 of the 2003
4 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact and sub-
5 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 [and
6 section 261 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-
7 RMI Compact];

8 (iii) sections 131 and 132 and sub-
9 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 of the
10 U.S.-Palau Compact;

11 (iv) Article 6 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau
12 Compact Review Agreement;

13 (v) any applicable subsidiary agree-
14 ment; and

15 (vi) section 8; and

16 (E) the head of any other Federal agency,
17 department, or instrumentality that the Sec-
18 retary of State or the Secretary of the Interior
19 may designate.

20 (4) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF STATE AND SEC-
21 RETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The Secretary of State
22 (or a senior official designee of the Secretary of
23 State) and the Secretary of the Interior (or a senior
24 official designee of the Secretary of the Interior)
25 shall—

1 (A) co-lead and preside at a meeting of the
2 Interagency Group not less frequently than an-
3 nually;

4 (B) determine, in consultation with the
5 Secretary of Defense, the agenda for meetings
6 of the Interagency Group; and

7 (C) facilitate and coordinate the work of
8 the Interagency Group.

9 (5) DUTIES OF THE INTERAGENCY GROUP.—

10 The Interagency Group shall—

11 (A) provide advice on the establishment or
12 implementation of policies relating to the Freely
13 Associated States to the President, acting
14 through the Office of Intergovernmental Af-
15 fairs, in the form of a written report not less
16 frequently than annually;

17 (B) obtain information and advice relating
18 to the Freely Associated States from the Presi-
19 dents, other elected officials, and members of
20 civil society of the Freely Associated States, in-
21 cluding through the members of the Inter-
22 agency Group (including senior official des-
23 ignees of the members) meeting not less fre-
24 quently than annually with any Presidents of

1 the Freely Associated States who elect to par-
2 ticipate;

3 (C) at the request of the head of any Fed-
4 eral agency (or a senior official designee of the
5 head of a Federal agency) who is a member of
6 the Interagency Group, promptly review and
7 provide advice on a policy or policy implementa-
8 tion action affecting 1 or more of the Freely
9 Associated States proposed by the Federal
10 agency, department, or instrumentality; and

11 (D) facilitate coordination of relevant poli-
12 cies, programs, initiatives, and activities involv-
13 ing 1 or more of the Freely Associated States,
14 including ensuring coherence and avoiding du-
15 plication between programs, initiatives, and ac-
16 tivities conducted pursuant to a Compact with
17 a Freely Associated State and non-Compact
18 programs, initiatives, and activities.

19 (6) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the
20 date of enactment of this joint resolution and each
21 year thereafter in which a Compact of Free Associa-
22 tion with a Freely Associated State is in effect, the
23 President shall submit to the majority leader and
24 minority leader of the Senate, the Speaker and mi-
25 nority leader of the House of Representatives, and

1 the appropriate committees of Congress a report
2 that describes the activities and recommendations of
3 the Interagency Group during the applicable year.

4 (e) FEDERAL AGENCY COORDINATION.—The head of
5 any Federal agency providing programs and services to
6 the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
7 Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau shall coordinate
8 with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of
9 State regarding the provision of the programs and serv-
10 ices.

11 (f) FOREIGN LOANS OR DEBT.—Congress reaffirms
12 that—

13 (1) the foreign loans or debt of the Government
14 of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Govern-
15 ment of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the
16 Government of the Republic of Palau shall not con-
17 stitute an obligation of the United States; and

18 (2) the full faith and credit of the United
19 States Government shall not be pledged for the pay-
20 ment and performance of any foreign loan or debt
21 referred to in paragraph (1) without specific further
22 authorization.

23 (g) COMPACT COMPILATION.—Not later than 180
24 days after the date of enactment of this joint resolution,
25 the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the appro-

1 priate committees of Congress a report that includes a
2 compilation of the Compact of Free Association with the
3 Federated State of Micronesia, the Compact of Free Asso-
4 ciation with the Republic of Palau, and the Compact of
5 Free Association with Republic of the Marshall Islands.

6 (h) PUBLICATION; REVISION BY THE OFFICE OF THE
7 LAW REVISION COUNSEL.—

8 (1) PUBLICATION.—In publishing this joint res-
9 olution in slip form and in the United States Stat-
10 utes at Large pursuant to section 112 of title 1,
11 United States Code, the Archivist of the United
12 States shall include after the date of approval at the
13 end an appendix setting forth the text of—

14 (A) the 2023 Agreement to Amend the
15 U.S.-FSM Compact; and

16 (B) the 2023 Agreement to Amend the
17 U.S.-RMI Compact.

18 (2) REVISION BY THE OFFICE OF THE LAW RE-
19 VISION COUNSEL.—The Office of the Law Revision
20 Counsel is directed to revise—

21 (A) the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Com-
22 pact set forth in the note following section 1921
23 of title 48, United States Code, to reflect the
24 amendments to the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM

1 Compact made by the 2023 Agreement to
2 Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact; and

3 [(B) the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Com-
4 pact set forth in the note following section 1921
5 of title 48, United States Code, to reflect the
6 amendments to the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI
7 Compact made by the 2023 Agreement to
8 Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact.]

9 **SEC. 8. UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING THE FREELY**
10 **ASSOCIATED STATES.**

11 (a) AUTHORIZATION FOR VETERANS' SERVICES.—

12 (1) DEFINITION OF FREELY ASSOCIATED
13 STATES.—In this subsection, the term “Freely Asso-
14 ciated States” means—

15 (A) the Federated States of Micronesia,
16 during such time as it is a party to the Com-
17 pact of Free Association set forth in section
18 201 of the Compact of Free Association Act of
19 1985 (Public Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901
20 note);

21 (B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
22 during such time as it is a party to the Com-
23 pact of Free Association set forth in section
24 201 of the Compact of Free Association Act of

1 1985 (Public Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901
2 note); and

3 (C) the Republic of Palau, during such
4 time as it is a party to the Compact of Free As-
5 sociation between the United States and the
6 Government of Palau set forth in section 201 of
7 Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution to
8 approve the ‘Compact of Free Association’ be-
9 tween the United States and the Government of
10 Palau, and for other purposes” (Public Law
11 99–658; 48 U.S.C. 1931 note).

12 (2) HOSPITAL CARE, MEDICAL SERVICES, AND
13 NURSING HOME CARE ABROAD.—Section 1724 of
14 title 38, United States Code, is amended—

15 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “sub-
16 sections (b) and (c)” and inserting “subsections
17 (b), (c), and (f)”;

18 (B) by adding at the end the following:

19 “(f)(1) The Secretary may furnish hospital care and
20 medical services in the Freely Associated States to a vet-
21 eran who is otherwise eligible to receive hospital care and
22 medical services.

23 “(2) In furnishing hospital care and medical services
24 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may furnish hospital
25 care and medical services through—

1 “(A) contracts or other agreements;

2 “(B) reimbursement; or

3 “(C) the direct provision of care by health care
4 personnel of the Department.

5 “(3) In furnishing hospital care and medical services
6 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may furnish hospital
7 care and medical services for any condition regardless of
8 whether the condition is connected to the service of the
9 veteran in the Armed Forces.

10 “(4)(A) A veteran who has received hospital care or
11 medical services in a country pursuant to this subsection
12 shall remain eligible, to the extent determined advisable
13 and practicable by the Secretary, for hospital care or med-
14 ical services in that country regardless of whether the
15 country continues to qualify as a Freely Associated State
16 for purposes of this subsection.

17 “(B) If the Secretary determines it is no longer advis-
18 able or practicable to allow veterans described in subpara-
19 graph (A) to remain eligible for hospital care or medical
20 services pursuant to such subparagraph, the Secretary
21 shall—

22 “(i) provide direct notice of that determination
23 to such veterans; and

24 “(ii) publish that determination and the reasons
25 for that determination in the Federal Register.

1 “(5) In this subsection, the term ‘Freely Associated
2 States’ means—

3 “(A) the Federated States of Micronesia, dur-
4 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of
5 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the
6 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public
7 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note);

8 “(B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands, dur-
9 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of
10 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the
11 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public
12 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note); and

13 “(C) the Republic of Palau, during such time as
14 it is a party to the Compact of Free Association be-
15 tween the United States and the Government of
16 Palau set forth in section 201 of Joint Resolution
17 entitled ‘Joint Resolution to approve the “Compact
18 of Free Association” between the United States and
19 the Government of Palau, and for other purposes’
20 (Public Law 99–658; 48 U.S.C. 1931 note).”.

21 (3) BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.—Section 111 of title
22 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at
23 the end the following:

24 “(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
25 the Secretary may make payments to or for any person

1 traveling in, to, or from the Freely Associated States for
2 receipt of care or services authorized under section
3 1724(f) of this title.

4 “(2) A person who has received payment for travel
5 in a country pursuant to this subsection shall remain eligi-
6 ble for payment for such travel in that country regardless
7 of whether the country continues to qualify as a Freely
8 Associated State for purposes of this subsection.

9 “(3) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to
10 carry out this subsection.

11 “(4) In this subsection, the term ‘Freely Associated
12 States’ means—

13 “(A) the Federated States of Micronesia, dur-
14 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of
15 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the
16 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public
17 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note);

18 “(B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands, dur-
19 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of
20 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the
21 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public
22 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note); and

23 “(C) the Republic of Palau, during such time as
24 it is a party to the Compact of Free Association be-
25 tween the United States and the Government of

1 Palau set forth in section 201 of Joint Resolution
2 entitled ‘Joint Resolution to approve the “Compact
3 of Free Association” between the United States and
4 the Government of Palau, and for other purposes’
5 (Public Law 99–658; 48 U.S.C. 1931 note).”.

6 (4) LEGAL ISSUES.—

7 (A) HEALTH SERVICES.—The Secretary of
8 Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Sec-
9 retary of State, shall work with the govern-
10 ments of the Freely Associated States to facili-
11 tate the furnishing of health services, including
12 telehealth, under the laws administered by the
13 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to veterans in the
14 Freely Associated States, such as by address-
15 ing—

16 (i) licensure, certification, registra-
17 tion, and tort issues relating to health care
18 personnel; and

19 (ii) matters relating to delivery of
20 pharmaceutical products and medical sur-
21 gical products, including delivery of such
22 products through the Consolidated Mail
23 Outpatient Pharmacy of the Department
24 of Veterans Affairs, to the Freely Associ-
25 ated States.

1 (B) LICENSURE OF HEALTH CARE PRO-
2 FESSIONALS PROVIDING TREATMENT VIA TELE-
3 MEDICINE IN THE FREELY ASSOCIATED
4 STATES.—Section 1730C(a) of title 38, United
5 States Code, is amended by striking “any
6 State” and inserting “any State or any of the
7 Freely Associated States (as defined in section
8 1724(f) of this title)”.

9 (C) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Secretary
10 of Veterans Affairs may pay tort claims, in the
11 manner authorized in the first paragraph of
12 section 2672 of title 28, United States Code,
13 when such claims arise in the Freely Associated
14 States in connection with furnishing hospital
15 care or medical services or providing medical
16 consultation or medical advice to a veteran
17 under the laws administered by the Secretary,
18 including through a remote or telehealth pro-
19 gram.

20 (5) OUTREACH AND ASSESSMENT OF OP-
21 TIONS.—During the 1-year period beginning on the
22 date of enactment of this joint resolution, the Sec-
23 retary of Veterans Affairs shall, subject to the avail-
24 ability of appropriations—

1 (A) conduct robust outreach to, and en-
2 gage with, each government of the Freely Asso-
3 ciated States;

4 (B) assess options for the delivery of care
5 through the use of authorities provided pursu-
6 ant to the amendments made by this sub-
7 section; and

8 (C) increase staffing as necessary to con-
9 duct outreach under subparagraph (A).

10 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—

11 (1) ELIGIBILITY.—For fiscal year 2024 and
12 each fiscal year thereafter, the Government of the
13 United States shall—

14 (A) continue to make available to the Fed-
15 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
16 Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau,
17 grants for services to individuals eligible for
18 such services under part B of the Individuals
19 with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C.
20 1411 et seq.) to the extent that those services
21 continue to be available to individuals in the
22 United States;

23 (B) continue to make available to the Fed-
24 erated States of Micronesia and the Republic of
25 the Marshall Islands and make available to the

1 Republic of Palau, competitive grants under the
2 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), the Carl D.
4 Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of
5 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.), and part D of
6 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
7 (20 U.S.C. 1450 et seq.), to the extent that
8 those grants continue to be available to State
9 and local governments in the United States;

10 (C) continue to make grants available to
11 the Republic of Palau under part A of title I of
12 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
13 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.), the Adult
14 Education and Family Literacy Act (29 U.S.C.
15 3271 et seq.), and the Carl D. Perkins Career
16 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
17 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.);

18 (D) continue to make available to eligible
19 institutions of higher education in the Republic
20 of Palau and make available to eligible institu-
21 tions of higher education in the Federated
22 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the
23 Marshall Islands and to students enrolled in
24 those institutions of higher education, and to
25 students who are citizens of the Federated

1 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Mar-
2 shall Islands, and the Republic of Palau and
3 enrolled in institutions of higher education in
4 the United States and territories of the United
5 States, grants under—

6 (i) subpart 1 of part A of title IV of
7 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
8 U.S.C. 1070a et seq.);

9 (ii) subpart 3 of part A of title IV of
10 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20
11 U.S.C. 1070b et seq.); and

12 (iii) part C of title IV of the Higher
13 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–
14 51 et seq.); and

15 (E) continue to make available, to eligible
16 institutions of higher education, secondary
17 schools, and nonprofit organizations in the Fed-
18 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
19 Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau,
20 competitive grants under the Higher Education
21 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

22 (2) OTHER FORMULA GRANTS.—Except as pro-
23 vided in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Education
24 shall not make a grant under any formula grant pro-
25 gram administered by the Department of Education

1 to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic
2 of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.

3 (3) GRANTS TO THE FREELY ASSOCIATED
4 STATES UNDER PART B OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH
5 DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.—Section 611(b)(1)
6 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
7 (20 U.S.C. 1411(b)(1)) is amended by striking sub-
8 paragraph (A) and inserting the following:

9 “(A) FUNDS RESERVED.—From the
10 amount appropriated for any fiscal year under
11 subsection (i), the Secretary shall reserve not
12 more than 1 percent, which shall be used, at
13 the discretion of the Secretary, as follows:

14 “(i) To provide assistance to the out-
15 lying areas in accordance with their respec-
16 tive populations of individuals aged 3
17 through 21.

18 “(ii)(I) To provide each freely associ-
19 ated State a grant so that no freely associ-
20 ated State receives a lesser share of the
21 total funds reserved for the freely associ-
22 ated State than the freely associated State
23 received of those funds for fiscal year
24 2023.

1 “(II) Each freely associated State
2 shall establish its eligibility under this sub-
3 paragraph consistent with the require-
4 ments for a State under section 612.

5 “(III) The funds provided to each
6 freely associated State under this part may
7 be used to provide, to each infant or tod-
8 dler with a disability (as defined in section
9 632), either a free appropriate public edu-
10 cation, consistent with section 612, or
11 early intervention services consistent with
12 part C, notwithstanding the application
13 and eligibility requirements of sections
14 634(2), 635, and 637.”.

15 (4) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ELE-
16 MENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF
17 1965.—The Elementary and Secondary Education
18 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended—

19 (A) by striking subparagraph (A) of sec-
20 tion 1121(b)(1) (20 U.S.C. 6331(b)(1)(A)) and
21 inserting the following:

22 “(A) first reserve \$1,000,000 for the Re-
23 public of Palau, subject to such terms and con-
24 ditions as the Secretary may establish, except

1 that Public Law 95–134, permitting the con-
2 solidation of grants, shall not apply; and”;

3 (B) by striking paragraph (36) of section
4 8101 (20 U.S.C. 7801(36)) and inserting the
5 following:

6 “(36) OUTLYING AREA.—The term ‘outlying
7 area’—

8 “(A) means American Samoa, the Com-
9 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
10 Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands;
11 and

12 “(B) for the purpose of any discretionary
13 grant program under this Act, includes the Re-
14 public of the Marshall Islands, the Federated
15 States of Micronesia, and the Republic of
16 Palau, to the extent that any such grant pro-
17 gram continues to be available to State and
18 local governments in the United States.”.

19 (5) TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO THE COMPACT
20 OF FREE ASSOCIATION AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2003.—
21 Section 105(f)(1)(B) of the Compact of Free Asso-
22 ciation Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
23 1921d(f)(1)(B)) is amended by striking clause (ix).

24 (6) HEAD START PROGRAMS.—

1 (A) DEFINITIONS.—Section 637 of the
2 Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832) is amended,
3 in the paragraph defining the term “State”, by
4 striking the second sentence and inserting “The
5 term ‘State’ includes the Federated States of
6 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Is-
7 lands, and the Republic of Palau.”.

8 (B) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—Section
9 640(a)(2)(B) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
10 9835(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

11 (i) in clause (iv), by inserting “the
12 Republic of Palau,” before “and the Virgin
13 Islands”; and

14 (ii) by striking clause (v) and insert-
15 ing the following:

16 “(v) if a base grant has been estab-
17 lished through appropriations for the Fed-
18 erated States of Micronesia or the Repub-
19 lic of the Marshall Islands, to provide an
20 amount for that jurisdiction (for Head
21 Start agencies (including Early Head Start
22 agencies) in the jurisdiction) that is equal
23 to the amount provided for base grants for
24 such jurisdiction under this subchapter for
25 the prior fiscal year, by allotting to each

1 agency described in this clause an amount
2 equal to that agency's base grant for the
3 prior fiscal year; and''.

4 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
5 PROGRAMS.—

6 (1) DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MEDICAL FA-
7 CILITIES.—The Secretary of Defense shall make
8 available, on a space available and reimbursable
9 basis, the medical facilities of the Department of De-
10 fense for use by citizens of the Federated States of
11 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
12 and the Republic of Palau, who are properly referred
13 to the facilities by government authorities respon-
14 sible for provision of medical services in the Fed-
15 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
16 Marshall Islands, the Republic of Palau, and the af-
17 fected jurisdictions (as defined in section 104(e)(2)
18 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments
19 Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921c(e)(2))).

20 (2) PARTICIPATION BY SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN
21 THE ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BAT-
22 TERY STUDENT TESTING PROGRAM.—It is the sense
23 of Congress that the Department of Defense may ex-
24 tend the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Bat-
25 tery (ASVAB) Student Testing Program and the

1 ASVAB Career Exploration Program to selected sec-
2 ondary schools in the Federated States of Micro-
3 nesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the
4 Republic of Palau to the extent such programs are
5 available to Department of Defense dependent sec-
6 ondary schools established under section 2164 of
7 title 10, United States Code, and located outside the
8 United States.

9 (d) JUDICIAL TRAINING.—In addition to amounts
10 provided under section 261(a)(4) of the 2023 Amended
11 U.S.-FSM Compact and [the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
12 Compact] and under subsections (a) and (b) of Article
13 1 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, for
14 each of fiscal years 2024 through 2043, the Secretary of
15 the Interior shall use the amounts made available to the
16 Secretary of the Interior under section 10(a) to train
17 judges and officials of the judiciary in the Federated
18 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
19 and the Republic of Palau, in cooperation with the Pacific
20 Islands Committee of the judicial council of the ninth judi-
21 cial circuit of the United States.

22 (e) ELIGIBILITY FOR THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.—

23 (1) NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.—The
24 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall make
25 the services of the National Health Service Corps

1 available to the residents of the Federated States of
2 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
3 and the Republic of Palau to the same extent, and
4 for the same duration, as services are authorized to
5 be provided to persons residing in any other areas
6 within or outside the United States.

7 (2) *ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.*—
8 The Republic of Palau shall be eligible for the pro-
9 grams and services made available to the Federated
10 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Mar-
11 shall Islands under section 108(a) of the Compact of
12 Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48
13 U.S.C. 1921g(a)).

14 (3) *ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTAIN SERVICES.*—In
15 addition to the programs and services set forth in
16 the operative Federal Programs and Services Agree-
17 ment between the United States and the Republic of
18 Palau, the following agencies shall be made available
19 to the Republic of Palau—

20 (A) the Legal Services Corporation;

21 (B) the Public Health Service; and

22 (C) the Rural Housing Service.

23 (f) *COMPACT IMPACT FAIRNESS.*—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 402 of the Personal
2 Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation
3 Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1612) is amended—

4 (A) in subsection (a)(2), by adding at the
5 end the following:

6 “(N) EXCEPTION FOR CITIZENS OF FREE-
7 LY ASSOCIATED STATES.—With respect to eligi-
8 bility for benefits for any specified Federal pro-
9 gram, paragraph (1) shall not apply to any in-
10 dividual who—

11 “(i) lawfully resides in the United
12 States in accordance with section 141 of
13 the Compacts of Free Association between
14 the Government of the United States and
15 the Governments of the Federated States
16 of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall
17 Islands, and the Republic of Palau; and

18 “(ii) is a citizen of 1 of the 3 South
19 Pacific nations referred to in clause (i).”;
20 and

21 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(G)—

22 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
23 striking “MEDICAID EXCEPTION FOR” and
24 inserting “EXCEPTION FOR”; and

1 (ii) by striking “the designated Fed-
2 eral program defined in paragraph (3)(C)
3 (relating to the Medicaid program)” and
4 inserting “any designated Federal pro-
5 gram”.

6 (2) EXCEPTION TO 5-YEAR WAIT REQUIRE-
7 MENT.—Section 403(b)(3) of the Personal Responsi-
8 bility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
9 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1613(b)(3)) is amended by striking
10 “, but only with respect to the designated Federal
11 program defined in section 402(b)(3)(C)”.

12 (3) DEFINITION OF QUALIFIED ALIEN.—Section
13 431(b)(8) of the Personal Responsibility and Work
14 Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (8 U.S.C.
15 1641(b)(8)) is amended by striking “, but only with
16 respect to the designated Federal program defined
17 in section 402(b)(3)(C) (relating to the Medicaid
18 program)”.

19 (g) CONSULTATION WITH INTERNATIONAL FINAN-
20 CIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in
21 coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and the
22 Secretary of State, shall consult with appropriate officials
23 of the Asian Development Bank and relevant international
24 financial institutions (as defined in section 1701(c)(2) of
25 the International Financial Institutions Act), as appro-

1 piate, with respect to overall economic conditions in, and
2 the activities of other providers of assistance to, the Freely
3 Associated States.

4 (h) CHIEF OF MISSION.—Section 105(b) of the Com-
5 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48
6 U.S.C. 1921d(b)) is amended by striking paragraph (5)
7 and inserting the following:

8 “(5) Pursuant to section 207 of the Foreign
9 Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3927), all United
10 States Government executive branch employees in
11 the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of
12 the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau fall
13 under the authority of the respective applicable chief
14 of mission, except for employees identified as ex-
15 cluded from the authority under Federal law or by
16 Presidential directive.”.

17 (i) ESTABLISHMENT OF A UNIT FOR THE FREELY
18 ASSOCIATED STATES IN THE BUREAU OF EAST ASIAN
19 AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE
20 AND INCREASING PERSONNEL FOCUSED ON OCEANIA.—

21 (1) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRES-
22 SIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this subsection, the term
23 “appropriate congressional committees” means the
24 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and

1 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
2 Representatives.

3 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of State
4 shall—

5 (A) assign additional full-time equivalent
6 personnel to the Office of Australia, New Zea-
7 land, and Pacific Island Affairs of the Bureau
8 of East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the De-
9 partment of State, including to the unit estab-
10 lished under subparagraph (B), as the Sec-
11 retary of State determines to be appropriate, in
12 accordance with paragraph (4)(A); and

13 (B) establish a unit in the Bureau of East
14 Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Department of
15 State to carry out the functions described in
16 paragraph (3).

17 (3) FUNCTIONS OF UNIT.—The unit established
18 under paragraph (2)(B) shall be responsible for the
19 following:

20 (A) Managing the bilateral and regional re-
21 lations with the Freely Associated States.

22 (B) Supporting the Secretary of State in
23 leading negotiations relating to the Compacts of
24 Free Association with the Freely Associated
25 States.

1 (C) Coordinating, in consultation with the
2 Department of the Interior, the Department of
3 Defense, and other interagency partners as ap-
4 propriate, implementation of the Compacts of
5 Free Association with the Freely Associated
6 States.

7 (4) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES.—The
8 Secretary of State shall—

9 (A) not later than 5 years after the date
10 of enactment of this joint resolution, assign to
11 the Office of Australia, New Zealand, and Pa-
12 cific Island Affairs of the Bureau of East Asian
13 and Pacific Affairs, including to the unit estab-
14 lished under paragraph (2)(B), not less than 4
15 additional full-time equivalent staff, who shall
16 not be dual-hatted, including by considering—

17 (i) the use of existing flexible hiring
18 authorities, including Domestic Employees
19 Teleworking Overseas (DETOs); and

20 (ii) the realignment of existing per-
21 sonnel, including from the United States
22 Mission in Australia, as appropriate;

23 (B) reduce the number of vacant foreign
24 service positions in the Pacific Island region by
25 establishing an incentive program within the

1 Foreign Service for overseas positions related to
2 the Pacific Island region; and

3 (C) report to the appropriate congressional
4 committees on progress toward objectives out-
5 lined in this subsection beginning 1 year from
6 the date of enactment of this joint resolution
7 and annually thereafter for 5 years.

8 (j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 105 of the
9 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003
10 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) is amended by striking subsection (j)
11 and inserting the following:

12 “(j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

13 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Technical assistance may
14 be provided pursuant to section 224 of the 2023
15 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact¹, the 2023 Amended
16 U.S.-RMI Compact,² or section 222 of the U.S.-
17 Palau Compact (as those terms are defined in sec-
18 tion 2 of Compact of Free Association Amendments
19 Act of 2023) by Federal agencies and institutions of
20 the Government of the United States to the extent
21 the assistance shall be provided to States, territories,
22 or units of local government.

23 “(2) HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—

24 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any technical assist-
25 ance authorized under paragraph (1) that is

1 provided by the Forest Service, the Natural Re-
2 sources Conservation Service, the United States
3 Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine
4 Fisheries Service, the United States Coast
5 Guard, the Advisory Council on Historic Pres-
6 ervation, the Department of the Interior, or any
7 other Federal agency providing assistance
8 under division A of subtitle III of title 54,
9 United States Code, may be provided on a non-
10 reimbursable basis.

11 “(B) GRANTS.—During the period in
12 which the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact
13 (as so defined) [is/ and the 2023 Amended
14 U.S.-RMI Compact (as so defined) are] in
15 force, the grant programs under division A of
16 subtitle III of title 54, United States Code,
17 shall continue to apply to the Federated States
18 of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall
19 Islands in the same manner and to the same
20 extent as those programs applied prior to the
21 approval of the U.S.-FSM Compact and U.S.-
22 RMI Compact.

23 “(3) ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—Any funds provided
24 pursuant to this subsection, subsections (c), (g), (h),
25 (i), (k), (l), and (m), section 102(a), and subsections

1 (a), (b), (f), (g), (h), and (j) of section 103 shall be
2 in addition to, and not charged against, any
3 amounts to be paid to the Federated States of Mi-
4 cronisia or the Republic of the Marshall Islands pur-
5 suant to—

6 “(A) the U.S.-FSM Compact;

7 “(B) the U.S.-RMI Compact; or

8 “(C) any related subsidiary agreement.”.

9 (k) CONTINUING TRUST TERRITORY AUTHORIZA-
10 TION.—The authorization provided by the Act of June 30,
11 1954 (68 Stat. 330, chapter 423), shall remain available
12 after the effective date of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
13 Compact and **the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact**
14 with respect to the Federated States of Micronesia and
15 the Republic of the Marshall Islands for transition pur-
16 poses, including—

17 (1) completion of projects and fulfillment of
18 commitments or obligations;

19 (2) termination of the Trust Territory Govern-
20 ment and termination of the High Court;

21 (3) health and education as a result of excep-
22 tional circumstances;

23 (4) ex gratia contributions for the populations
24 of Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrik; and

1 (5) technical assistance and training in finan-
2 cial management, program administration, and
3 maintenance of infrastructure.

4 (1) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

5 (1) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT DEFINI-
6 TION.—Section 2(f) of the Public Health Service Act
7 (42 U.S.C. 201(f)) is amended by striking “and the
8 Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands” and inserting
9 “the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of
10 the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau”.

11 (2) COMPACT IMPACT AMENDMENTS.—Section
12 104(e) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
13 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921c(e)) is amend-
14 ed—

15 (A) in paragraph (4)—

16 (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking
17 “beginning in fiscal year 2003” and insert-
18 ing “during the period of fiscal years 2003
19 through 2023”; and

20 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
21 “after fiscal year 2003” and inserting “for
22 the period of fiscal years 2004 through
23 2023”;

24 (B) by striking paragraph (5); and

1 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (6)
2 through (10) as paragraphs (5) through (9), re-
3 spectively.

4 **SEC. 9. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.**

5 (a) AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTRUMENTAL-
6 ITIES.—

7 (1) IN GENERAL.—Appropriations to carry out
8 the obligations, services, and programs described in
9 paragraph (2) shall be made directly to the Federal
10 agencies, departments, and instrumentalities car-
11 rying out the obligations, services and programs.

12 (2) OBLIGATIONS, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS
13 DESCRIBED.—The obligations, services, and pro-
14 grams referred to in paragraphs (1) and (3) are the
15 obligations, services, and programs under—

16 (A) sections 131 and 132 of the 2003
17 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact and paragraphs
18 (1) and (3) through (6) of section 221(a) and
19 section 221(b) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
20 Compact;

21 (B) sections 131 and 132 of the 2003
22 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact and [paragraphs
23 (1) and (3) through (5) of section 221(a) and
24 section 221(b) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
25 Compact];

1 (C) sections 131 and 132 and paragraphs
2 (1), (3), and (4) of section 221(a) of the U.S.-
3 Palau Compact;

4 (D) Article 6 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau Com-
5 pact Review Agreement; and

6 (E) section 8.

7 (3) **AUTHORITY.**—The heads of the Federal
8 agencies, departments, and instrumentalities to
9 which appropriations are made available under para-
10 graph (1) as well as the Federal Deposit Insurance
11 Corporation shall—

12 (A) have the authority to carry out any ac-
13 tivities that are necessary to fulfill the obliga-
14 tions, services, and programs described in para-
15 graph (2); and

16 (B) use available funds to carry out the ac-
17 tivities under subparagraph (A).

18 (b) **ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE.**—Any assistance pro-
19 vided pursuant to section 105(j) of the Compact of Free
20 Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
21 1921d(j)) (as amended by section 8(j)) and sections 4(a),
22 5(a), 6(b), and 8 shall be in addition to and not charged
23 against any amounts to be paid to the Federated States
24 of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and
25 the Republic of Palau pursuant to—

- 1 (1) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;
- 2 (2) **【the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact】**;
- 3 (3) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review
- 4 Agreement; or
- 5 (4) any related subsidiary agreement.

6 (c) REMAINING BALANCES.—Notwithstanding any
7 other provision of law, including section 109 of the Com-
8 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48
9 U.S.C. 1921h)—

10 (1) remaining balances appropriated to carry
11 out sections 211, 212(b), 215, and 217 of the 2023
12 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, shall be programmed
13 pursuant to Article IX of the 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal
14 Procedures Agreement; **【and】**

15 (2) **【remaining balances appropriated to carry**
16 **out sections 211, 213(b), 216, and 218 of the 2003**
17 **Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, shall be programmed**
18 **pursuant to Article **【_____】** of the 2023 U.S.-RMI**
19 **Fiscal Procedures Agreement**】**.**

20 (d) GRANTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision
21 of law—

22 (1) contributions under the 2023 Amended
23 U.S.-FSM Compact, the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact
24 Review Agreement, **【and the 2023 Amended U.S.-**
25 **RMI Compact**】** may be provided as grants for pur-**

1 poses of implementation of the 2023 Amended U.S.-
2 FSM Compact, the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Re-
3 view Agreement, [and the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
4 Compact] under the laws of the United States; and
5 (2) funds appropriated pursuant to section 10
6 may be deposited in interest-bearing accounts.

7 (e) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Except as specifically
8 provided, nothing in this joint resolution or the amend-
9 ments made by this joint resolution amends the following:

10 (1) Title I of the Compact of Free Association
11 Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1901 et seq.).

12 (2) Title I of Public Law 99–658 (48 U.S.C.
13 1931 et seq.).

14 (3) Title I of the Compact of Free Association
15 Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 et seq.).

16 (4) Section 1259C of the National Defense Au-
17 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (48 U.S.C.
18 1931 note; Public Law 115–91).

19 (5) The Department of the Interior, Environ-
20 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
21 2018 (Public Law 115–141; 132 Stat. 635).

22 **SEC. 10. COMPACT APPROPRIATIONS.**

23 (a) FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY
24 OF THE INTERIOR.—For the period of fiscal years 2024
25 through 2043, there are appropriated to the Compact of

1 Free Association account of the Department of the Inte-
2 rior, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
3 priated, to remain available until expended, the amounts
4 described in—

5 (1) section 266 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-
6 FSM Compact;

7 (2) sections **【_____】** of the 2023 Amended
8 U.S.-RMI Compact; and

9 (3) Articles 1, 2, and 3 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau
10 Compact Review Agreement.

11 (b) FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED
12 STATES POSTAL SERVICE.—

13 (1) APPROPRIATION.—There is appropriated to
14 the United States Postal Service, out of any funds
15 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for each
16 of fiscal years 2024 through 2043, \$31,700,000, to
17 remain available until expended, to carry out the
18 costs of the following provisions that are not other-
19 wise funded:

20 (A) Section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amend-
21 ed U.S.-FSM Compact.

22 (B) **【Section 221(a)(2) of the 2023**
23 **Amended U.S.-RMI Compact.】**

24 (C) Section 221(a)(2) of the U.S.-Palau
25 Compact.

1 (D) Article 6(a) of the 2023 U.S.-Palau
2 Compact Review Agreement.

3 (2) DEPOSIT.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—The amounts appro-
5 priated to the United States Postal Service
6 under paragraph (1) shall be deposited into the
7 Postal Service Fund established under section
8 2003 of title 39, United States Code, to carry
9 out the provisions described in that paragraph.

10 (B) REQUIREMENT.—Any amounts depos-
11 ited into the Postal Service Fund under sub-
12 paragraph (A) shall be the fiduciary, fiscal, and
13 audit responsibility of the Postal Service.

14 (c) FUNDING FOR JUDICIAL TRAINING.—There is
15 appropriated to the Secretary of the Interior to carry out
16 section 8(d) out of any funds in the Treasury not other-
17 wise appropriated, \$550,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
18 through 2043, to remain available until expended.