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H. J. RES. 96

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, 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, 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 sec-

tion 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 “Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Palau Resulting From the 2023 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 on September 28, 2023, the United States signed a Federal Programs and Services agreement related to the U.S.-FSM Compact of Free Association; and

Whereas on October 16, 2023, the United States signed 3 agreements relating to the U.S.-RMI Compact of Free Association, including an Agreement to Amend the Compact, as amended, a new fiscal procedures agreement, and a new trust fund agreement: Now, therefore, be it

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

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

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

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this joint resolution:

6 (1) 1986 COMPACT.—The term “1986 Com-
7 pact” means the Compact of Free Association be-
8 tween the Government of the United States and the
9 Governments of the Marshall Islands and the Fed-
10 erated States of Micronesia set forth in section 201
11 of the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (48
12 U.S.C. 1901 note; Public Law 99–239).

13 (2) 2003 AMENDED U.S.-FSM COMPACT.—The
14 term “2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact” means
15 the Compact of Free Association amending the 1986
16 Compact entitled the “Compact of Free Association,
17 as amended, between the Government of the United
18 States of America and the Government of the Fed-
19 erated States of Micronesia” set forth in section
20 201(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
21 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public
22 Law 108–188).

23 (3) 2003 AMENDED U.S.-RMI COMPACT.—The
24 term “2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact” means
25 the Compact of Free Association amending the 1986
26 Compact entitled “Compact of Free Association, as

1 amended, between the Government of the United
2 States of America and the Government of the Re-
3 public of the Marshall Islands” set forth in section
4 201(b) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
5 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921 note; Public
6 Law 108–188).

7 (4) 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE U.S.-FSM
8 COMPACT.—The term “2023 Agreement to Amend
9 the U.S.-FSM Compact” means the Agreement be-
10 tween the Government of the United States of
11 America and the Government of the Federated
12 States of Micronesia to Amend the Compact of Free
13 Association, as Amended, done at Palikir May 23,
14 2023.

15 (5) 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE U.S.-RMI
16 COMPACT.—The term “2023 Agreement to Amend
17 the U.S.-RMI Compact” means the Agreement be-
18 tween the Government of the United States of
19 America and the Government of the Republic of the
20 Marshall Islands to Amend the Compact of Free As-
21 sociation, as Amended, done at Honolulu October
22 16, 2023.

23 (6) 2023 AMENDED U.S.-FSM COMPACT.—The
24 term “2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact” means
25 the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, as amended

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

3 (7) 2023 AMENDED U.S.-RMI COMPACT.—The
4 term “2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact” means
5 the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, as amended
6 by the 2023 Agreement to Amend the U.S.-RMI
7 Compact.

8 (8) 2023 U.S.-FSM FEDERAL PROGRAMS AND
9 SERVICES AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-FSM
10 Federal Programs and Services Agreement” means
11 the 2023 Federal Programs and Services Agreement
12 between the Government of the United States of
13 America and the Government of the Federated
14 States of Micronesia, done at Washington September
15 28, 2023.

16 (9) 2023 U.S.-FSM FISCAL PROCEDURES AGREE-
17 MENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Proce-
18 dures Agreement” means the Agreement Concerning
19 Procedures for the Implementation of United States
20 Economic Assistance provided in the 2023 Amended
21 U.S.-FSM Compact between the Government of the
22 United States of America and the Government of
23 the Federated States of Micronesia, done at Palikir
24 May 23, 2023.

1 (10) 2023 U.S.-FSM TRUST FUND AGREE-
2 MENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund
3 Agreement” means the Agreement between the Gov-
4 ernment of the United States of America and the
5 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia
6 Regarding the Compact Trust Fund, done at Palikir
7 May 23, 2023.

8 (11) 2023 U.S.-PALAU COMPACT REVIEW
9 AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-Palau Compact
10 Review Agreement” means the Agreement between
11 the Government of the United States of America
12 and the Government of the Republic of Palau Re-
13 sulting From the 2023 Compact of Free Association
14 Section 432 Review, done at Port Moresby May 22,
15 2023.

16 (12) 2023 U.S.-RMI FISCAL PROCEDURES
17 AGREEMENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal
18 Procedures Agreement” means the Agreement Con-
19 cerning Procedures for the Implementation of
20 United States Economic Assistance Provided in the
21 2023 Amended Compact Between the Government of
22 the United States of America and the Government
23 of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, done at
24 Honolulu October 16, 2023.

1 (13) 2023 U.S.-RMI TRUST FUND AGREE-
2 MENT.—The term “2023 U.S.-RMI Trust Fund
3 Agreement” means the Agreement between the Gov-
4 ernment of the United States of America and the
5 Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands
6 Regarding the Compact Trust Fund, done at Hono-
7 lulu October 16, 2023.

8 (14) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
9 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
10 gress” means—

11 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
12 Resources of the Senate;

13 (B) the Committee on Foreign Relations of
14 the Senate;

15 (C) the Committee on Natural Resources
16 of the House of Representatives; and

17 (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of
18 the House of Representatives.

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

21 (A) the Federated States of Micronesia;

22 (B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands;

23 and

24 (C) the Republic of Palau.

1 (16) SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT.—The term
2 “subsidiary agreement” means any of the following:

3 (A) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Federal Pro-
4 grams and Services Agreement.

5 (B) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Proce-
6 dures Agreement.

7 (C) The 2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund
8 Agreement.

9 (D) The 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures
10 Agreement.

11 (E) The 2023 U.S.-RMI Trust Fund
12 Agreement.

13 (F) Any Federal Programs and Services
14 Agreement in force between the United States
15 and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

16 (G) Any Federal Programs and Services
17 Agreement in force between the United States
18 and the Republic of Palau.

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

- 1 (i) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
2 Compact;
3 (ii) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Re-
4 view Agreement; or
5 (iii) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
6 Compact.

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

12 **SEC. 3. APPROVAL OF 2023 AGREEMENT TO AMEND THE**
13 **U.S.-FSM COMPACT, 2023 AGREEMENT TO**
14 **AMEND THE U.S.-RMI COMPACT, 2023 U.S.-**
15 **PALAU COMPACT REVIEW AGREEMENT, AND**
16 **SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS.**

17 (a) FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.—

18 (1) APPROVAL.—The 2023 Agreement to
19 Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact and the 2023 U.S.-
20 FSM Trust Fund Agreement, as submitted to Con-
21 gress on June 15, 2023, are approved and incor-
22 porated by reference.

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

1 (A) the 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Procedures
2 Agreement, as submitted to Congress on June
3 15, 2023; and

4 (B) the 2023 U.S.-FSM Federal Programs
5 and Services Agreement.

6 (3) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—Notwith-
7 standing section 101(f) of the Compact of Free As-
8 sociation Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
9 1921(f)), the President is authorized to bring into
10 force and implement the agreements described in
11 paragraphs (1) and (2).

12 (b) REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.—

13 (1) APPROVAL.—The 2023 Agreement to
14 Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact and the 2023 U.S.-
15 RMI Trust Fund Agreement, as submitted to Con-
16 gress on October 17, 2023, are approved and incor-
17 porated by reference.

18 (2) CONSENT OF CONGRESS.—Congress con-
19 sents to the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures
20 Agreement as submitted to Congress on October 17,
21 2023.

22 (3) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—Notwith-
23 standing section 101(f) of the Compact of Free As-
24 sociation Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
25 1921(f)), the President is authorized to bring into

1 force and implement the agreements described in
2 paragraphs (1) and (2).

3 (c) REPUBLIC OF PALAU.—

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

7 (2) AUTHORITY OF PRESIDENT.—The President
8 is authorized to bring into force and implement the
9 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement.

10 (d) AMENDMENTS, CHANGES, OR TERMINATION TO
11 COMPACTS AND CERTAIN AGREEMENTS.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—Any amendment to, change
13 to, or termination of all or any part of the 2023
14 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, 2023 Amended U.S.-
15 RMI Compact, or the U.S.-Palau Compact, by mu-
16 tual agreement or unilateral action of the Govern-
17 ment of the United States, shall not enter into force
18 until the date on which Congress has incorporated
19 the applicable amendment, change, or termination
20 into an Act of Congress.

21 (2) ADDITIONAL ACTIONS AND AGREEMENTS.—

22 In addition to the Compacts described in paragraph
23 (1), the requirements of that paragraph shall apply
24 to—

1 (A) any action of the Government of the
2 United States under the 2023 Amended U.S.-
3 FSM Compact, 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Com-
4 pact, or U.S.-Palau Compact, including an ac-
5 tion taken pursuant to section 431, 441, or 442
6 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact,
7 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or U.S.-
8 Palau Compact;

9 (B) any amendment to, change to, or ter-
10 mination of—

11 (i) the agreement described in section
12 462(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
13 Compact;

14 (ii) the agreement described in section
15 462(a)(5) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
16 Compact;

17 (iii) an agreement concluded pursuant
18 to section 265 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-
19 FSM Compact;

20 (iv) an agreement concluded pursuant
21 to section 265 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-
22 RMI Compact;

23 (v) an agreement concluded pursuant
24 to section 177 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-
25 RMI Compact;

1 (vi) Articles III and IV of the agree-
2 ment described in section 462(b)(6) of the
3 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;

4 (vii) Articles III, IV, and X of the
5 agreement described in section 462(b)(6)
6 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact;

7 (viii) the agreement described in sec-
8 tion 462(h) of the U.S.-Palau Compact;
9 and

10 (ix) Articles VI, XV, and XVII of the
11 agreement described in section 462(b)(7)
12 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact
13 and 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact
14 and section 462(i) of the U.S.-Palau Com-
15 pact.

16 (e) ENTRY INTO FORCE OF FUTURE AMENDMENTS
17 TO SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENTS.—An agreement between
18 the United States and the Government of the Federated
19 States of Micronesia, the Government of the Republic of
20 the Marshall Islands, or the Government of the Republic
21 of Palau that would amend, change, or terminate any sub-
22 sidiary agreement or portion of a subsidiary agreement
23 (other than an amendment to, change to, or termination
24 of an agreement described in subsection (d)) shall not
25 enter into force until the date that is 90 days after the

1 date on which the President has transmitted to the Presi-
2 dent of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Rep-
3 resentatives—

4 (1) the agreement to amend, change, or termi-
5 nate the subsidiary agreement;

6 (2) an explanation of the amendment, change,
7 or termination;

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

10 (4) in the case of an agreement that would
11 amend, change, or terminate any agreement de-
12 scribed in section 462(b)(3) of the 2023 Amended
13 U.S.-FSM Compact or the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
14 Compact, a statement by the Secretary of Labor
15 that describes—

16 (A) the necessity of the amendment,
17 change, or termination; and

18 (B) any impacts of the amendment,
19 change, or termination.

20 **SEC. 4. AGREEMENTS WITH FEDERATED STATES OF MICRO-**
21 **NESIA.**

22 (a) LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to sections 222
24 and 224 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact,
25 the United States shall provide nonreimbursable

1 technical and training assistance, as appropriate, in-
2 cluding training and equipment for postal inspection
3 of illicit drugs and other contraband, to enable the
4 Government of the Federated States of Micronesia—

5 (A) to develop and adequately enforce laws
6 of the Federated States of Micronesia; and

7 (B) to cooperate with the United States in
8 the enforcement of criminal laws of the United
9 States.

10 (2) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Funds ap-
11 propriated pursuant to subsection (j) of section 105
12 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments
13 Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) (as amended by sec-
14 tion 8(j)) may be used in accordance with section
15 102(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
16 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921a(a)).

17 (b) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT ECO-
18 NOMIC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States ap-
20 pointees (which are composed of the United States
21 chair and 2 other members from the Government of
22 the United States) to the Joint Economic Manage-
23 ment Committee established under section 213 of
24 the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact (referred to
25 in this subsection as the “Committee”) shall—

1 (A) be voting members of the Committee;
2 and

3 (B) continue to be officers or employees of
4 the Federal Government.

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

9 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
10 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
11 retary of the Treasury.

12 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
13 Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with
14 the Secretary of the Treasury.

15 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
16 Interagency Group on Freely Associated States
17 established under section 7(d)(1).

18 (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-
19 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)
20 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional
21 2-year terms.

22 (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not fewer than 2
23 United States members of the Committee appointed
24 under paragraph (2) shall be individuals who—

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

6 (B) possess not less than 5 years of full-
7 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget
8 analysis, compliance, grant administration, pro-
9 gram management, or international economics.

10 (5) NOTICE.—

11 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
12 after the date of appointment of a United
13 States member of the Committee under para-
14 graph (2), the Secretary of the Interior shall
15 notify the appropriate committees of Congress
16 that an individual has been appointed as a vot-
17 ing member of the Committee under that para-
18 graph, including a statement prepared by the
19 Secretary of the Interior attesting to the quali-
20 fications of the member described in paragraph
21 (4), subject to subparagraph (B).

22 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a
23 statement required under subparagraph (A)—

24 (i) in the case of a member appointed
25 under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary of

1 the Interior shall compile information on
2 the member provided to the Secretary of
3 the Interior by the Secretary of State on
4 request of the Secretary of the Interior;
5 and

6 (ii) in the case of a member appointed
7 under paragraph (2)(C), the Secretary of
8 the Interior shall compile information on
9 the member provided to the Secretary of
10 the Interior by the Interagency Group on
11 Freely Associated States established under
12 section 7(d)(1) on request of the Secretary
13 of the Interior.

14 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
15 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-
16 ceives or completes any report required under the
17 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related
18 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior
19 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-
20 tees of Congress.

21 (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
22 days after the date on which the Government of the
23 Federated States of Micronesia submits to the Com-
24 mittee a report required under the 2023 Amended
25 U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related subsidiary agree-

1 ment, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to
2 the appropriate committees of Congress—

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

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

9 (c) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT TRUST
10 FUND COMMITTEE.—

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

20 (2) TERM; APPOINTMENT.—The 3 United
21 States members of the Committee described in para-
22 graph (1) shall be appointed for a term not more
23 than 2 years as follows:

24 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
25 Secretary of State.

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

3 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
4 Secretary of the Treasury.

5 (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-
6 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)
7 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional
8 2-year terms.

9 (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not fewer than 2 mem-
10 bers of the Committee appointed under paragraph
11 (2) shall be individuals who—

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

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

22 (5) NOTICE.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
24 after the date of appointment of a United
25 States member to the Committee under para-

1 graph (2), the Secretary of the Interior shall
2 notify the appropriate committees of Congress
3 that an individual has been appointed as a vot-
4 ing member of the Committee under that para-
5 graph, including a statement attesting to the
6 qualifications of the member described in para-
7 graph (4), subject to subparagraph (B).

8 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a
9 statement required under subparagraph (A)—

10 (i) in the case of a member appointed
11 under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary of
12 the Interior shall compile information on
13 the member provided to the Secretary of
14 the Interior by the Secretary of State on
15 request of the Secretary of the Interior;
16 and

17 (ii) in the case of a member appointed
18 under paragraph (2)(C), the Secretary of
19 the Interior shall compile information on
20 the member provided to the Secretary of
21 the Interior by the Secretary of the Treas-
22 ury on request of the Secretary of the Inte-
23 rior.

24 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
25 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-

1 ceives or completes any report required under the
2 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related
3 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior
4 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-
5 tees of Congress.

6 (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
7 days after the date on which the Government of the
8 Federated States of Micronesia submits to the Com-
9 mittee a report required under the 2023 Amended
10 U.S.-FSM Compact, or any related subsidiary agree-
11 ment, the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to
12 the appropriate committees of Congress—

13 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
14 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
15 report is complete and accurate; or

16 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
17 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
18 port has not been timely submitted.

19 **SEC. 5. AGREEMENTS WITH AND OTHER PROVISIONS RE-**
20 **LATED TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL**
21 **ISLANDS.**

22 (a) LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—Pursuant to sections 222
24 and 224 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact,
25 the United States shall provide nonreimbursable

1 technical and training assistance, as appropriate, in-
2 cluding training and equipment for postal inspection
3 of illicit drugs and other contraband, to enable the
4 Government of the Republic of the Marshall Is-
5 lands—

6 (A) to develop and adequately enforce laws
7 of the Marshall Islands; and

8 (B) to cooperate with the United States in
9 the enforcement of criminal laws of the United
10 States.

11 (2) USE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.—Funds ap-
12 propriated pursuant to subsection (j) of section 105
13 of the Compact of Free Association Amendments
14 Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) (as amended by sec-
15 tion 8(j)) may be used in accordance with section
16 103(a) of the Compact of Free Association Amend-
17 ments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(a)).

18 (b) ESPOUSAL PROVISIONS.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress reaffirms that—

20 (A) section 103(g)(1) of the Compact of
21 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.
22 1903(g)(1)) and section 103(e)(1) of the Com-
23 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of
24 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(e)(1)) provided that “It
25 is the intention of the Congress of the United

1 States that the provisions of section 177 of the
2 Compact of Free Association and the Agree-
3 ment between the Government of the United
4 States and the Government of the Marshall Is-
5 lands for the Implementation of Section 177 of
6 the Compact (hereafter in this subsection re-
7 ferred to as the ‘Section 177 Agreement’) con-
8 stitute a full and final settlement of all claims
9 described in Articles X and XI of the Section
10 177 Agreement, and that any such claims be
11 terminated and barred except insofar as pro-
12 vided for in the Section 177 Agreement.”; and

13 (B) section 103(g)(2) of the Compact of
14 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.
15 1903(g)(2)) and section 103(e)(2) of the Com-
16 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of
17 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(e)(2)) provided that
18 “In furtherance of the intention of Congress as
19 stated in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the
20 Section 177 Agreement is hereby ratified and
21 approved. It is the explicit understanding and
22 intent of Congress that the jurisdictional limita-
23 tions set forth in Article XII of such Agreement
24 are enacted solely and exclusively to accomplish
25 the objective of Article X of such Agreement

1 and only as a clarification of the effect of Arti-
2 cle X, and are not to be construed or imple-
3 mented separately from Article X.”.

4 (2) EFFECT.—Nothing in the 2023 Agreement
5 to Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact affects the appli-
6 cation of the provisions of law reaffirmed by para-
7 graph (1).

8 (c) CERTAIN SECTION 177 AGREEMENT PROVI-
9 SIONS.—Congress reaffirms that—

10 (1) Article IX of the Agreement Between the
11 Government of the United States and the Govern-
12 ment of the Marshall Islands for the Implementation
13 of Section 177 of the Compact of Free Association,
14 done at Majuro June 25, 1983, provided that “If
15 loss or damage to property and person of the citi-
16 zens of the Marshall Islands, resulting from the Nu-
17 clear Testing Program, arises or is discovered after
18 the effective date of this Agreement, and such inju-
19 ries were not and could not reasonably have been
20 identified as of the effective date of this Agreement,
21 and if such injuries render the provisions of this
22 Agreement manifestly inadequate, the Government
23 of the Marshall Islands may request that the Gov-
24 ernment of the United States provide for such inju-
25 ries by submitting such a request to the Congress of

1 the United States for its consideration. It is under-
2 stood that this Article does not commit the Congress
3 of the United States to authorize and appropriate
4 funds.”; and

5 (2) section 3(a) of Article XIII of the agree-
6 ment described in paragraph (1) provided that “The
7 Government of the United States and the Govern-
8 ment of the Marshall Islands shall consult at the re-
9 quest of either of them on matters relating to the
10 provisions of this Agreement.”.

11 (d) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO JOINT ECO-
12 NOMIC MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY
13 COMMITTEE.—

14 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 2 United States ap-
15 pointees (which are composed of the United States
16 chair and 1 other member from the Government of
17 the United States) to the Joint Economic Manage-
18 ment and Financial Accountability Committee estab-
19 lished under section 214 of the 2003 Amended U.S.-
20 RMI Compact (referred to in this subsection as the
21 “Committee”) shall—

22 (A) be voting members of the Committee;

23 and

24 (B) continue to be officers or employees of
25 the Federal Government.

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

5 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
6 Secretary of State, in consultation with the Sec-
7 retary of the Treasury.

8 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
9 Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with
10 the Secretary of the Treasury.

11 (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-
12 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)
13 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional
14 2-year terms.

15 (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—At least 1 United States
16 member of the Committee appointed under para-
17 graph (2) shall be an individual who—

18 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or
19 training, is especially qualified in accounting,
20 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, grant ad-
21 ministration, program management, or inter-
22 national economics; and

23 (B) possesses not less than 5 years of full-
24 time experience in accounting, auditing, budget

1 analysis, compliance, grant administration, pro-
2 gram management, or international economics.

3 (5) NOTICE.—

4 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
5 after the date of appointment of a United
6 States member under paragraph (2), the Sec-
7 retary of the Interior shall notify the appro-
8 priate committees of Congress that an indi-
9 vidual has been appointed as a voting member
10 of the Committee under that paragraph, includ-
11 ing a statement attesting to the qualifications
12 of the member described in paragraph (4), sub-
13 ject to subparagraph (B).

14 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a
15 statement required under subparagraph (A), in
16 the case of a member appointed under para-
17 graph (2)(A), the Secretary of the Interior shall
18 compile information on the member provided to
19 the Secretary of the Interior by the Secretary of
20 State on request of the Secretary of the Inte-
21 rior.

22 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
23 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-
24 ceives or completes any report required under the
25 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related

1 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior
2 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-
3 tees of Congress.

4 (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
5 days after the date on which the Government of the
6 Republic of the Marshall Islands submits to the
7 Committee a report required under the 2023
8 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related sub-
9 sidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior shall
10 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress—

11 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
12 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
13 report is complete and accurate; or

14 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
15 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
16 port has not been timely submitted.

17 (e) UNITED STATES APPOINTEES TO TRUST FUND
18 COMMITTEE.—

19 (1) IN GENERAL.—The 3 United States voting
20 members (which are composed of the United States
21 chair and 2 other members from the Government of
22 the United States) to the Trust Fund Committee es-
23 tablished pursuant to the agreement described in
24 section 462(b)(5) of the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI
25 Compact (referred to in this subsection as the

1 “Committee”) shall continue to be officers or em-
2 ployees of the Federal Government.

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

7 (A) 1 member shall be appointed by the
8 Secretary of State.

9 (B) 1 member shall be appointed by the
10 Secretary of the Interior.

11 (C) 1 member shall be appointed by the
12 Secretary of the Treasury.

13 (3) REAPPOINTMENT.—A United States mem-
14 ber of the Committee appointed under paragraph (2)
15 may be reappointed for not more than 2 additional
16 2-year terms.

17 (4) QUALIFICATIONS.—Not fewer than 2 mem-
18 bers of the Committee appointed under paragraph
19 (2) shall be individuals who—

20 (A) by reason of knowledge, experience, or
21 training, are especially qualified in accounting,
22 auditing, budget analysis, compliance, financial
23 investment, grant administration, program
24 management, or international economics; and

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

6 (5) NOTICE.—

7 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days
8 after the date of appointment of a United
9 States Member under paragraph (2), the Sec-
10 retary of the Interior shall notify the appro-
11 priate committees of Congress that an indi-
12 vidual has been appointed as a voting member
13 of the Committee under that paragraph, includ-
14 ing a statement attesting to the qualifications
15 of the appointee described in paragraph (4),
16 subject to subparagraph (B).

17 (B) REQUIREMENT.—For purposes of a
18 statement required under subparagraph (A)—

19 (i) in the case of a member appointed
20 under paragraph (2)(A), the Secretary of
21 the Interior shall compile information on
22 the member provided to the Secretary of
23 the Interior by the Secretary of State on
24 request of the Secretary of the Interior;
25 and

1 (ii) in the case of a member appointed
2 under paragraph (2)(C), the Secretary of
3 the Interior shall compile information on
4 the member provided to the Secretary of
5 the Interior by the Secretary of the Treas-
6 ury on request of the Secretary of the Inte-
7 rior.

8 (6) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
9 90 days after the date on which the Committee re-
10 ceives or completes any report required under the
11 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related
12 subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior
13 shall submit the report to the appropriate commit-
14 tees of Congress.

15 (7) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
16 days after the date on which the Government of the
17 Republic of the Marshall Islands submits to the
18 Committee a report required under the 2023
19 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, or any related sub-
20 sidiary agreement, the Secretary of the Interior shall
21 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress—

22 (A) if the report is submitted by the appli-
23 cable deadline, written notice attesting that the
24 report is complete and accurate; or

1 (B) if the report is not submitted by the
2 applicable deadline, written notice that the re-
3 port has not been timely submitted.

4 (f) FOUR ATOLL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—Con-
5 gress reaffirms that—

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

1 Government of the Marshall Islands as to the per-
2 sons affected by the consequences of the United
3 States nuclear testing program.”;

4 (2) section 103(j)(2) of the Compact of Free
5 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(2)) and
6 section 103(h)(2) of the Compact of Free Associa-
7 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
8 1921b(h)(2)) provided that “at the end of the first
9 year after the effective date of the Compact and at
10 the end of each year thereafter, the providing agency
11 or agencies shall return to the Government of the
12 Marshall Islands any unexpended funds to be re-
13 turned to the Fund Manager (as described in Article
14 I of the Section 177 Agreement) to be covered into
15 the Fund to be available for future use.”; and

16 (3) section 103(j)(3) of the Compact of Free
17 Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C. 1903(j)(3)) and
18 section 103(h)(3) of the Compact of Free Associa-
19 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
20 1921b(h)(3)) provided that “the Fund Manager
21 shall retain the funds returned by the Government
22 of the Marshall Islands pursuant to paragraph (2)
23 of this subsection, shall invest and manage such
24 funds, and at the end of 15 years after the effective
25 date of the Compact, shall make from the total

1 amount so retained and the proceeds thereof annual
2 disbursements sufficient to continue to make pay-
3 ments for the provision of health services as speci-
4 fied in paragraph (1) of this subsection to such ex-
5 tent as may be provided in contracts between the
6 Government of the Marshall Islands and appropriate
7 United States providers of such health services.”.

8 (g) RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAM.—Not-
9 withstanding any other provision of law, on the request
10 of the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
11 the President (through an appropriate department or
12 agency of the United States) shall continue to provide spe-
13 cial medical care and logistical support for the remaining
14 members of the population of Rongelap and Utrik who
15 were exposed to radiation resulting from the 1954 United
16 States thermonuclear “Bravo” test, pursuant to Public
17 Law 95–134 (91 Stat. 1159) and Public Law 96–205 (94
18 Stat. 84).

19 (h) AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PROGRAMS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—Congress reaffirms that—

21 (A) section 103(h)(2) of the Compact of
22 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.
23 1903(h)(2)) and section 103(f)(2)(A) of the
24 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act
25 of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(2)(A)) provided

1 that notwithstanding “any other provision of
2 law, upon the request of the Government of the
3 Marshall Islands, for the first fifteen years
4 after the effective date of the Compact, the
5 President (either through an appropriate de-
6 partment or agency of the United States or by
7 contract with a United States firm or by a
8 grant to the Government of the Republic of the
9 Marshall Islands which may further contract
10 only with a United States firm or a Republic of
11 the Marshall Islands firm, the owners, officers
12 and majority of the employees of which are citi-
13 zens of the United States or the Republic of the
14 Marshall Islands) shall provide technical and
15 other assistance without reimbursement, to con-
16 tinue the planting and agricultural maintenance
17 program on Enewetak; without reimbursement,
18 to continue the food programs of the Bikini,
19 Rongelap, Utrik, and Enewetak people de-
20 scribed in section 1(d) of Article II of the Sub-
21 sidiary Agreement for the Implementation of
22 Section 177 of the Compact and for continued
23 waterborne transportation of agricultural prod-
24 ucts to Enewetak including operations and

1 maintenance of the vessel used for such pur-
2 poses.”;

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

12 (C) section 103(h)(3) of the Compact of
13 Free Association Act of 1985 (48 U.S.C.
14 1903(h)(3)) and section 103(f)(3) of the Com-
15 pact of Free Association Amendments Act of
16 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921b(f)(3)) provided that
17 “payments under this subsection shall be pro-
18 vided to such extent or in such amounts as are
19 necessary for services and other assistance pro-
20 vided pursuant to this subsection. It is the
21 sense of Congress that after the periods of time
22 specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this sub-
23 section, consideration will be given to such addi-
24 tional funding for these programs as may be
25 necessary.”.

1 (2) PLANTING AND AGRICULTURAL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM.—The Secretary of the Interior
2 may provide grants to the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands to carry out a plant-
3 ing and agricultural maintenance program on Bikini, Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrik.

4 (3) FOOD PROGRAMS.—The Secretary of Agriculture may provide, without reimbursement, food
5 programs to the people of the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

6 **SEC. 6. AGREEMENTS WITH AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU.**

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

10 (b) ECONOMIC ADVISORY GROUP.—

11 (1) QUALIFICATIONS.—A member of the Economic Advisory Group described in Article 7 of the
12 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement (referred to in this subsection as the “Advisory
13 Group”) who is appointed by the Secretary of the Interior shall be an individual who, by reason of
14 knowledge, experience, or training, is especially

1 qualified in private sector business development, eco-
2 nomic development, or national development.

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

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

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

14 (C) the costs of—

15 (i) technical and administrative assist-
16 ance for the Advisory Group; and

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

20 (3) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
21 90 days after the date on which the Advisory Group
22 receives or completes any report required under the
23 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, or
24 any related subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of

1 the Interior shall submit the report to the appro-
2 priate committees of Congress.

3 (c) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after
5 the date on which the Government of the Republic
6 of Palau completes any report required under the
7 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, or
8 any related subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of
9 the Interior shall submit the report to the appro-
10 priate committees of Congress.

11 (2) NOTICE TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 90
12 days after the date on which the Government of the
13 Republic of Palau submits a report required under
14 the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, or
15 any related subsidiary agreement, the Secretary of
16 the Interior shall submit to the appropriate commit-
17 tees 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.

1 **SEC. 7. OVERSIGHT PROVISIONS.**

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

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Comptroller General of
5 the United States (including any duly authorized
6 representative of the Comptroller General of the
7 United States) shall have the authorities necessary
8 to carry out the responsibilities of the Comptroller
9 General of the United States under—

10 (A) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Com-
11 pact and related subsidiary agreements, includ-
12 ing the authorities and privileges described in
13 section 102(b) of the Compact of Free Associa-
14 tion Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
15 1921a(b));

16 (B) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact
17 and related subsidiary agreements, including
18 the authorities and privileges described in sec-
19 tion 103(k) of the Compact of Free Association
20 Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
21 1921b(k)); and

22 (C) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review
23 Agreement, related subsidiary agreements, and
24 the authorities described in appendix D of the
25 “Agreement between the Government of the
26 United States of America and the Government

1 of the Republic of Palau Following the Compact
2 of Free Association Section 432 Review” signed
3 by the United States and the Republic of Palau
4 on September 3, 2010.

5 (2) REPORTS.—Not later than 18 months after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, and every 4 years
7 thereafter, the Comptroller General of the United
8 States shall submit to the appropriate committees of
9 Congress a report with respect to the Freely Associ-
10 ated States, including addressing—

11 (A) the topics described in subparagraphs
12 (A) through (E) of section 104(h)(1) of the
13 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act
14 of 2003 (48 U.S.C. 1921c(h)(1)), except that
15 for purposes of a report submitted under this
16 paragraph, the report shall address those topics
17 with respect to each of the Freely Associated
18 States; and

19 (B) the effectiveness of administrative
20 oversight by the United States of the Freely As-
21 sociated States.

22 (b) SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR OVERSIGHT AU-
23 THORITY.—The Secretary of the Interior shall have the
24 authority necessary to fulfill the responsibilities for moni-
25 toring and managing the funds appropriated to the Com-

1 pact of Free Association account of the Department of the
2 Interior by section 10(a) to carry out—

3 (1) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;

4 (2) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact;

5 (3) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review
6 Agreement; and

7 (4) subsidiary agreements.

8 (c) POSTMASTER GENERAL OVERSIGHT AUTHOR-
9 ITY.—The Postmaster General shall have the authority
10 necessary to fulfill the responsibilities for monitoring and
11 managing the funds appropriated to the United States
12 Postal Service under paragraph (1) of section 10(b) and
13 deposited in the Postal Service Fund under paragraph
14 (2)(A) of that section to carry out—

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

17 (2) section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amended
18 U.S.-RMI Compact;

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

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

23 (d) INTERAGENCY GROUP ON FREELY ASSOCIATED
24 STATES.—

1 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The President, in con-
2 sultation with the Secretary of State, the Secretary
3 of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense, shall
4 establish an Interagency Group on Freely Associated
5 States (referred to in this subsection as the “Inter-
6 agency Group”).

7 (2) PURPOSE.—The purposes of the Inter-
8 agency Group are—

9 (A) to coordinate development and imple-
10 mentation of executive branch policies, pro-
11 grams, services, and other activities in or relat-
12 ing to the Freely Associated States; and

13 (B) to provide policy guidance, rec-
14 ommendations, and oversight to Federal agen-
15 cies, departments, and instrumentalities with
16 respect to the implementation of—

17 (i) the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
18 Compact;

19 (ii) the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
20 Compact; and

21 (iii) the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact
22 Review Agreement.

23 (3) MEMBERSHIP.—The Interagency Group
24 shall consist of—

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

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

5 (C) the Secretary of Defense;

6 (D) the Secretary of the Treasury;

7 (E) the heads of relevant Federal agencies,
8 departments, and instrumentalities carrying out
9 obligations under—

10 (i) sections 131 and 132 of the 2003
11 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact and sub-
12 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 and sec-
13 tion 261 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
14 Compact;

15 (ii) sections 131 and 132 of the 2003
16 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact and sub-
17 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 and sec-
18 tion 261 of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
19 Compact;

20 (iii) sections 131 and 132 and sub-
21 sections (a) and (b) of section 221 of the
22 U.S.-Palau Compact;

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

1 (v) any applicable subsidiary agree-
2 ment; and

3 (vi) section 8; and

4 (F) the head of any other Federal agency,
5 department, or instrumentality that the Sec-
6 retary of State or the Secretary of the Interior
7 may designate.

8 (4) DUTIES OF SECRETARY OF STATE AND SEC-
9 RETARY OF THE INTERIOR.—The Secretary of State
10 (or a senior official designee of the Secretary of
11 State) and the Secretary of the Interior (or a senior
12 official designee of the Secretary of the Interior)
13 shall—

14 (A) co-lead and preside at a meeting of the
15 Interagency Group not less frequently than an-
16 nually;

17 (B) determine, in consultation with the
18 Secretary of Defense, the agenda for meetings
19 of the Interagency Group; and

20 (C) facilitate and coordinate the work of
21 the Interagency Group.

22 (5) DUTIES OF THE INTERAGENCY GROUP.—
23 The Interagency Group shall—

24 (A) provide advice on the establishment or
25 implementation of policies relating to the Freely

1 Associated States to the President, acting
2 through the Office of Intergovernmental Af-
3 fairs, in the form of a written report not less
4 frequently than annually;

5 (B) obtain information and advice relating
6 to the Freely Associated States from the Presi-
7 dents, other elected officials, and members of
8 civil society of the Freely Associated States, in-
9 cluding through the members of the Inter-
10 agency Group (including senior official des-
11 ignees of the members) meeting not less fre-
12 quently than annually with any Presidents of
13 the Freely Associated States who elect to par-
14 ticipate;

15 (C) at the request of the head of any Fed-
16 eral agency (or a senior official designee of the
17 head of a Federal agency) who is a member of
18 the Interagency Group, promptly review and
19 provide advice on a policy or policy implementa-
20 tion action affecting 1 or more of the Freely
21 Associated States proposed by the Federal
22 agency, department, or instrumentality; and

23 (D) facilitate coordination of relevant poli-
24 cies, programs, initiatives, and activities involv-
25 ing 1 or more of the Freely Associated States,

1 including ensuring coherence and avoiding du-
2 plication between programs, initiatives, and ac-
3 tivities conducted pursuant to a Compact with
4 a Freely Associated State and non-Compact
5 programs, initiatives, and activities.

6 (6) REPORTS.—Not later than 1 year after the
7 date of enactment of this joint resolution and each
8 year thereafter in which a Compact of Free Associa-
9 tion with a Freely Associated State is in effect, the
10 President shall submit to the majority leader and
11 minority leader of the Senate, the Speaker and mi-
12 nority leader of the House of Representatives, and
13 the appropriate committees of Congress a report
14 that describes the activities and recommendations of
15 the Interagency Group during the applicable year.

16 (e) FEDERAL AGENCY COORDINATION.—The head of
17 any Federal agency providing programs and services to
18 the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
19 Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau shall coordinate
20 with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of
21 State regarding the provision of the programs and serv-
22 ices.

23 (f) FOREIGN LOANS OR DEBT.—Congress reaffirms
24 that—

1 (1) the foreign loans or debt of the Government
2 of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Govern-
3 ment of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the
4 Government of the Republic of Palau shall not con-
5 stitute an obligation of the United States; and

6 (2) the full faith and credit of the United
7 States Government shall not be pledged for the pay-
8 ment and performance of any foreign loan or debt
9 referred to in paragraph (1) without specific further
10 authorization.

11 (g) COMPACT COMPILATION.—Not later than 180
12 days after the date of enactment of this joint resolution,
13 the Secretary of the Interior shall submit to the appro-
14 priate committees of Congress a report that includes a
15 compilation of the Compact of Free Association with the
16 Federated State of Micronesia, the Compact of Free Asso-
17 ciation with the Republic of Palau, and the Compact of
18 Free Association with Republic of the Marshall Islands.

19 (h) PUBLICATION; REVISION BY THE OFFICE OF THE
20 LAW REVISION COUNSEL.—

21 (1) PUBLICATION.—In publishing this joint res-
22 olution in slip form and in the United States Stat-
23 utes at Large pursuant to section 112 of title 1,
24 United States Code, the Archivist of the United

1 States shall include after the date of approval at the
2 end an appendix setting forth the text of—

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

5 (B) the 2023 Agreement to Amend the
6 U.S.-RMI Compact.

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

10 (A) the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM Com-
11 pact set forth in the note following section 1921
12 of title 48, United States Code, to reflect the
13 amendments to the 2003 Amended U.S.-FSM
14 Compact made by the 2023 Agreement to
15 Amend the U.S.-FSM Compact; and

16 (B) the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact
17 set forth in the note following section 1921 of
18 title 48, United States Code, to reflect the
19 amendments to the 2003 Amended U.S.-RMI
20 Compact made by the 2023 Agreement to
21 Amend the U.S.-RMI Compact.

22 **SEC. 8. UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING THE FREELY**
23 **ASSOCIATED STATES.**

24 (a) AUTHORIZATION FOR VETERANS' SERVICES.—

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

4 (A) the Federated States of Micronesia,
5 during such time as it is a party to the Com-
6 pact of Free Association set forth in section
7 201 of the Compact of Free Association Act of
8 1985 (Public Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901
9 note);

10 (B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
11 during such time as it is a party to the Com-
12 pact of Free Association set forth in section
13 201 of the Compact of Free Association Act of
14 1985 (Public Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901
15 note); and

16 (C) the Republic of Palau, during such
17 time as it is a party to the Compact of Free As-
18 sociation between the United States and the
19 Government of Palau set forth in section 201 of
20 Joint Resolution entitled “Joint Resolution to
21 approve the ‘Compact of Free Association’ be-
22 tween the United States and the Government of
23 Palau, and for other purposes” (Public Law
24 99–658; 48 U.S.C. 1931 note).

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

4 (A) in subsection (a), by striking “sub-
5 sections (b) and (c)” and inserting “subsections
6 (b), (c), and (f)”; and

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

8 “(f)(1) The Secretary may furnish hospital care and
9 medical services in the Freely Associated States to a vet-
10 eran who is otherwise eligible to receive hospital care and
11 medical services.

12 “(2) In furnishing hospital care and medical services
13 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may furnish hospital
14 care and medical services through—

15 “(A) contracts or other agreements;

16 “(B) reimbursement; or

17 “(C) the direct provision of care by health care
18 personnel of the Department.

19 “(3) In furnishing hospital care and medical services
20 under paragraph (1), the Secretary may furnish hospital
21 care and medical services for any condition regardless of
22 whether the condition is connected to the service of the
23 veteran in the Armed Forces.

24 “(4)(A) A veteran who has received hospital care or
25 medical services in a country pursuant to this subsection

1 shall remain eligible, to the extent determined advisable
2 and practicable by the Secretary, for hospital care or med-
3 ical services in that country regardless of whether the
4 country continues to qualify as a Freely Associated State
5 for purposes of this subsection.

6 “(B) If the Secretary determines it is no longer advis-
7 able or practicable to allow veterans described in subpara-
8 graph (A) to remain eligible for hospital care or medical
9 services pursuant to such subparagraph, the Secretary
10 shall—

11 “(i) provide direct notice of that determination
12 to such veterans; and

13 “(ii) publish that determination and the reasons
14 for that determination in the Federal Register.

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

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

22 “(B) the Republic of the Marshall Islands, dur-
23 ing such time as it is a party to the Compact of
24 Free Association set forth in section 201 of the

1 Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 (Public
2 Law 99–239; 48 U.S.C. 1901 note); and

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

11 (3) BENEFICIARY TRAVEL.—Section 111 of title
12 38, United States Code, is amended by adding at
13 the end the following:

14 “(h)(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law,
15 the Secretary may make payments to or for any person
16 traveling in, to, or from the Freely Associated States for
17 receipt of care or services authorized under section
18 1724(f) of this title.

19 “(2) A person who has received payment for travel
20 in a country pursuant to this subsection shall remain eligi-
21 ble for payment for such travel in that country regardless
22 of whether the country continues to qualify as a Freely
23 Associated State for purposes of this subsection.

24 “(3) The Secretary shall prescribe regulations to
25 carry out this subsection.

1 “(4) 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 (4) LEGAL ISSUES.—

22 (A) HEALTH SERVICES.—The Secretary of
23 Veterans Affairs, in consultation with the Sec-
24 retary of State, shall work with the govern-
25 ments of the Freely Associated States to facili-

1 tate the furnishing of health services, including
2 telehealth, under the laws administered by the
3 Secretary of Veterans Affairs, to veterans in the
4 Freely Associated States, such as by address-
5 ing—

6 (i) licensure, certification, registra-
7 tion, and tort issues relating to health care
8 personnel; and

9 (ii) matters relating to delivery of
10 pharmaceutical products and medical sur-
11 gical products, including delivery of such
12 products through the Consolidated Mail
13 Outpatient Pharmacy of the Department
14 of Veterans Affairs, to the Freely Associ-
15 ated States.

16 (B) LICENSURE OF HEALTH CARE PRO-
17 FESSIONALS PROVIDING TREATMENT VIA TELE-
18 MEDICINE IN THE FREELY ASSOCIATED
19 STATES.—Section 1730C(a) of title 38, United
20 States Code, is amended by striking “any
21 State” and inserting “any State or any of the
22 Freely Associated States (as defined in section
23 1724(f) of this title)”.

24 (C) PAYMENT OF CLAIMS.—The Secretary
25 of Veterans Affairs may pay tort claims, in the

1 manner authorized in the first paragraph of
2 section 2672 of title 28, United States Code,
3 when such claims arise in the Freely Associated
4 States in connection with furnishing hospital
5 care or medical services or providing medical
6 consultation or medical advice to a veteran
7 under the laws administered by the Secretary,
8 including through a remote or telehealth pro-
9 gram.

10 (5) OUTREACH AND ASSESSMENT OF OP-
11 TIONS.—During the 1-year period beginning on the
12 date of enactment of this joint resolution, the Sec-
13 retary of Veterans Affairs shall, subject to the avail-
14 ability of appropriations—

15 (A) conduct robust outreach to, and en-
16 gage with, each government of the Freely Asso-
17 ciated States;

18 (B) assess options for the delivery of care
19 through the use of authorities provided pursu-
20 ant to the amendments made by this sub-
21 section; and

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

24 (b) AUTHORIZATION OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—

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

4 (A) continue to make available to the Fed-
5 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
6 Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau,
7 grants for services to individuals eligible for
8 such services under part B of the Individuals
9 with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C.
10 1411 et seq.) to the extent that those services
11 continue to be available to individuals in the
12 United States;

13 (B) continue to make available to the Fed-
14 erated States of Micronesia and the Republic of
15 the Marshall Islands and make available to the
16 Republic of Palau, competitive grants under the
17 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
18 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.), the Carl D.
19 Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of
20 2006 (20 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.), and part D of
21 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
22 (20 U.S.C. 1450 et seq.), to the extent that
23 those grants continue to be available to State
24 and local governments in the United States;

1 (C) continue to make grants available to
2 the Republic of Palau under part A of title I of
3 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
4 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6311 et seq.), the Adult
5 Education and Family Literacy Act (29 U.S.C.
6 3271 et seq.), and the Carl D. Perkins Career
7 and Technical Education Act of 2006 (20
8 U.S.C. 2301 et seq.);

9 (D) continue to make available to eligible
10 institutions of higher education in the Republic
11 of Palau and make available to eligible institu-
12 tions of higher education in the Federated
13 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the
14 Marshall Islands and to students enrolled in
15 those institutions of higher education, and to
16 students who are citizens of the Federated
17 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Mar-
18 shall Islands, and the Republic of Palau and
19 enrolled in institutions of higher education in
20 the United States and territories of the United
21 States, grants under—

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

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

4 (iii) part C of title IV of the Higher
5 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–
6 51 et seq.);

7 (E) require, as a condition of eligibility for
8 a public institution of higher education in any
9 State (as defined in section 103 of the Higher
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1003)) that
11 is not a Freely Associated State to participate
12 in or receive funds under any program under
13 title IV of such Act (20 U.S.C. 1070 et seq.),
14 that the institution charge students who are
15 citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia,
16 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, or the Re-
17 public of Palau tuition for attendance at a rate
18 that is not greater than the rate charged for
19 residents of the State in which such public in-
20 stitution of higher education is located; and

21 (F) continue to make available, to eligible
22 institutions of higher education, secondary
23 schools, and nonprofit organizations in the Fed-
24 erated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the
25 Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau,

1 competitive grants under the Higher Education
2 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.).

3 (2) OTHER FORMULA GRANTS.—Except as pro-
4 vided in paragraph (1), the Secretary of Education
5 shall not make a grant under any formula grant pro-
6 gram administered by the Department of Education
7 to the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic
8 of the Marshall Islands, or the Republic of Palau.

9 (3) GRANTS TO THE FREELY ASSOCIATED
10 STATES UNDER PART B OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH
11 DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT.—Section 611(b)(1)
12 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
13 (20 U.S.C. 1411(b)(1)) is amended by striking sub-
14 paragraph (A) and inserting the following:

15 “(A) FUNDS RESERVED.—From the
16 amount appropriated for any fiscal year under
17 subsection (i), the Secretary shall reserve not
18 more than 1 percent, which shall be used as fol-
19 lows:

20 “(i) To provide assistance to the out-
21 lying areas in accordance with their respec-
22 tive populations of individuals aged 3
23 through 21.

24 “(ii)(I) To provide each freely associ-
25 ated State a grant so that no freely associ-

1 ated State receives a lesser share of the
2 total funds reserved for the freely associ-
3 ated State than the freely associated State
4 received of those funds for fiscal year
5 2023.

6 “(II) Each freely associated State
7 shall establish its eligibility under this sub-
8 paragraph consistent with the require-
9 ments for a State under section 612.

10 “(III) The funds provided to each
11 freely associated State under this part may
12 be used to provide, to each infant or tod-
13 dler with a disability (as defined in section
14 632), either a free appropriate public edu-
15 cation, consistent with section 612, or
16 early intervention services consistent with
17 part C, notwithstanding the application
18 and eligibility requirements of sections
19 634(2), 635, and 637.”.

20 (4) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS TO THE ELE-
21 MENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT OF
22 1965.—The Elementary and Secondary Education
23 Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.) is amended—

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

4 “(A) first reserve \$1,000,000 for the Re-
5 public of Palau, subject to such terms and con-
6 ditions as the Secretary may establish, except
7 that Public Law 95–134, permitting the con-
8 solidation of grants, shall not apply; and”;

9 (B) by striking paragraph (36) of section
10 8101 (20 U.S.C. 7801(36)) and inserting the
11 following:

12 “(36) OUTLYING AREA.—The term ‘outlying
13 area’—

14 “(A) means American Samoa, the Com-
15 monwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands,
16 Guam, and the United States Virgin Islands;
17 and

18 “(B) for the purpose of any discretionary
19 grant program under this Act, includes the Re-
20 public of the Marshall Islands, the Federated
21 States of Micronesia, and the Republic of
22 Palau, to the extent that any such grant pro-
23 gram continues to be available to State and
24 local governments in the United States.”.

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

6 (6) HEAD START PROGRAMS.—

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

14 (B) ALLOTMENT OF FUNDS.—Section
15 640(a)(2)(B) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C.
16 9835(a)(2)(B)) is amended—

17 (i) in clause (iv), by inserting “the
18 Republic of Palau,” before “and the Virgin
19 Islands”; and

20 (ii) by striking clause (v) and insert-
21 ing the following:

22 “(v) if a base grant has been estab-
23 lished through appropriations for the Fed-
24 erated States of Micronesia or the Repub-
25 lic of the Marshall Islands, to provide an

1 amount for that jurisdiction (for Head
2 Start agencies (including Early Head Start
3 agencies) in the jurisdiction) that is equal
4 to the amount provided for base grants for
5 such jurisdiction under this subchapter for
6 the prior fiscal year, by allotting to each
7 agency described in this clause an amount
8 equal to that agency's base grant for the
9 prior fiscal year; and”.

10 (7) COORDINATION REQUIRED.—The Secretary
11 of the Interior, in coordination with the Secretary of
12 Education and the Secretary of Health and Human
13 Services, as applicable, shall, to the maximum extent
14 practicable, coordinate with the 3 United States ap-
15 pointees to the Joint Economic Management Com-
16 mittee described in section 4(b)(1) and the 2 United
17 States appointees to the Joint Economic Manage-
18 ment and Financial Accountability Committee de-
19 scribed in section 5(d)(1) to avoid duplication of eco-
20 nomic assistance for education provided under sec-
21 tion 261(a)(1) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
22 Compact or section 261(a)(1) of the 2023 Amended
23 U.S.-RMI Compact of activities or services provided
24 under—

1 (A) the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831
2 et seq.);

3 (B) subpart 3 of part A of title IV of the
4 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
5 1070b et seq.); or

6 (C) part C of title IV of the Higher Edu-
7 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1087–51 et
8 seq.).

9 (c) AUTHORIZATION OF DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
10 PROGRAMS.—

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

1 (2) PARTICIPATION BY SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN
2 THE ARMED SERVICES VOCATIONAL APTITUDE BAT-
3 TERY STUDENT TESTING PROGRAM.—It is the sense
4 of Congress that the Department of Defense may ex-
5 tend the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Bat-
6 tery (ASVAB) Student Testing Program and the
7 ASVAB Career Exploration Program to selected sec-
8 ondary schools in the Federated States of Micro-
9 nesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the
10 Republic of Palau to the extent such programs are
11 available to Department of Defense dependent sec-
12 ondary schools established under section 2164 of
13 title 10, United States Code, and located outside the
14 United States.

15 (d) JUDICIAL TRAINING.—In addition to amounts
16 provided under section 261(a)(4) of the 2023 Amended
17 U.S.-FSM Compact and the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
18 Compact and under subsections (a) and (b) of Article 1
19 of the 2023 U.S.-Palau Compact Review Agreement, for
20 each of fiscal years 2024 through 2043, the Secretary of
21 the Interior shall use the amounts made available to the
22 Secretary of the Interior under section 10(c) to train
23 judges and officials of the judiciary in the Federated
24 States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
25 and the Republic of Palau, in cooperation with the Pacific

1 Islands Committee of the judicial council of the ninth judi-
2 cial circuit of the United States.

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

4 (1) NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE CORPS.—The
5 Secretary of Health and Human Services shall make
6 the services of the National Health Service Corps
7 available to the residents of the Federated States of
8 Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands,
9 and the Republic of Palau to the same extent, and
10 for the same duration, as services are authorized to
11 be provided to persons residing in any other areas
12 within or outside the United States.

13 (2) ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.—

14 The Republic of Palau shall be eligible for the pro-
15 grams and services made available to the Federated
16 States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Mar-
17 shall Islands under section 108(a) of the Compact of
18 Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48
19 U.S.C. 1921g(a)).

20 (3) PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF CERTAIN

21 AGENCIES.—In addition to the programs and serv-
22 ices set forth in the operative Federal Programs and
23 Services Agreement between the United States and
24 the Republic of Palau, the programs and services of

1 the following agencies shall be made available to the
2 Republic of Palau:

3 (A) The Legal Services Corporation.

4 (B) The Public Health Service.

5 (C) The Rural Housing Service.

6 (f) COMPACT IMPACT FAIRNESS.—

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

10 (A) in subsection (a)(2), by adding at the
11 end the following:

12 “(N) EXCEPTION FOR CITIZENS OF FREE-
13 LY ASSOCIATED STATES.—With respect to eligi-
14 bility for benefits for any specified Federal pro-
15 gram, paragraph (1) shall not apply to any in-
16 dividual who lawfully resides in the United
17 States in accordance with section 141 of the
18 Compacts of Free Association between the Gov-
19 ernment of the United States and the Govern-
20 ments of the Federated States of Micronesia,
21 the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the
22 Republic of Palau.”; and

23 (B) in subsection (b)(2)(G)—

1 (i) in the subparagraph heading, by
2 striking “MEDICAID EXCEPTION FOR” and
3 inserting “EXCEPTION FOR”; and

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

9 (2) EXCEPTION TO 5-YEAR WAIT REQUIRE-
10 MENT.—Section 403(b)(3) of the Personal Responsi-
11 bility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of
12 1996 (8 U.S.C. 1613(b)(3)) is amended by striking
13 “, but only with respect to the designated Federal
14 program defined in section 402(b)(3)(C)”.

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

22 (g) CONSULTATION WITH INTERNATIONAL FINAN-
23 CIAL INSTITUTIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury, in
24 coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and the
25 Secretary of State, shall consult with appropriate officials

1 of the Asian Development Bank and relevant international
2 financial institutions (as defined in section 1701(c) of the
3 International Financial Institutions Act (22 U.S.C.
4 262r(e))), as appropriate, with respect to overall economic
5 conditions in, and the activities of other providers of as-
6 sistance to, the Freely Associated States.

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

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

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

24 (1) DEFINITION OF APPROPRIATE CONGRES-
25 SIONAL COMMITTEES.—In this subsection, the term

1 “appropriate congressional committees” means the
2 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and
3 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of
4 Representatives.

5 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary of State
6 shall—

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

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

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

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

24 (B) Supporting the Secretary of State in
25 leading negotiations relating to the Compacts of

1 Free Association with the Freely Associated
2 States.

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

9 (4) FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES.—The
10 Secretary of State shall—

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

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

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

1 (B) reduce the number of vacant foreign
2 service positions in the Pacific Island region by
3 establishing an incentive program within the
4 Foreign Service for overseas positions related to
5 the Pacific Island region; and

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

11 (j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—Section 105 of the
12 Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2003
13 (48 U.S.C. 1921d) is amended by striking subsection (j)
14 and inserting the following:

15 “(j) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—

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

1 “(2) HISTORIC PRESERVATION.—

2 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Any technical assist-
3 ance authorized under paragraph (1) that is
4 provided by the Forest Service, the Natural Re-
5 sources Conservation Service, the United States
6 Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Marine
7 Fisheries Service, the United States Coast
8 Guard, the Advisory Council on Historic Pres-
9 ervation, the Department of the Interior, or any
10 other Federal agency providing assistance
11 under division A of subtitle III of title 54,
12 United States Code, may be provided on a non-
13 reimbursable basis.

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

1 “(3) ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—Any funds provided
2 pursuant to this subsection, subsections (c), (g), (h),
3 (i), (k), (l), and (m), section 102(a), and subsections
4 (a), (b), (f), (g), (h), and (j) of section 103 shall be
5 in addition to, and not charged against, any
6 amounts to be paid to the Federated States of Mi-
7 cronesia or the Republic of the Marshall Islands pur-
8 suant to—

9 “(A) the U.S.-FSM Compact;

10 “(B) the U.S.-RMI Compact; or

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

12 (k) CONTINUING TRUST TERRITORY AUTHORIZA-
13 TION.—The authorization provided by the Act of June 30,
14 1954 (68 Stat. 330, chapter 423), shall remain available
15 after the effective date of the 2023 Amended U.S.-FSM
16 Compact and the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact with
17 respect to the Federated States of Micronesia and the Re-
18 public of the Marshall Islands for transition purposes, in-
19 cluding—

20 (1) completion of projects and fulfillment of
21 commitments or obligations;

22 (2) termination of the Trust Territory Govern-
23 ment and termination of the High Court;

24 (3) health and education as a result of excep-
25 tional circumstances;

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

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

6 (1) TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS.—

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

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

17 (A) in paragraph (4)—

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

22 (ii) in subparagraph (C), by striking
23 “after fiscal year 2003” and inserting “for
24 the period of fiscal years 2004 through
25 2023”;

1 (B) by striking paragraph (5); and
2 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (6)
3 through (10) as paragraphs (5) through (9), re-
4 spectively.

5 **SEC. 9. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.**

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

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

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

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

21 (B) sections 131 and 132, paragraphs (1)
22 and (3) through (6) of section 221(a), and sec-
23 tion 221(b) of the 2023 Amended U.S.-RMI
24 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 2023
17 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact, shall be programmed
18 pursuant to Article XI of the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal
19 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 and
7 any interest earned may be retained in and form
8 part of those accounts for use consistent with the
9 purpose of the deposit.

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

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

15 (2) Title I of Public Law 99–658 (48 U.S.C.
16 1931 et seq.).

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

19 (4) Section 1259C of the National Defense Au-
20 thorization Act for Fiscal Year 2018 (48 U.S.C.
21 1931 note; Public Law 115–91).

22 (5) The Department of the Interior, Environ-
23 ment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act,
24 2018 (Public Law 115–141; 132 Stat. 635).

1 (f) CLARIFICATION RELATING TO APPROPRIATED
2 FUNDS.—Notwithstanding section 109 of the Compacts of
3 Free Association Amendments Act of 2003 (48 U.S.C.
4 1921h)—

5 (1) funds appropriated by that section and de-
6 posited into the RMI Compact Trust Fund shall be
7 governed by the 2023 U.S.-RMI Trust Fund Agree-
8 ment on entry into force of the 2023 U.S.-RMI
9 Trust Fund Agreement;

10 (2) funds appropriated by that section and de-
11 posited into the FSM Compact Trust Fund shall be
12 governed by the 2023 U.S.-FSM Trust Fund Agree-
13 ment on entry into force of the 2023 U.S.-FSM
14 Trust Fund Agreement;

15 (3) funds appropriated by that section and
16 made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year
17 thereafter as grants to carry out the purposes of sec-
18 tion 211(b) of the 2003 U.S.-RMI Amended Com-
19 pact shall be subject to the provisions of the 2023
20 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures Agreement on entry
21 into force of the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures
22 Agreement;

23 (4) funds appropriated by that section and
24 made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year
25 thereafter as grants to carry out the purposes of sec-

1 tion 221 of the 2003 U.S.-RMI Amended Compact
2 shall be subject to the provisions of the 2023 U.S.-
3 RMI Fiscal Procedures Agreement on entry into
4 force of the 2023 U.S.-RMI Fiscal Procedures
5 Agreement, except as modified in the Federal Pro-
6 grams and Services Agreement in force between the
7 United States and the Republic of the Marshall Is-
8 lands; and

9 (5) funds appropriated by that section and
10 made available for fiscal year 2024 or any fiscal year
11 thereafter as grants to carry out the purposes of sec-
12 tion 221 of the 2003 U.S.-FSM Amended Compact
13 shall be subject to the provisions of the 2023 U.S.-
14 FSM Fiscal Procedures Agreement on entry into
15 force of the 2023 U.S.-FSM Fiscal Procedures
16 Agreement, except as modified in the 2023 U.S.-
17 FSM Federal Programs and Services Agreement.

18 **SEC. 10. COMPACT APPROPRIATIONS.**

19 (a) **FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARY**
20 **OF THE INTERIOR.**—For the period of fiscal years 2024
21 through 2043, there are appropriated to the Compact of
22 Free Association account of the Department of the Inte-
23 rior, out of any funds in the Treasury not otherwise appro-
24 priated, to remain available until expended, the amounts
25 described in and to carry out the purposes of—

1 (1) sections 261, 265, and 266 of the 2023
2 Amended U.S.-FSM Compact;

3 (2) sections 261, 265, and 266 of the 2023
4 Amended U.S.-RMI Compact; and

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

7 (b) FUNDING FOR ACTIVITIES OF THE UNITED
8 STATES POSTAL SERVICE.—

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

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

18 (B) Section 221(a)(2) of the 2023 Amend-
19 ed U.S.-RMI Compact.

20 (C) Section 221(a)(2) of the U.S.-Palau
21 Compact.

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

24 (2) DEPOSIT.—

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

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

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