

ELEVENTH POHNPEI LEGISLATURE
 TWENTY NINTH SPECIAL SESSION
 PEI LAPALAP, KOLONIA TOWN, POHNPEI
 September 09, 2026

CALENDAR OF THE DAY

Wednesday	55 th Day 10:00a.m.
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- 4. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE TRANSCRIBED JOURNAL
- 5. GOVERNOR COMMUNICATION
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- 7. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS
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- 11. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

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17. ANNOUNCEMENT



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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 422-26

SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

RE: L.B. No. 518-26

The Honorable Marvin T. Yamaguchi
Speaker
Eleventh Pohnpei Legislature
Twenty-Ninth Special Session, 2026

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Finance to which was recommitted L.B. No. 518-26, entitled:

“A BILL FOR AN ACT AMENDING S.L. NO. 11L-77-25, THE
COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR
2026; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purposes of L.B. No. 518-26 are clearly stated in its title.

Your Committee Finance notes that on the 53rd day of the Eleventh Pohnpei Legislature's Twenty-Ninth Special Session, September 7, 2026, L.B. No. 518-26 was withdrawn from your Committee, was placed on the calendar of the day and was passed by the Legislature on its first reading.

Your Committee on Finance reviewed L.B. No. 518-26 on September 7, 2026.

The Legislature appropriated the sum of \$80,000 under the Office of Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) to assist with the operation of field trip ship services serving the outer islands of Pohnpei. The appropriation is generally intended to provide funding for the fueling of field trip ships, including vessels required to conduct trips to the outer islands. The appropriation also serves to support student-run field trips and emergency trips, when such transportation is

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necessary. These services are important to the outer island communities, particularly because marine transportation is an essential means of access to education, government services, medical assistance, supplies, and other necessities.

The proposed bill seeks to add a proviso to the existing \$80,000 appropriation under the Office (T&I), providing that the funds shall remain available until fully expended, notwithstanding the expiration of Fiscal Year 2026 on September 30, 2026.

Under the proposed amendment, any unexpended balance of the \$80,000 at the end of Fiscal Year 2026 would not lapse solely because the fiscal year has ended. Rather, the remaining balance would continue to be available for the authorized purposes of the appropriation until fully expended.

The Committee finds that the proposed amendment is reasonable and consistent with the original legislative intent of the appropriation.

The Committee recognizes that field trip ship operations do not necessarily conform to the State Government's fiscal-year calendar. The need for vessel fuel and transportation to the outer islands may arise at different times throughout the year depending upon vessel schedules, weather conditions, student activities, community needs, and unforeseen emergencies.

Consequently, requiring the entire appropriation to be expended by September 30, 2026, could result in funds intended for essential transportation services lapsing before they can be effectively utilized.

The Committee further finds that allowing the \$80,000 appropriation to remain available until fully expended will provide the Office of (T&I) with greater flexibility to respond to legitimate field trip ship needs without requiring the Legislature to reappropriate the same funds in the subsequent fiscal year. At the same time, the Committee emphasizes that the proposed extension of availability does not change or expand the original purpose of the appropriation. The funds shall remain dedicated to supporting field trip ship operations, including the fueling of field trip ships serving the outer islands, student-run trips, and emergency trips when needed.

After consideration, the Committee recommends that the appropriation be consolidated and clearly identified as a one-line-item appropriation under the following designation:

Field Trip Operations \$80,000 (GF)

The Committee further recommends that the appropriation include a proviso expressly providing that the \$80,000 shall remain available until fully expended and may be used for the operational needs of field trip services serving the outer islands of Pohnpei State, including the Island of Pakin.

The Committee believes that identifying the appropriation as a single line item will provide greater clarity, accountability, and flexibility in administering the funds while maintaining the Legislature's intended purpose for the appropriation. The inclusion of Pakin Island will also ensure that the island is not inadvertently excluded from the field trip services supported by this appropriation.

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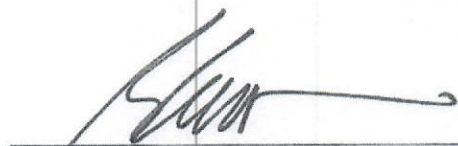
Accordingly, the Committee recommends that the appropriation and proviso be reflected substantially as follows:

Field Trip Operations\$80,000 (GF);PROVIDED that the amount appropriated herein shall remain available for expenditure until fully expended and shall be used to support the operation of field trip services, including fuel and other necessary operational expenses, for transportation to the outer islands of Pohnpei State, including Pakin Island.

Your Committee on Finance went into an executive session and after due consideration, the Committee recommends the approval of the proposed change to establish the \$80,000 General Fund appropriation as a one-line item entitled "Field Trip Operations", with the accompanying proviso expressly authorizing its use for field trip ship operations serving the outer islands of Pohnpei State, including Pakin Island, as well as student trips and emergency transportation needs.

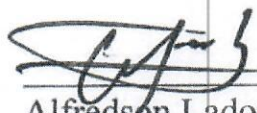
For the reasons set forth in this report, your Committee on Finance is in accord with the intent and purposes of L.B. No. 518-26, as amended, and recommends its passage in the L.D.1 format on the second and final reading. Your Committee further recommends the adoption of this report.

Respectfully submitted,



Ricky Carl, Chairman

Hudson Abraham, Vice-Speaker



Alfredson Ladore, Floor Leader



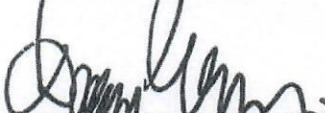
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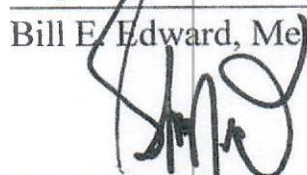
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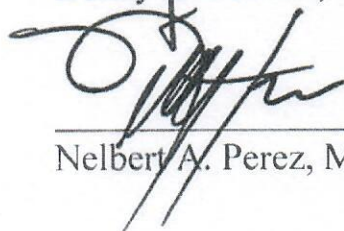
Bill E. Edward, Member



Denny L. Lebehn, Member



Shelten G. Neth, Member



Nelbert A. Perez, Member



Mitaro I. Simina, Member

Attachment(s)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

Amending S.L. No. 11L-77-25, the Comprehensive Budget Act for Fiscal Year 2026; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE POHNPEI LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Section 3-10C of S.L. No. 11L-77-25 is hereby amended to read
2 as follows:

3 "Section 3-10C. Field trip ship operations:

4 (1) Personnel for 0 positions.....\$ 0

5 (2) Travel.....\$ 0

6 (3) All others.....\$ 0

7 (4) POL.....\$ 80,000 (GF):

8 PROVIDED that the amount appropriated herein shall remain available
9 for expenditure until fully expended and shall be used to support the
10 operations of field trip services, including fuel and other necessary
11 operational expenses, for transportation to the outer islands of Pohnpei
12 State, including Pakin Island.

13	<i>Subtotal.....</i>	<i>\$ 80,000"</i>
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14 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its approval by the Governor, or
15 upon its becoming law without such approval.

18 Date: /s/ 9/1/26

Introduced by: /s/ Ricky Carl
Ricky Carl

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