

AN ACT

**\$75,886,600**

*To enact a budget law for Fiscal Year 2015 through the authorization and appropriation of the sum of ~~\$76,886,600~~ from the National Treasury for the annual general operations, special revenue, and debt service budget of the Republic of Palau for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2015, and for related purposes.*

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

Section 1. Short Title.

This Act shall be known as and may be cited as, “The Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Act.”

Section 2. Executive Branch Operations. The sum of ~~\$37,819,500~~ \$37,719,500

is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure and obligation for Fiscal Year 2015 for the purpose of covering the operational and contingent expenses of the Executive Branch. The total amount authorized to be appropriated shall be made up of the following available revenues: The amount of ~~\$20,819,500~~ \$20,719,500 shall come from local revenues; the amount of \$12,000,000 shall come from anticipated USDOJ-OIA fiscal year 2015 grant assistance provided to Palau; and the amount of \$5,000,000 shall come from Compact Section 211(f) Trust Fund Investment Account. The total amount authorized for appropriation and that is hereby appropriated in this section shall be allocated according to the following schedule, respectively:

(1) Office of the President

(a)	President’s Office	\$813,000.00	<del>\$853,000</del>
(b)	Official Expenses	\$30,000.00	<del>40,000</del>
(c)	Grants Coordinator		76,000
(d)	Council of Chiefs		150,000
(e)	Presidential Stipend		45,000

Sub-Total      \$1,164,000[sic]

(2) Office of the Vice-President

(a)	Vice President’s Office	\$254,000.00	<del>\$304,000</del>
(b)	National Emergency Management Office		124,000

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1 Sub-Total \$378,000 ~~\$428,000~~

2 (3) Ministry of Finance

3 (a) Office of the Minister \$58,000

4 (b) Information Systems Support Services 239,000

5 (c) Bureau of National Treasury 760,000

6 (d) Bureau of Budget and Planning 242,000

7 (e) Bureau of Public Service System 133,500

8 (f) Workmen's Compensation 37,000

9 (g) Bureau of Revenue, Customs & Taxation 1,490,000

10 Sub-Total \$2,959,500

11 (4) Ministry of State

12 (a) Office of the Minister \$58,000

13 (b) ROP Consulate Office in Guam 87,000

14 (c) ROP Consulate Office in Saipan 50,000

15 (d) ROP Embassy in Washington, D.C. 270,000

16 (e) ROP Embassy in Tokyo, Japan 350,000

17 (f) ROP Embassy in Taipei, Taiwan 148,000

18 (g) ROP Embassy in Manila, Philippines 100,000

19 (h) United Nations Representation Office 305,000

20 (i) Office of the Public Defender 255,000

21 (j) Bureau of Trade & Foreign Affairs 400,000

22 (k) Bureau of Domestic Affairs 277,000

23 (l) Passport Office 52,000

24 (m) International Organizations Obligations 250,000

25 (n) Southwest Island Field Trips 40,000

26 *The sum of \$40,000 shall be apportioned and allotted at the direction of the*  
27 *Ministry of State in cooperation with the governors of Sonsorol State and*  
28 *Hatohobei State. \$20,000 of these \$40,000 in funds is allotted for Sonsorol*



1	(a)	Office of the Minister	\$58,000
2	(b)	School Books, Supplies & Inst. Equip.	300,000
3	(c)	Bureau of Curriculum & Instruction	495,000
4		Of these funds, \$100,000 is earmarked for SAT 10 tests. These tests will	
5		be administered by Palau Community College.	
6	(d)	Bureau of School Administration	6,679,000
7	(e)	Food Service Program	721,000
8		<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$8,253,000</b>
9	(7)	<b>Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce</b>	
10	(a)	Office of the Minister	\$58,000
11	(b)	OMIP, UNDP & Other Match	415,000
12	(c)	PALARIS	124,000
13	(d)	Bureau of Commercial Development	248,000
14	(e)	Palau Small Business Development (UOG)	45,000
15	(f)	Bureau of Aviation	1,610,000
16	(g)	Bureau of Lands and Survey	839,000
17		Land surveyors	(652,000)
18		LRO	(187,000)
19	(h)	Bureau of Public Works	1,266,000
20	(I)	Landfill Operations	35,000
21	(j)	National Capitol Electricity/Maintenance	1,277,000
22	(k)	CIP Office Operations	115,000
23		<b>Sub-Total</b>	<b>\$6,032,000</b>
24	(8)	<b>Ministry of Justice</b>	
25	(a)	Office of the Attorney General	580,000
26	(b)	Bureau of Immigration	426,000
27		<i>Of these funds, \$50,000 are earmarked for the purpose of</i>	
28		<i>upgrading the computer systems.</i>	

1	(c)	Bureau of Public Safety	2,853,000
2		<i>Of these funds, \$355,000 are earmarked for the Division of Fire</i>	
3		<i>and Rescue.</i>	
4	(d)	Bureau of Labor & Human Resources	301,000
5		<i>Of these funds, \$35,000 are earmarked for the purpose of</i>	
6		<i>upgrading the computer systems.</i>	
7	(e)	Bureau of Marine Law Enforcement	662,000
8			<b>Sub-Total</b> \$4,822,000
9	(9)	Ministry of Health	
10	(a)	Office of the Minister	\$58,000
11	(b)	Bureau of Public Health	1,078,000
12	(c)	Health Admin & Support Service	2,997,500
13		Health Administration	(2,662,500)
14		Manila Medical Referral	(110,000)
15		Hawaii Medical Referral	(125,000)
16		Taipei Medical Referral	(100,000)
17	(d)	Medical Supplies & Drugs	300,000
18	(e)	Hemodialysis	515,000
19	(f)	Hyperbaric Chamber	36,000
20	(g)	Bureau of Clinical Services	1,975,000
21	(h)	Bureau of Nursing	2,025,000
22		<i>Of these funds, \$250,000 is earmarked for the hiring of 15 nurses.</i>	
23	(I)	Medical Referrals for Uninsured	190,000
24			<b>Sub-Total</b> \$9,174,500
25	(10)	Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment & Tourism	
26	(a)	Office of the Minister	\$58,000
27	(b)	Bureau of Marine Resources	550,000
28	(c)	Bureau of Agriculture	491,000

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1	(d) Bureau of Tourism	130,000
2		Sub-Total \$1,229,000
3		Section 2 Total \$37,719,500 <del>\$37,819,500</del>

4 Section 3. Judicial Branch. The sum of \$2,593,000 is hereby authorized to  
5 be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal  
6 Year 2015 for the purpose of covering the operational and contingent expenses of the  
7 Judicial Branch. The entire amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this  
8 section shall come from local revenues.

9 Section 4. Legislative Branch. The sum of \$4,921,500 ~~\$5,021,500~~ is hereby authorized  
10 to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for  
11 Fiscal Year 2015 for the purpose of covering the operational and contingent expenses  
12 of the Legislative Branch. The entire amount of funds authorized and appropriated in  
13 this section shall come from local revenues. The total authorization and  
14 appropriation shall be allocated according to the following schedule:

15	(1) Senate	\$1,808,000
16	(2) Senate Legal Counsel Office	209,500
17	(3) House of Delegates	2,305,500
18	(a) State Visits	19,000
19	(4) House Legal Counsel Office	209,500
20	(5) Joint Staff	275,000

21 *Of this fund, \$45,000 is earmarked for the purchase of copier machines.*

22	(6) Association of Pacific Island Legislatures (APIL)	15,000
23	(7) Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)/Asia Pacific Parliamentarians Union (APPU)	
24		15,000
25	(8) Palau-Japan Parliamentary Friendship	35,000
26	(9) Electricity for Koror OEK building	30,000
27		Section 4 Total \$4,921,500 <del>\$5,021,500</del>

28 Section 5. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. The sum of \$701,000 is

1 authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure and  
2 obligation for Fiscal Year 2015 for the purpose of funding the operational and  
3 contingent expenses of Boards, Commissions and Authorities. The entire amount of  
4 funds authorized and appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues.  
5 The total authorization and the total appropriation shall be allocated according to the  
6 following schedule, respectively:

7	(1) Foreign Investment Board	\$100,000
8	(2) Palau Election Commission	170,000
9	(3) COFA Board of Trustees	25,000
10	(4) Palau Code Commission	34,000
11	(5) Palau Public Lands Authority	75,000
12	(6) Parole Board	30,000
13	(7) Palau Housing Authority	70,000
14	(8) Ethics Commission	50,000
15	(9) Financial Institutions Commission	85,000
16	<i>Of the funds for the Financial Institutions Commission, the amount of \$50,000</i>	
17	<i>or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be earmarked for the operations of</i>	
18	<i>the Financial Investigations Unit (FIU).</i>	
19	(10) Language Commission	37,000
20	(11) Ngardmau Free Trade Zone	25,000
21	Section 5 Total	\$701,000

22 Section 6. State Block Grants. The sum of \$6,183,600 is hereby authorized to  
23 be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal  
24 Year 2015 for the purpose of State Governments' operational and capital  
25 improvement projects expenses. The total amount authorized to be appropriated  
26 shall be made up of the following available revenues: The amount of \$6,183,600 shall  
27 come from local revenues. The amount authorized for appropriation shall be  
28 available for expenditure for operations and CIP projects in accordance with 40 PNC

1 **Chapter 22. The total authorization and total appropriation shall be allocated**  
2 **according to the following schedule, respectively:**

3	(1) Aimeliik State	\$355,000
4	(2) Airai State	516,750
5	(3) Angaur State	318,200
6	(4) Hatohobei State	252,000
7	(5) Kayangel State	292,600
8	(6) Koror State	955,150
9	(7) Melekeok State	343,900
10	(8) Ngaraard State	389,550
11	(9) Ngarchelong State	389,550
12	(10) Ngardmau State	338,250
13	(11) Ngaremlengui State	347,200
14	(12) Ngatpang State	332,750
15	(13) Ngchesar State	355,000
16	(14) Ngiwal State	338,250
17	(15) Peleliu State	407,450
18	(16) Sonsorol State	252,000
19		<b>Section 6 Total \$6,183,600</b>

20 **Section 7. Independent Agencies. The sum of \$2,365,000 is authorized for**  
21 **appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or obligation for Fiscal**  
22 **Year 2015 as operating grants or subsidies for independent agencies of the National**  
23 **Government. The entire amount of the funds authorized and appropriated in this**  
24 **section shall come from local revenues. The total authorization and appropriation**  
25 **shall be allocated according to the following schedule, respectively:**

26	(1) Office of the Public Auditor	\$423,000
27	(2) Office of the Special Prosecutor	223,000
28	(3) Palau Env. Quality Protection Brd (EQPB)	400,000



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1	(4)	National Postal Service	359,000
2	(5)	Palau Visitors Authority	800,000
3	(6)	National Aviation Administration	160,000
4		Section 7 Total	\$2,365,000

5 Section 8. Other Agencies and Activities. The sum of \$1,558,000 ~~\$1,632,000~~ is  
6 authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or  
7 obligation for Fiscal Year 2015 as grants or subsidies for recurring programs and  
8 activities. The entire amount of funds authorized and appropriated in this section  
9 shall come from local revenues. The total authorization and appropriation shall be  
10 allocated according to the following schedule, respectively:

11	(1)	Palau National Museum	\$200,000
12		<i>Of these funds, \$25,000 are earmarked for publishing Kramer.</i>	
13	(2)	Micronesian Legal Services	125,000
14	(3)	Palau Community Action Agency	175,000
15	(4)	Head Start Program	93,000 <del>167,000</del>
16	(5)	Palau Red Cross	10,000
17	(6)	WIA Grant Contribution	108,000
18		<i>Of these funds, the sum of \$15,000 is earmarked for the apprentice program</i>	
19		<i>for the Civic Action Team.</i>	
20	(7)	Civic Action Team Share	250,000
21	(8)	PNOC & Sports Organizations	177,000
22	(9)	Palau Int'l Coral Reef Center	400,000
23	(10)	Youth Congress	5,000
24	(11)	Palau Little League/T-Ball	5,000
25	(12)	Junior Statesmen of America	10,000
26		Section 8 Total	\$1,558,000 <del>\$1,632,000</del>

27 Section 9. Education Assistance. The sum of \$4,728,000 is hereby  
28 authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or

1 obligation for Fiscal Year 2015 to subsidize the educational institutions and  
2 scholarship program set forth below. The total amount authorized to be appropriated  
3 and that is hereby appropriated in this section shall come from local revenue. The  
4 total authorization and appropriation shall be allocated according to the following  
5 schedule, respectively:

6	<b>(1) Palau Community College</b>	<b>\$2,436,000</b>
7	<b>(a) PCC Operations (prov, FY04)</b>	<b>(2,338,000)</b>
8	<b>(b) PCC Board of Trustees</b>	<b>(38,000)</b>
9	<b>(c) PCC CRE</b>	<b>(35,000)</b>
10	<b>(d) COM Board of Regents</b>	<b>(25,000)</b>
11	<b>(2) Aid to Non-Public Schools</b>	<b>\$857,000</b>
12	<b>(a) Emmaus High School</b>	<b>(70,000)</b>
13	<b>(b) Bethania High School</b>	<b>(135,000)</b>
14	<i>Of these funds, \$50,000 are earmarked for school repairs.</i>	
15	<b>(c) Palau Mission Academy</b>	<b>(106,000)</b>
16	<b>(d) Mindszenty High School</b>	<b>(185,000)</b>
17	<b>(e) Ibobang High School</b>	<b>(106,000)</b>
18	<b>(f) Maris Stella School</b>	<b>(105,000)</b>
19	<b>(g) Koror SDA Elementary School</b>	<b>(100,000)</b>
20	<b>(h) Emmaus Kindergarten</b>	<b>(26,000)</b>
21	<b>(I) SDA Kindergarten</b>	<b>(12,000)</b>
22	<b>(j) Catholic Kindergarten</b>	<b>(12,000)</b>
23	<b>(3) National Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$1,435,000</b>
24	<b>(a) Spring Semester scholarships &amp; grants</b>	<b>(675,000)</b>
25	<b>(b) Fall Semester scholarships &amp; grants</b>	<b>(675,000)</b>
26	<b>(c) Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>(85,000)</b>
27	<i>Of these funds, \$10,000 are earmarked for office repairs.</i>	
28	<b>Section 9 Total</b>	<b>\$4,728,000</b>

1           **Section 10. Hospital Trust Fund. The amount of \$3,662,000, or the actual**  
2 **amount collected, is hereby authorized to be appropriated and is hereby**  
3 **appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015 for purposes of the Hospital Trust Fund. The**  
4 **amount authorized to be appropriated and that is hereby appropriated shall come**  
5 **from the revenues derived from clinical and public health medical and dental services**  
6 **fees and charges during the fiscal year, so long as the actual expenditures or**  
7 **obligations does not exceed actual revenue receipts. Any unexpended or unobligated**  
8 **balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.**

9           **Section 11. PAN Fund. The sum of \$3,758,000 or the actual amount**  
10 **collected is hereby authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for**  
11 **Fiscal Year 2015 for the purposes of the Protected Areas Network Fund, except that**  
12 **50% of said sum shall be allocated for the operations and improvements of the water**  
13 **and sewer systems pursuant to 40 PNC § 3413, as amended RPPL Nos. 7-42 and 7-57,**  
14 **and as further amended in section 24 of the Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Act. The amount**  
15 **authorized to be appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues derived**  
16 **from the collection of the environmental protection fee (“Green Fee”) during the**  
17 **fiscal year. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this**  
18 **section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.**

19           **Section 12. Road Maintenance Fund. The amount of \$623,000 is hereby**  
20 **authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015 for**  
21 **purposes of the Road Maintenance Fund to be used for the routine and periodic**  
22 **maintenance of the Compact Road and other national road infrastructure network.**  
23 **Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section shall not**  
24 **lapse at the end of the fiscal year.**

25           **Section 13. All Other General Fund Revolving Accounts. The amount of**  
26 **\$1,052,000, or the actual amount collected, is hereby authorized to be appropriated**  
27 **and is hereby appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015 for all other special revolving**  
28 **accounts under the General Fund established pursuant to law. The amount**

1 authorized to be appropriated and that is hereby appropriated shall come from fees,  
2 fines and other charges derived from various activities and programs during the  
3 fiscal year, so long as the actual expenditures or obligations does not exceed actual  
4 revenue receipts. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of  
5 this section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

6 Section 14. General Fund Reserve. The amount of \$1,000,000 is hereby  
7 authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015 for  
8 the purposes of the General Fund Reserve pursuant to 40 PNC § 330.

9 Section 15. Debt Service. The sum of \$2,698,000 is authorized for  
10 appropriation and that is hereby appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015 for the purpose  
11 of payment of periodic interest and principal payments pursuant to the promissory  
12 notes under the \$20 million International Commercial Bank of China (“ICBC”)  
13 (Taiwan) loan agreement for the purpose of completion of Phase II of the national  
14 capitol construction project in Melekeok State; the \$8,000,000 million Mega  
15 International loan agreement for the purpose of undertaking various improvements  
16 to the Palau International Airport; and the Asian Development Bank (“ADB”) Water  
17 Sector Improvement Program (“WSIP”) loan for various infrastructure and  
18 institutional capacity improvement initiatives. The amount of \$1,975,000 authorized  
19 to be appropriated and that is hereby appropriated in this section shall come from  
20 local revenues; and the amount of \$723,000 shall come from the 50 percent allocation  
21 of the Green Fee for water and sewer improvements. Any unexpended or  
22 unobligated balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at the end of  
23 the fiscal year. The total authorization and appropriation amount shall be allocated  
24 to the following schedule:

25	(1) ICBC Capitol Relocation Project	\$1,353,000
26	(2) ICBC PIA Debt Service	622,000
27	(3) ADB Program Loan (WSIP)	723,000
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	Section 12 Total	\$2,698,000

1           **Section 16. Compact Review Office.** The sum of \$200,000 is hereby  
2 authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for expenditure or  
3 obligation for Fiscal Year 2015 for the purpose of undertaking Compact of Free  
4 Association review and its associated activities. The entire amount authorized to be  
5 appropriated and that is hereby appropriated in this section shall come from local  
6 revenues. Any unexpended or unobligated balance of the appropriation of this  
7 section shall not lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The services purchased with funds  
8 authorized and appropriated for the purposes of the Compact Review and lobbying  
9 services in Washington D.C. in connection with the passage of the Compact II shall be  
10 exempt from the competitive procurement requirements of Chapter 6 of Title 40 of  
11 the Palau National Code because the services related to the Compact Review Office  
12 are particularly specialized to securing the ratification of the Compact II in the  
13 United States Congress.

14           **Section 17. Health Care Fund Contribution.** The sum of \$304,000 is  
15 authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for expenditure in Fiscal  
16 Year 2015 for the purpose of paying subscription costs for citizens who are age sixty  
17 (60) years old and older and not working, or are disabled and not working pursuant  
18 to 41 PNC §952(a), as amended by RPPL No. 8-14. The entire amount authorized to  
19 be appropriated and appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues.

20           **Section 18. Subsidy to PPUC for Water & Sewer Operations.** The sum of  
21 \$3,419,000 is authorized for appropriation and is hereby appropriated for  
22 expenditure in Fiscal Year 2015. Of this sum, \$1,704,720 is a subsidy for water and  
23 sewer operations to the Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC). The remaining  
24 balance of \$1,714,280 will be used for capital expenditures as follows:

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| 25 | (1) Improvements commenced under PWSC                    | \$488,180 |
| 26 | (2) Water Conservation & Drought Preparedness Projects   | \$670,000 |
| 27 | (3) Leadership directed improvements to OS water systems | \$556,100 |

1       **Of the amount authorized to be appropriated and appropriated in this section the**  
2       **sum of \$2,263,000 will come from Tranche 2 of the ADB WSIP Program Loan. The**  
3       **sum of \$1,156,000 will come from Green Fee collections. The amount allocated for**  
4       **water and sewer operations is directed to cover costs for fiscal years 2014 and 2015**  
5       **and is a one-time subsidy that is not intended to be a recurring budget item because**  
6       **PPUC is expected to follow plans described in the ADB loan for cost recovery.**

7               **Section 19. Outside Grants and Development Assistance. All external funds**  
8       **received from development partners and donors, including, but not limited to, the**  
9       **U.S. Federal Program Grants, Japan Grant Aid, Republic of China (Taiwan) grants,**  
10       **other countries, organizations, or individual donors, are hereby authorized to be**  
11       **appropriated and are appropriated for Fiscal Year 2015 in the amounts received for**  
12       **those specific programs or projects for which they are granted, donated, or otherwise**  
13       **contributed. U.S. Federal Program Grants cost recoveries associated with such**  
14       **program grants may be retained for use by the President for such purposes as are**  
15       **needed to implement such programs or projects for which they were granted. The**  
16       **Minister of Finance shall report monthly to the Olbiil Era Kelulau (OEK) the receipt**  
17       **of any outside grant or development assistance in the proceeding month. In addition**  
18       **to all other reporting requirements established by law or regulation, the Minister of**  
19       **Finance shall submit quarterly reports to the President and the Olbiil Era Kelulau**  
20       **(OEK) setting forth expenditures and obligations of all funds received from outside**  
21       **sources and expended or obligated pursuant to this section.**

22               **Section 20. Subsidy to Peleliu Marine Transportation Authority. The sum**  
23       **total of \$20,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated**  
24       **for Fiscal Year 2015 as a subsidy to Peleliu Marine Maritime Transportation**  
25       **Authority for the maintenance and operation of the Peleliu State boat Odesangel Dil.**  
26       **The amount authorized to be appropriated in this section shall come from local**  
27       **revenues. Any unexpended balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse**  
28       **at the end of the fiscal year.**

1           Section 21. Repair of Old Age Center in Melekeok State. The sum total of  
2 \$10,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for  
3 Fiscal Year 2015 for the maintenance and repair of the Melekeok State Old Age  
4 Center. The amount authorized to be appropriated in this section shall come from  
5 local revenues. Any unexpended balance of the appropriation of this section shall not  
6 lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

7           Section 22. Repairs to Angaur State boat. The sum total of \$250,000 is  
8 hereby authorized to be appropriated and is hereby appropriated for Fiscal Year  
9 2015 for the sole purpose of paying the cost to fix the Propulsion System and the  
10 Auxiliaries and Controls of the Angaur State boat, the Regina IV. The amount  
11 authorized to be appropriated in this section shall come from local revenues. Any  
12 unexpended balance of the appropriation of this section shall not lapse at the end of  
13 the fiscal year.

14           Section 23. Reprogramming. The President shall have the authority to  
15 reprogram funds in Sections 2 and 5 in the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Act in  
16 accordance with 40 PNC § 351.

17           Section 24. Effective date. This Act shall take effect upon its approval by the  
18 President of the Republic of Palau, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

**PASSED: August 28, 2014**

Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014.

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/s/  
HE Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr.  
President  
Republic of Palau