

Proposal No.: CC-PR-4-50

Assigned to: Committee on General Provisions

PROPOSAL TO AMEND CONSTITUTION

To amend Article XIII, Section 4 of the Constitution of the Federated States of Micronesia to allow temporary ownership of land or waters in Micronesia for sole purposes of investment and loan security.

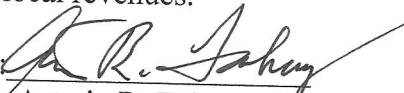
Section 4.

A noncitizen, or a corporation not wholly owned by citizens, may ~~not~~ acquire title to land or waters in Micronesia for a term of years that shall be no more than 35 years for limited purpose of foreign investment or commercial loan guaranty.

PURPOSE AND INTENT OF AMENDMENT:

Private sector growth of the FSM would be greatly enhanced if foreign investment is enabled to flourish. As well, the commercial banks now doing business in FSM are noncitizens, hence they cannot take land for loan security. The flow of commercial loan to small private business together with foreign investment would help in growing the private sector, provide jobs, and additional local revenues.

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