

A HOUSE BILL FOR AN ACT

To establish the entitlement for the Lieutenant Governor, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Chuuk State Legislature:

1 **Section 1. Short Title.** This Act may be cited as the “Lieutenant Governor’s
2 Entitlement Act of 2026”.

3 **Section 2. Findings.** The Legislature passed the State Official’s Salary and Expense
4 Allowance Act of 2024 by providing the salary, expense allowance and protocol of the
5 Governor. This left the Lieutenant Governor with no salary and other entitlement by virtue of
6 a law other than the annual fiscal year appropriations.

7 **Section 3. Purpose.** Ever since the passage of the Chuuk Constitution and the
8 enactment of the entitlement of the Governor, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor has no
9 official entitlement except the salary pursuant to CSL No. 6-01-02 which was repealed by
10 CSL No. 17-24-12. Hence, considering that the Lieutenant Governor conducts the same
11 function as that of the Governor, especially during the absence of the Governor, the Lieutenant
12 Governor should be entitled to some entitlement.

13 **Section 4. Definition.** As used in this Act, unless the context indicates otherwise: This
14 allowance is for the creation of network and partnerships for the institution and to cover any
15 expense that may or have been incurred while in the performance of duties, and the use of this
16 allowance must reflect the highest standards of conduct, taste, and economy, while avoiding
17 the appearance of any personal benefit.

18 (1) “Entitlement” means salary, expense allowance, representation fund, and the
19 provision of one official government vehicle for the use of the Lieutenant
20 Governor while in the office, as authorized by this Act.

21 (2) “Expense Allowance” means the allowance that the Lieutenant Governor shall use
22 to offset his actual expense incurred in the performance of his leadership role while
23 visiting the Chuukese communities as required under customary and traditional
24 obligations. Expense allowance does not include daily monetary amount of offset
25 personal or family expense and obligations, entitlements or protocol fund.

1 (3) "Representative fund" in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor refers to a
2 discretionary budget used to cover official hospitality and protocol expenses – such
3 as hosting dignitaries, providing ceremonial gifts, or supporting events that
4 promote the office's public and diplomatic functions. It is not a personal allowance
5 but a regulated fund meant to uphold the dignity of the office and foster
6 government relations.

7 (4) "Salary" means a reward or recompense fixed periodically or paid biweekly,
8 monthly or yearly to the public officer for performance of official duties.

9 **Section 5. Entitlements.** For the purpose of this Act, the Lieutenant Governor of the
10 Chuuk State shall be entitled to the following:

<u>Officials</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Representation</u>	<u>Total</u>
		<u>Allowance</u>	<u>Fund</u>	
Lt. Governor	33,000	12,000	25,000	70,000

14 **Section 6. Severability.** If any provision of this Act or its application to any person or
15 circumstance is found to be invalid, or contrary to law, such invalidity shall not affect other
16 provisions or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision
17 or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are severable.

18 **Section 7. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon approval of the Governor
19 or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Date: _____

Introduced by: _____

Hon. Wayne Olap
Floor Leader (By Request)