

**Report Language on Palau COVID Debt Relief
FY24 State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPs) Appropriations**

Final Report

Freely Associated States .-The agreement endorses language in the Senate report regarding assistance in the Act for the Freely Associated States, particularly to counter PRC influence in such States, which should be made available from the Countering PRC Influence Fund. [Page 49](#)

Senate Report

“Of the funds made available for assistance for PICs [Pacific Island Countries], up to \$20,000,000 should be made available for the Republic of Palau, including for budget support, in accordance with section 7031 of the act. [Page 93](#)

House Report

“Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of State are directed to brief the Committees on Appropriations on the economic impact of the COVID–19 pandemic in Palau, including its impact on Palau’s fiscal deficits and the sustainability of its public debt. The Committee further directs that funds be made available to support economic stabilization, as appropriate.” [Page 105](#)

U.S. Department of State Office of the Spokesperson: Deputy Secretary Campbell’s Meeting with Palau President Whipps. September 3, 2024

"As a demonstration of our enduring partnership, the State Department, working with the U.S. Congress, intends to provide \$20 million to Palau. These funds would help the Government of Palau continue to invest in the people of Palau and support their ambitious program of reform. The parties will work together to complete the necessary measures to provide these dedicated funds, including congressional consultation and notification." [Link here.](#)

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