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§ 2001. Findings

The Congress finds that—

(1) the United States does not have a clearly defined policy for United States noncontiguous Pacific areas (including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the State of Hawaii, and the State of Alaska) and for United States-associated noncontiguous Pacific areas (including the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau);

(2) the Federal Government has often failed to consider the implications for, effects on, and potential of noncontiguous Pacific areas in the formulation and conduct of foreign and domestic policy, to the detriment of both the attainment of the objectives of Federal policy and noncontiguous Pacific areas;

(3) policies and programs designed for the United States as a whole may impose inappropriate standards on noncontiguous Pacific areas because of their unique circumstances and needs; and

(4) the present Federal organizational arrangements for liaison with (and providing assistance to) the insular areas may not be adequate—

(A) to coordinate the delivery of Federal programs and services to noncontiguous Pacific areas;

(B) to provide a consistent basis for administration of programs;

(C) to adapt policy to the special requirements of each area and modify the application of Federal programs, laws, and regulations accordingly;

(D) to be responsive to the Congress in the discharge of its responsibilities; and

(E) to attain the international obligations of the United States.

(Pub. L. 99-239, title III, §301, Jan. 14, 1986, 99 Stat. 1836.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out as a note under section 1681 of this title.

§ 2002. Reports

(a) Submission

Not later than one year after January 14, 1986, and each five years thereafter, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall submit to the Congress and the President a report on United States noncontiguous Pacific areas policy together with such recommendations as may be necessary to accomplish the objectives of such policy.

(b) Contents

The reports required in subsection (a) of this section shall set forth clearly defined policies regarding United States, and United States associated, noncontiguous Pacific areas, including—

(1) the role of and impacts on the noncontiguous Pacific areas in the formulation and conduct of foreign policy;

(2) the applicability of standards contained in Federal laws, regulations, and programs to the noncontiguous Pacific areas and any modifications which may be necessary to achieve the intent of such laws, regulations, and programs consistent with the unique character of the noncontiguous Pacific areas;

(3) the effectiveness of the Federal executive organizational arrangements for—

(A) providing liaison between the Federal Government and the governments of the noncontiguous Pacific areas;

(B) coordinating Federal actions in a manner which recognizes the unique circumstances and needs of the noncontiguous Pacific areas; and

(C) achieving the objective of Federal policy and ensuring that the Congress receives the information necessary to discharge its responsibilities; and

(4) actions which may be needed to facilitate the economic and social health and development of the noncontiguous Pacific areas, consistent with their self-determined objectives.

(Pub. L. 99-239, title III, §302, Jan. 14, 1986, 99 Stat. 1837.)

CODIFICATION

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TERMINATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

For termination, effective May 15, 2000, of provisions in this section relating to the requirement to submit a report to Congress every five years, see section 3003 of Pub. L. 104-66, as amended, set out as a note under section 1113 of Title 31, Money and Finance, and the 14th item on page 112 of House Document No. 103-7.

§ 2003. Conference

(a) Meeting

Prior to submitting the reports required under section 2002(b) of this title, the Secretary of the Interior, in consultation with the Secretary of State, shall convene a conference to obtain the views of the noncontiguous Pacific areas on the matters required to be addressed in such reports.

(b) Participants

Representatives of each of the noncontiguous Pacific areas; and the heads of all executive departments and agencies, and other public and private organizations concerned with the noncontiguous Pacific areas as requested by the Secretary of the Interior shall be entitled to be participants in the conference.

(c) Written comments

The Secretary of the Interior shall afford participants in the conference an opportunity to submit written comments for inclusion in the reports required under section 2002 of this title.

(Pub. L. 99-239, title III, §303, Jan. 14, 1986, 99 Stat. 1837.)

CODIFICATION

Section was formerly set out as a note under section 1681 of this title.

§ 2004. Administrative matters

(a) Administrative support

The Secretary of the Interior shall provide all necessary administrative support to accomplish

the requirements of sections 2002 and 2003 of this title.

(b) Authorization of appropriations

There are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 99-239, title III, §304, Jan. 14, 1986, 99 Stat. 1837.)

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§ 2101. Effective date

(a) In general

Except as provided in subsection (b), this chapter shall take effect on June 30, 2016.

(b) Subchapter III and Subchapter VI

(1) Subchapter III shall apply with respect to cases commenced under subchapter III on or after June 30, 2016.

(2) Subchapters III and VI shall apply with respect to debts, claims, and liens (as such terms are defined in section 101 of title 11) created before, on, or after such date.

(Pub. L. 114-187, §2, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 550.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 114-187, June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 549, known as the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act and also as PROMESA, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 114-187, §1(a), June 30, 2016, 130 Stat. 549, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter, amending sections 1469e and 1492a of this title, sections 632 and 644 of Title 15, Commerce and Trade, and section 206 of Title 29, Labor, and enacting provisions set out as a note under section 632 of Title 15] may be cited as the ‘Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act’ or ‘PROMESA’.”

§ 2102. Severability

(a) In general

Except as provided in subsection (b), if any provision of this chapter or the application