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TITLE: 2019 Foreign Aid Responsibility Act

PROBLEM:

- 1) In 2018, America will spend about \$42 Billion in Foreign Aid. Right or wrong, most of this money was approved by the Obama Administration. Although the exact amount spent on Foreign Aid won't be identified/announced until the first quarter of 2019, it is clear that money has been awarded to countries who:
 - a. Threaten America herself by chanting Death to America;
 - b. Urinate on our flag and other national symbols;
 - c. Vow to harm Americans, including tourists;
 - d. Threaten our allies and friends with violent destruction;
 - e. Vote against us in the UN.

EXAMPLE(S):

- a) Foreign nationals in multiple countries, often threaten our country by chanting Death to America, spewing threats that are clearly hate based;
- b) Many countries reward those who burn our flag and urinate on it and other national symbols;
- c) Throughout the years, people in countries around the world have repeatedly threatened American tourists, and in many instances have already taken action against them;
- d) Many nations – like Pakistan - encourage their citizens to rally against America;
- e) The United States recently sponsored an anti-Hamas and terrorism resolution in the United Nations. This resolution was opposed and “voted down” by those who oppose American policies, support terrorism and hate Israel;

SOLUTION:

- 1) Establish specific requirements countries must meet if they are to receive Foreign Aid;

SUPPORT:

- 1) The American Public;
- 2) Countries who follow the rules and support positive relations with America;

OPPOSITION:

- 1) Countries who receive Foreign Aid and are in a position to lose it because of the actions of their citizens;
- 2) American citizens who believe that we give Foreign Aid to those who hate us so we can make friends;

ARGUMENTS IN SUPPORT:

- 1) America should not financially support governments/people threaten and/or hate us;
- 2) Congress should require transparency for all monies awarded as “Financial Aid”, to ensure that they are used for the purpose that they are intended/awarded for;
- 3) As written, all money will be awarded and reviewed quarterly;

ARGUMENTS IN OPPOSITION:

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- 1) The money was awarded to us, we deserve it, and we can spend it any way we want;
- 2) Our people enjoy free speech, and can chant Death to America if they want;
- 3) When the Foreign Aid was awarded/provided, America never required that we provide any type of Transparency, so we don't have to;

PUBLICITY:

- International: Impacts Budget, Presidency and a variety of international actions;
- Theme: Spending Taxpayer money effectively;

HISTORY:

Congress has introduced legislation similar to this. It is unclear if one piece of legislation has been introduced covering both concepts embodied in this legislative proposal;

FISCAL EFFECT:

- 1) Minor oversight costs – Transparency focus. Oversight will enhance transparency, creating savings by eliminating theft and graft;
- 2) Savings – We will save money when countries don't use the money as intended;

CODE SECTION AFFECTED: As per Legislative Council

LANGUAGE ATTACHED: Yes

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Section 1 – Intent

The intent of this legislation is to place the world on notice that Americans are demanding changes to America's Foreign Aid program. These changes will not only protect American economic assistance, but will provide American taxpayers with transparency. This transparency will ensure that every dime awarded, is used as intended.

Section 2 - Act

- 1) It is America's policy that Foreign Aid will not be awarded to countries that:
 - Threaten America herself, or American citizens; or
 - Allow their citizens to Urinate on the American flag or other symbols; or
 - Allow their citizens to burn the American flag; or
 - Chant Death to America;
 - Fail to provide Transparency in accordance with legislative policies;
- 2) All countries awarded Foreign Aid, must provide transparency. Transparency will be defined with the documentation announcing each award;
- 3) The President can withhold Foreign Aid to nations that do not comply;
- 4) To ensure that the provisions of this act are complied with, all Foreign Aid awards will be delivered on the last day of each yearly economic quarter or on specific dates as enumerated in writing;

Section 3 – Penalty

- 1) The penalty for noncompliance with this act will be the loss of funds until the country in question provides direct examples of how they are complying with American law.