

U.S. Senate To Hear TT Request

SAIPAN (MNS) — U.S. Senate hearings for the Trust Territory's second fiscal 1974 supplemental budget

request will begin March 28 in Washington, D.C., according to TT Budget Officer Gerald Phillips.

Two items are in the second supplemental budget request.

They are an additional

\$750,000 for the Ponape Referral Hospital because of the cost increase in construction materials and an additional \$764,000 for fuel, because of the rise in fuel costs.

Part of the money for fuel will be used for TT ships, but most will go to public works utilities in the various districts if the supplemental budget is approved, it was explained.

Hearings on the fiscal 1975 budget have been scheduled April 1, 2 and 3 in the House and Senate subcommittees on appropriations, Phillips said.

Attending the budget hearings are High Commissioner Edward E. Johnston, Palau District Administrator Thomas Remengesau, Trust Territory Program and Budget Officer William D. Oyler, Phillips and Budget Analyst Ben Fitial.

Congress of Micronesia Rep. Raymond Setik of Truk and Sen. Bailey Olter of Ponape, chairman and co-chairman of the joint committee on program and budget planning, and Congress Public Information Specialist Brian Farley also are scheduled to attend the hearings.