

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-195

RE: C.R. NO. 19-338/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S.
ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$47,492.

JANUARY 26, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2017

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 19-338, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$47,492 FROM THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION FOR
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, OFFICE OF GRANTS MANAGEMENT, TO
FUND THE ABSTINENCE EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE
FSM, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE
ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the resolution are expressed in
its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on January 25, 2017 the
witnesses present included: the Department of Health and
Social Affairs, including the Secretary and key staff,
Office of the President, Department of Finance and
Administration, and the Department of Justice. Your
Committee is pleased and honored to note that key members

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of the administration and the directors for the State Departments of Health were also present at our hearing.

The Secretary and her staff confirmed for the Committee that this grant is a portion of the annual grant for abstinence education that is currently being used for youth summer camps and curriculum for high school age students. This program is in place in two states, Kosrae and Pohnpei. An extensive narrative is attached to this report regarding the recent and proposed activities.

Your Committee is supportive of healthy activities, like those conducted under this grant, to improve the physical and mental health of our youth, guide them to safe and responsible behavior and provide opportunities to them. The only criticism of this grant is that your Committee would like to see the benefits of these programs extended to all the four States.

It is therefore, for the reasons set forth above, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs supports the grant activities proposed to be funded, it is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-338, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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