

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-224

RE: C.R. NO. 19-352/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$137,437.

APRIL 01, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 19-352, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$137,437 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION (CDC), TO THE FSM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO ASSIST AND FUND THE FSM
SURVEILLANCE, INTERVENTION, AND REFERRAL TO SERVICES
ACTIVITIES FOR INFANTS WITH MICROCEPHALY LINKED WITH
ZIKA VIRUS PROJECT FOR BUDGET PERIOD OF MARCH 3, 2017
TO JULY 31, 2017, 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 March 29, 2017, the
witnesses present included the Department of Health and

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Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and key staff, Office of the President, Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Department of Justice.

Since the outbreak of the Zika virus our Nation has been fortunate enough to receive funding to fight the further spread of this disease, and now to provide services to families with infants suffering from defects caused by this disease.

Funding under this grant all goes down to the state level. Examples of uses of the funding include purchase of new ultrasound machines and training for their use, and the tele-medicine consulting program. A summary of the current proposed uses and budget are attached with this report. The Department stated that there is some flexibility to target areas, such as Kosrae, that are most impacted.

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. 19-352, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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