

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-49

RE: C.R. NO. 20-75/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL, IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$816,106.

FEBRUARY 01, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twentieth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Third Regular Session, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was  
referred C.R. No. 20-75, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$816,106 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
PREVENTION, TO FUND THE PROJECT ENTITLED: " TO  
ACCELERATE THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF HIV, VIRAL  
HEPATITIS, SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE AND  
TUBERCULOSIS IN THE FSM AND PACIFIC ISLANDS",  
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 31, 2018, the  
witnesses present included: the Department of Health and  
Social Affairs, including the Secretary and her key staff,

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and representatives the Department of Justice, the Office of the President and the Department of Finance and Administration.

The program that this proposed grant supports is well known to the Committee, and it believes that the work done in this area is important as we need to ensure that our Nation is meeting the challenges of preventing and controlling communicable diseases.

This program helps improve our local public health capacity to do awareness campaigns, testing and patient support for communicable diseases in the FSM. The program has just begun its second five-year funding cycle. The Committee has received progress reports for each of the first five years, however, it has yet to receive the five compilation. The Department stated that this compilation would be complete shortly and immediately forwarded to the Committee for its review.

A budget summary for all the four states is attached with this report. As indicated in the budget summary over one-third of the budget rests at the National level. When your Committee questioned as to why this was necessary the Department stated that much of the National budget was contractual services for trainers that would work in all the four states, and healthcare providers from the states would travel in for training.

Your Committee is supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to prevent communicable disease and increase medical support for patients in our Nation, and 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.20-75, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Ferny S. Perman, chairman

/s/ Alik L. Alik  
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Joseph J. Urusemal, member

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