

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-55

RE: C.R. NO. 20-79/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS
EDUCATION SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION
(UNESCO) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.

FEBRUARY 15, 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. 20-79, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$30,000 FROM THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL
AND SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO), TO
FUND AND SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FEDERATED
STATES OF MICRONESIA'S INITIAL NON-INVASIVE CLEARING
OF VEGETATION OVERGROWTH AT NAN MADOL PROJECT,
ADMINISTERED BY THE FSM NATIONAL ARCHIVES, CULTURE AND
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE, 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 February 13, 2018, the
witnesses present included the National Archives, Culture
and Historic Preservation Office, including the Director
and his key staff, and representatives the Department of

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Justice, the Department of Foreign Affairs and the
Department of Finance and Administration.

The program for maintenance of our parks and
ancient/historic treasures takes significant funding and
work, and this proposed grant would support this type of
work at our well-known site at Nan Madol. Your Committee
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 natural erosion, as well as,
presenting the site in the most attractive state for
visitors.

This small grant will be used in its entirety for the
clearing of vegetation at Nan Madol, and the dredging near
the site to allow for better boat access. The Committee
inquired as to why the amount was so modest. The Office
responded that in the past some projects funded by UNESCO
were not completed and money had to be paid back. If the
project under discussion is completed and done well then
future funding may be forth coming in larger amounts.

The Director of the National Archives, Culture and Historic
Preservation Office advised your Committee that Pohnpei
State Government, traditional leadership and all the
landowners are very supportive of this project. The Office
does not see any obstacle to the efficient execution of
this project.

The Committee also questioned the Office as to other work
being done on Nan Madol. The Office stated that the scope
of a grant project to be funded by Japan is being developed
that will support the building of a small museum and
entrance at the Nan Madol site. This project is completely
separate from the grant under discussion.

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Your Committee is supportive of the National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation Office's efforts to maintain and support for our Nation's historic treasures, and in particular Nan Madol, 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, and it is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No.20-79, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 20-79.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ferny S. Perman
Ferny S. Perman, chairman

/s/ Alik L. Alik
Alik L. Alik, vice chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/ Florencio S. Harper
Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo
David W. Panuelo, member

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

/s/ Derensio S. Konman
Derensio S. Konman, member