

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-59

RE: C.R. NO. 20-88/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$386,105.

MAY 16, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 20-88, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$386,105 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION, TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR THE FSM PROGRAM
ENTITLED: "IMPROVING HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE OF THE FSM
THROUGH PROGRAM LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT,
SURVEILLANCE AND EPIDEMIOLOGY, HEALTH SYSTEM",
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 May 14, 2018, the
witnesses present included: the Department of Health and

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Social Affairs, including the Secretary and her key staff, and representatives of the Department of Justice and the Department of Finance and Administration, as well as, the Office of the President.

The work done by the Department of Health and Social Affairs in the areas of non-communicable disease is well known to your Committee. The program coordinators for diabetes and tobacco control were at the public hearing and confirmed that the majority of this grant will be used to fund personnel working in these programs at the national and state level.

The focus of this grant is prevention and the program works with partners and vendors to give options for lower salt, sugar and fat foods. The Committee questioned the reach and effectiveness of these efforts as the private schools, on their own initiative, have banned many of these food items, while the public schools seem to struggle with this issue.

The Committee also noted that restrictions on food alone rarely worked and more emphasis on exercise and other healthy life style choices needed to be done in conjunction with work on food/nutrition education. The examples the Committee gave on these efforts were community run groups who did activities related to health.

The detailed budget for this grant is attached for the review of the members. The Department was requested to make the training and workshops valuable as the travel budgets of the U.S. federally funded programs will be examined during oversight soon.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to provide additional funding for services to our citizens suffering from non-communicable diseases and it is therefore, for the reasons

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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.20-88 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

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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
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