

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-90

RE: C.R. NO. 20-129/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,625, TO FUND THE FSM MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was referred C.R. No. 20-129, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,625 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE FSM MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PROGRAM, 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 September 25, 2018, the witnesses present included: the Department of Health and Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key staff, a representative from the Office of the President, and representatives from the Department of Justice, and the Department of Finance and Administration.

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This proposed grant will fund a long standing program with the Department of Health and Social Affairs. The Maternal and Child Health Program is very successful and has provided funding for healthcare employees at the state level, as well as, medicine and equipment. The funding also provides for funding for specialists, such as pediatric heart specialists, to visit our Nation to treat our children with significant medical needs.

The current proposed grant is the final installment of the annual funding. The total yearly budget for the program is attached for reference of the members. Your Committee notes that the funding level and the activities for the program remain the substantially the same as in years past.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to provide additional funding for maternal and children's medical needs, 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.20-30, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Ferny S. Perman, chairman

Alik L. Alik, vice chairman

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