

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-94

RE: C.R. NO. 20-134/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$160,875.

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. 20-134 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$106,175 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING
SCREENING AND INTERVENTION PROJECT IN THE FSM,
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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The newborn hearing-screening project is well known to the Committee and has been very successful for the last several years. The program has screening rates for newborn hearing at approximately 80%. The testing rates are down from previous years due largely to women leaving the hospital immediately after birth, and therefore, not making the newborn available for screening. The Committee appreciates the hard work done by this project. It further appreciates that it utilizes the permanent staff of the state hospitals to do the necessary training and does not hire additional employees.

The budget proposed for the coming year is attached for member's review. Your Committee notes that the budget and activities remain substantially the same as in years past.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to ensure all our Nation's newborn infants are screened for hearing, 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.20-134 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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