

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-53

RE: C.R. NO. 14-6/HESA

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY

SEPTEMBER 26, 2005

The Honorable Peter M. Christian
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs, to which was referred C.R. No. 14-6, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA NATIONAL YOUTH POLICY FOR THE PERIOD FROM 2004 TO 2010.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the resolution are expressed in its title.

The referenced National Youth Policy (the "Policy"), transmitted to Congress via Presidential Communication No. 14-7, is a framework for youth development in the Federated States of Micronesia developed at the 10th FSM Annual Youth Leadership Conference. The Policy sets out many objectives for the coordination of youth directed initiatives and the strategies for achieving those objectives. Some of these objectives are encouraging ongoing education, youth participation in economic development and the conservation and protection of the environment, promoting healthy lifestyle choices and a strong cultural identity, fostering spirituality and national pride, and strengthening youth oriented institutions.

Comments were received from the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs of the National Government and all four States. The Policy states that the Department of Health, Education and Social Affairs of the National Government is to lead the coordination effort and in some cases is charged with carrying out specific activities including seeking financial assistance in particular for its National Youth/Sport Division. The Policy does not identify any particular funding requirement or legislative amendment.

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 14-6 and recommends its adoption.

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