STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-83

RE: C.R. NO. 18-82/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000 TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

DECEMBER 03, 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert Speaker, Eighteenth Congress Federated States of Micronesia Second Special Session, 2013

Dear Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was jointly referred C.R. No. 18-82 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,000, TO FUND THE UNIVERSAL NEWBORN HEARING SCREENING AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, TO THE RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The resolution would approve the submission of a grant proposal for the Department of Health & Social Affairs to the United States Department of Health and Human Services Human Resources and Services Administration to continue the project for newborn and up to pre-school age children to be screened for hearing and to fund intervention for a hearing problem if it is found.

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Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the Committee on External Affairs on December 2, 2013. In attendance were representatives from the Department of Health and Social Affairs, the Department of Finance and Administration, SBOC, the Department of Justice and the Office of President.

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs gave a detailed account of this program's success. Over 1,000 of the pre-school age children of this Nation have been screened for hearing in the last two years. The Secretary stressed that this intervention was vitally important as good hearing plays a key role in development and early success in school.

The Department provided a detailed budget for this program, which remains much the same as in years past. The proposed personnel cost is \$83,145, travel is \$86,415, equipment \$21,000, supplies \$20,129, contractual services \$51,570 and other related costs \$37,741. With this continued funding the Department believes that it can screen all newborn babies before their discharge from the hospital and provide follow-up intervention as needed.

Your Committee would like to offer the following amendment to C.R. No. 18-82 as follows:

 Page 1 line 18, delete "Regular" and insert "Special" in lieu thereof.

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Your Committee is very satisfied with the work being done by the Department in this area. Your Committee agrees that funding in the form of the proposed grant is necessary. Your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 18-82 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 18-82, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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