STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-97

RE: C.R. NO. 18-63/R&D

SUBJECT: \$282,250 FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

FOR GOODS AND SERVICES PROGRAM

DECEMBER 04, 2013

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was jointly referred C.R. No. 18-63, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$282,250 FROM THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT, FOR THE GOODS AND SERVICES PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013, 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.

Congress Resolution No. 18-63 was transmitted to Congress through Presidential Communication No. 18-97 on September 12, 2013. This resolution is foreign financial assistance in the amount of \$282,250 from the Japanese Government for the Goods and Services Program for the fiscal year 2013.

On November 29, 2012 your Committees on Resources and Development and External Affairs held a joint hearing regarding the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-63 with the Department of Resources and Development, the Office of Emergency and Environment Management (OEEM), the Office of Statistics, Budget, & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance & Compact Management (SBOC), and

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the Department of Justice.

Your Committee was informed that the grant is an outcome of a memorandum of understanding between the Japanese Government and the FSM Government dated December 14, 2012. As usual, the purpose of the grant is to contribute to the improvement of the fisheries in the FSM. Pursuant to rotational basis arrangement, this year it is Pohnpei State's turn to receive the grant.

Your Committee would like to offer the following amendment to C.R. No. 18-63 as follows:

1. Page 1, line 14, delete "Second Regular Session", and insert "Second Special Session" in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Resources and Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 18-63 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R., No. 18-63, C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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