STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-115

RE: C.R. NO. 18-125/H&SA

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A

GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,070.

JANUARY 30, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert Speaker, Eighteenth Congress Federated States of Micronesia Third Regular Session, 2014

Dear Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was jointly referred C.R. No. 18-125 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$16,070 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES PROJECT, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The resolution would approve a grant award to fund the continuation of the Federated States of Micronesia Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Disease Project for the calendar year of 2014.

Your Committee held a public hearing on January 28, 2014. In attendance were representatives from the Department of Health and Social Affairs, SBOC, the Department of Justice,

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the Office of the President and the Department of Finance and Administration.

Representatives and the Secretary from the Department of Health and Social Affairs confirmed for the Committee that the funding was to assist in the continuation of the highly successful program of running the laboratory for prevention of infectious disease. This project is well known to the Committee and has been reviewed in detail in past years. The budget for this project remains the same for FY2014 with \$1,000 budgeted for consumables (supplies) and two positions with salaries budgeted for at \$15,070.

Your Committee agrees that funding for the work in epidemiology and the budget for the laboratory for the prevention of infectious disease is important for the Federated States of Micronesia. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-125, and upon concurrence with your Committee on External Affairs recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Tony H. Otto, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Florencio S. Harper

 $\frac{\text{/s/ David W. Panuelo}}{\text{Florencio S. Harper, member}} \quad \frac{\text{/s/ David W. Panuelo}}{\text{David W. Panuelo, member}}$

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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