STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-168

RE: C.R. NO. 18-167/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,306 TO FUND

THE HIV CARE GRANT IN THE FSM.

MAY 31, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was jointly referred C.R. No. 18-167 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,306 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE HIV CARE GRANT IN THE FSM, 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.

Your committee held a joint public hearing with the Committee on External Affairs on May 28, 2014.

The Secretary of Health and Social Affairs, and her staff explained to the Committee that this grant award to support HIV care in the FSM is significantly less than in previous years, than what was applied for. This grant is part of several funding pieces that support the National and State HIV/AIDS programs, and usually the annual award is

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approximately \$50,000. The reduced budget will be used approximately for \$6,227 for personnel, \$703 for travel and \$2,376 for supplies.

Your committee believes that the above-captioned grant will improve the health and well being of our Nation's citizens, and enable the National and State Departments of Health continue much needed programs.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-167, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

| | /s/ Tiwiter Aritos |
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| Tony H. Otto, chairman | Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman |
| /s/ Peter M. Christian Peter M. Christian, member | /s/ Yosiwo P. George Yosiwo P. George, member |
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