

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-100

RE: C.R. NO. 20-136/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$1,437,107.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Twentieth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fifth Regular Session, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was  
referred C.R. No. 20-136, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT  
\$1,437,107 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND  
PREVENTION, 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.

Your Committee held a hearing on September 25, 2018, the  
witnesses present included: the Department of Health and  
Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key  
staff, a representative from the Office of the President  
and representatives the Department of Justice, and the  
Department of Finance and Administration. Your Committee  
was also fortunate to have the program manager for this

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program at the hearing. Your Committee values the input of the program managers as they administer the programs and can provide insight into the specific activities funded.

The program that this proposed grant supports is well known to the Committee, however there is a new sub-part and expanded funding from the U.S. The United States is fighting its opioid abuse crisis and has allowed the FSM to apply for this funding as well. The Department of Health and Social Affairs stated that while opioid abuse is still rare in the FSM that Hawaii and Guam already have problems in this regard. The FSM must be ready for at least some drug abuse cases. The funding under this grant will be used in conjunction with the mental health services to give additional services to our at risk population, assist in additional training for health staff to reduce the over prescription of narcotic pain medicine, and to train law enforcement and first responders to identify and assist individuals in medical crisis.

Your Committee is pleased that the pro-active members of this program have identified new funding and will be providing additional services to our vulnerable population. The Committee will be doing oversight with this program to follow the implementation of these new activities. A summary budget is attached for the information of members.

The Committee is appreciative of the work done by this program to expand activities and provide for our Nation's response to drug abuse. Again, your Committee is supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to provide for preparedness and prevention of any drug abuse crisis, and it is therefore, for the reasons set forth above, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs supports the grant activities proposed to be funded, it is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No.20-136 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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