

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-12

RE: C.R. NO. 20-04/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$150,247.

MAY 30, 2017

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2017

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 20-04, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$150,247 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
PREVENTION AND CONTROL 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.

Your Committee held a hearing on May 29, 2017 the witnesses
present included the Department of Health and Social
Affairs, including the Secretary and key staff,
representatives from the Office of the President, and the
Department of Justice.

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The program funded by this grant is well known to the Committee. This program provides additional training and travel for our Nation's efforts in fighting communicable disease. The program supported by this grant is active in all the four States and the primary goal is to eliminate and/or contain contagious diseases.

Your Committee noted that it needed better communication and coordination with the Department of Health and Social Affairs, as well as, timely progress reports. As an example of the need to do better in these areas the Committee stated it had received only a very abbreviated summary of the current status of communicable disease prevention activities and the number of individuals affected while the Department stated that it also provided extensive reports via email. Once your Committee received the more detailed information during the hearing was able to ask more informed questions of the witnesses. The Committee also reports here that the information regarding vaccination rates and the number of our citizens suffering from communicable diseases has been increasing in most categories. The Committee urges the Department to increase their efforts in the prevention, containment and cure of communicable disease.

Your Committee appreciates the program summary and detailed budget, which are attached for the information of members. The Committee intends to do more oversight of all the U.S. federally funded programs during the next session of Congress. It also intends to hold its hearings on the President's proposed budget for FY18 for the Department of Health and Social Affairs.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of the program funded by the grant discussed herein, and recommends adoption of the resolution accepting grant funding for the coming year.

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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. 20-04, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ferny S. Perman, chairman

/s/ Alik L. Alik
Alik L. Alik, vice chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, member

Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo
David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
Joseph J. Urusemal, member

/s/ Derensio S. Konman
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