

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-27

RE: C.R. NO. 20-26/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$400,991

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which  
was referred C.R. No. 20-26, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$400,991 FROM THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS  
FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND THE  
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA COMMUNICABLE  
DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROJECT, FOR THE  
BUDGET PERIOD FROM JANUARY 01, 2017, TO DECEMBER  
31, 2017, 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, 2017,  
the witnesses present included; the Department of  
Health and Social Affairs, including the Secretary and

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key staff, representatives from the Office of the President, the Department of Finance and Administration, and the Department of Justice.

The program funded by this grant is well known to the Committee. This program provides targeted prevention programs in all the four states for the prevention and control of HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, STDs and TB. The Committee values the Department's efforts to battle contagious disease, and understands that we face continuing challenges in this area, particular with the rise of drug resistant disease.

Your Committee held in-depth discussions regarding this program after receiving the program the Activity and Financial Report produced by the Department of Health & Social Affairs. Your Committee commends the Department for its timely summary.

Your Committee appreciates the program summary and detailed budget, which are attached for the information of members. The Committee notes that this budget has remained substantially the same as in years past, as does the activities and outputs.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to combat communicable disease, 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. 20-26, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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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

/s/ Florencio S. Harper  
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/s/ David W. Panuelo  
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
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/s/ Derensio S. Konman  
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