

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-28

RE: C.R. NO. 20-24/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$417,164.

SEPTEMBER 27, 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. 20-24, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$417,164 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND FSM PUBLIC HEALTH  
AND HEATHCARE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROJECT,  
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 key staff, and  
representatives the Department of Justice. Your Committee  
was also fortunate to have the Directors of the State

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Hospitals of Pohnpei and Kosrae at this hearing. Your Committee values the input of the state leadership as they administer the programs.

The program that this proposed grant supports is well known to the Committee, and it believes that the work done in this area is important as we need to ensure that our Nation is prepared in the event of a natural disaster or communicable disease outbreak.

This program will help improve our local public health capacity to identify and confirm disease outbreaks in the FSM. It also will help with public health alerts and warnings, along with training regarding online research. This grant will also fund the creation of the FSM Medical Reserve Corp Volunteer Registry.

A budget summary for all the four states is attached with this report. As indicated in the budget summary over half of the budget rests at the national level. When your Committee questioned as to why this was necessary the Department stated that much of the national budget was contractual services for trainers that would work in all the four states.

Your Committee is supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to provide for emergency preparedness for our Nation, 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.20-24, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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