

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-31

RE: C.R. NO. 20-48/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$151,750.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

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. 20-48, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$151,750 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH  
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND AND SUPPORT THE FSM  
LINKING ACTIONS FOR UNMET NEEDS IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH  
(LAUNCH) PROJECT, FOR THE BUDGET PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER  
30, 2017 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2018, 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 in September 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

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was also fortunate to have the Directors of the State Hospitals at this hearing, with the exception that Yap State was unable to attend. Your Committee values the input of the state leadership as they administer the programs.

The pilot project regarding unmet children's health needs in Pohnpei is ongoing, and the proposed funding under the grant in question will continue this for another year. As explained to the Committee last year this project is assessing the unmet health needs, largely in the area of mental health, for our children in Pohnpei. Your Committee does not question the need for this type of project, however, as it did last year it is concerned that too often the first pilot for projects are done in Pohnpei, and it is this state that primarily benefits. The Committee urges the Department of Health and Social Affairs to provide all the performance reviews for this year, and to advocate for additional funding to include all the states.

The budget summary is attached for the coming year. The Committee notes that it is the intention under this grant that the project cycle run for five years. This should give sufficient time for the other states to benefit from this project.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to provide additional funding for healthcare for our Nation's children, 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.20-48, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Alik L. Alik  
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