

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-37

RE: C.R. NO. 20-30/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$164,968.

SEPTEMBER 28, 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. 20-30, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN  
THE AMOUNT OF \$164,968 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES  
AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE FSM  
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM, FOR  
THE BUDGET PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2016, TO  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2028, FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF  
MOTHER'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH IN THE FSM,  
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.

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Your Committee held a hearing in September 2017, the witnesses present included the Department of Health and Social Affairs, including the Secretary and her key staff.

This proposed grant will fund a long standing program with the Department of Health and Social Affairs. The Maternal and Child Health Program is very successful and has provided funding for healthcare employees at the state level, as well as, medicine and equipment. The funding also provides for specialists, such as pediatric heart specialists, to visit our Nation to treat our children with significant medical needs.

The current proposed grant is the final installment of the annual funding. The total yearly budget for the program is attached for reference of the Members. Your Committee notes that the funding level and the activities for the program remain the substantially the same as in years past.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to provide additional funding for maternal and children's medical needs, 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.20-30, 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

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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