

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-39

RE: C.R. NO. 20-55/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$647,309.

NOVEMBER 02, 2017

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 20-55, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$647,309 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE FSM STRATEGIC PREVENTION
FRAMEWORK PARTNERSHIPS FOR SUCCESS (SPF-PFS) 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 November 1, 2017, the
witnesses included the Department of Health and Social
Affairs, including the Secretary and her key staff, and
representatives the Department of Justice and the
Department of Finance and Administration.

The projects and programs funded by the substance abuse and
mental health grant are well known to your Committee.
These programs are long-standing and valuable to our

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Nation. The Committee is very supportive of all programs that show results in the reduction of alcohol, tobacco and drug use among our citizens, particularly our youth. The particular project to be funded by this grant will work to prevent underage drinking in our Nation. The Department of Health & Social Affairs and the Department of Justice advised the Committee that the legal drinking age in all the four States is 21, and the project proposed would target the age group 12-20.

The Committee notes that no current statistics have been provided to Congress regarding the extent of the problem of underage drinking, and of the current trends regarding this problem. The Committee strongly urges the Department of Health & Social Affairs to provide statistics, and all other relevant information regarding this issue to the Committee at its earliest convenience.

Each state will be provided a portion of these funds, the division largely made according to the population of each state, and its own individual plans. The Committee notes with appreciation that all of the funding will go down to the state level for activities that will reach our youth. Several organizations in each state will receive funding from this grant. The Committee requests information

regarding the activities and outputs from each of these organizations as well. The Committee was provided a detailed budget and this is attached for the review of members.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of the Department of Health and Social Affairs' efforts to provide additional funding for alcohol abuses, particularly regarding prevention of underage drinking, 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.20-55, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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