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COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-73

RE: C.R. NO. 21-221

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $200,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF SPECIAL SERVICES.

NOVEMBER 25, 2020

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Ninth Regular Session, 2020

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred C.R. No. 21-221 entitled:

> "A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF $200,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, DIVISION OF SPECIAL SERVICES, OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, TO FUND AND SUPPORT THE FSM CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP POLICY AND PRACTICE PROJECT, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

Begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in its title.

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The Division of Special Education has done good work in all of our communities over many years. Annually the Division of Special Education serves approximately 2,000 students in our Nation. The teachers, staff and health professionals working with this Division provide both in classroom support and home based assistance.

Recently a grant to promote leadership and better policy making in the area of special education became available to the FSM and the above captioned award is the result of this new funding. The Committee has always been impressed with the performance and budgeting for this Division. It understands that this phase of the award is time sensitive and the initial funding will be used to plan the leadership and policy making workshops. It is hoped that these training workshops can take place in person in the future, however, contingency options should be explored as this may not be viable.

The Committee has requested a breakdown of this initial project funding from the National Department of Education. It strongly urges the Department to ensure that after the initial planning stages for this project that the funding be distributed throughout the four States based on number of students served and educational professionals in the field. The funding formula for the main special education grant from the United States Department of Education should be followed as closely as possible.

The Committee notes, as it has during this year, that in person hearings are preferable and it looks forward to the first available opportunity to review this with the relevant witnesses in person. In the meantime, it requests all training

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material and schedules produced for this project be forwarded to the Committee as they become available.

The performance reports and activities for the Division of Special Education are periodically updated on their website.

Your Committee on Education is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-221 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

NINTH SPECIAL SESSION, 2020 C.R. NO. 21-221

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A RESOLUTION

Approving and accepting a grant in the amount of $200,000 from the United States Department of Education, Division of Special Services, Office of Special Education Programs, to fund and support the FSM Certificate in Educational Leadership Policy and Practice Project, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2020, the United States Department of Education, Division of Special Services, Office of Special Education Programs, issued a notice of a award in the amount of $200,000, to fund and support the FSM Certificate in Educational Leadership Policy and Practice Project; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia wishes to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to the Government of the United States of America for the generous grant; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to support the FSM and its Department of Education by providing funding for the first year (fiscal year 2021) of the FSM Certificate in Educational Leadership Policy and Practice Project; and

WHEREAS, the project period is from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this is a foreign financial assistance as defined under section 210(1)(b) of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended; and

WHEREAS, section 210(2) of title 55 of the Code of the Federated States of Micronesia (Annotated), as amended, requires

that for foreign financial assistance to be valid it must be approved by Congress by resolution, now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Ninth Special Session, 2020, that Congress hereby approves and accepts the $200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education, to fund and support the FSM Department of Education in its activities relating to the FSM Certificate in Educational Leadership Policy and Practice Project, including all the terms and conditions thereof; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Secretary of the Department of Education, the Secretary of the Department of Finance and Administration, the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Secretary of the Department of Justice.

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Date: 11/19/20

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