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COMMITTEE ON
TRANSPORTATION AND
COMMUNICATIONS

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-81

RE: C.R. NO. 21-236/T&C

SUBJECT: APPROVING A $5,276,484 GRANT FROM UNDP TO FUND MPSBEE

JANUARY 26, 2021

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2021

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Transportation and Communication to which was referred Presidential Communication No. 21-480, regarding Congressional Resolution No. 21-236, entitled:

> "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT A $5,276,484 GRANT FROM THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME (UNDP) TO FUND THE MICRONESIA PUBLIC SECTOR BUILDINGS ENGERGY EFFICIENCY (MPSBEE) 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.

Your Committee had conducted a public hearing on the said resolution on Monday, January 25, 2021, at the Congressional hearing room.

The witnesses present at the hearing included representatives from other jurisdictions, including representatives from the

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FSM Department of Resources and Development, the FSM Department of Transportation, Communications and Infrastructure, the FSM Department of Finance and Administration, the FSM Department of Justice, and the Office of the President.

At the hearing, there was a misunderstanding of the assignment of the measure. Nevertheless, your Committee heard from the Acting Secretary of the Department of Resources and Development, Mrs. Elina Akinaga.

According to Acting Secretary Akinaga, the funding is for a climate change mitigation project, with the project implementation partner being the Energy Division of the FSM Department of Resources and Development. The objective of the MPSBEE project is the improved application of energy conserving and energy efficient (EC&EE) techniques and practices in the design, retrofit, and ongoing Operation and Management of public sector buildings in the FSM.

Your Committee had asked on the disbursement of the funding. Acting Secretary Akinaga explained that the funding is not going to be disbursed to each state. Once the resolution is adopted by the FSM Congress, there will be hiring of a project coordinator at the National Government who will work with coordinators at the state level. Pursuant to the Energy Policy adopted by the National Government, there is an existing Energy Steering Committee, and this Committee will be assisting with the project.

Your Committee was informed that the project is actually based on a study that was done based on an energy audit of public sector buildings like National Government buildings and hospitals in each state on the improvement of energy efficiency.

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CONCLUSION

Your Committee on Transportation and Communication is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-236 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-86

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SUBJECT: $5,276,484 GRANT FROM UNDP TO FUND MPSBEE

JANUARY 25, 2021

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Your Committee on Transportation and Communication is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-236 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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TWENTY-FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

SIXTH REGULAR SESSION, 2021 **T&C** C.R. NO. 21-256

A RESOLUTION

To approve and accept a $5,276,484 grant from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to fund the Micronesia Public Sector Buildings Energy Efficiency (MPSBEE) Project, including all the terms and conditions of the assistance.

WHEREAS, the UNDP issued a grant award on December 14, 2020, to the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia providing funding in the amount of $5,276,484 for the purpose of providing funding to support the Micronesia Public Sector Buildings Energy Efficiency (MPSBEE) Project; and

WHEREAS, this grant is considered a foreign financial assistance that requires for its validity the approval by Congress through resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude to the UNDP for extending this grant; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Twenty-First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Sixth Regular Session, 2021, that Congress hereby approves and accepts the $5,276,484 grant from the UNDP to fund the MPSBEE Project, including all the terms and conditions thereof; and

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

Date: _____ Introduced by: _____
Florencio S. Harper
(by request)

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C.R. NO. 21-236

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Date: 01/13/21

Introduced by: Harper
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