

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 24-08

RE: C.R. NO. 24-14/H&SA

SUBJECT: A GRANT FROM THE INDIA-UN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND FOR PROJECT "TAKING UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE TO EVERY PERSON IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$990,000.

MAY 29, 2025

The Honorable Esmond B. Moses
Speaker, Twenty-Fourth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
First Regular Session, 2025

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was referred C.R. No. 24-14, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ACCEPT A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$990,000 FROM THE INDIA-UN DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP FUND THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION, FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT ENTITLED "TAKING UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE, TO EVERY PERSON IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, 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 the title.

Your Committee held a hearing on the above captioned resolution on May 27, 2025. In attendance at the hearing were witnesses

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from the Department of Health and Social Affairs. It was explained to the Committee that this grant while from a new funding source continues work that had been started with UNDP. This work is to help extend healthcare services and raise standards in our remote areas. Specifically, it will assist the outer islands and remote clinics on the main islands by providing salaries for healthcare professionals and additional equipment. This grant will cover a two-year period and implementation will begin in September.

The Committee inquired regarding the budget breakdown for this funding and was provided additional documents regarding activities and budgets which is attached for review of the members. This grant would be used for personnel, travel, supplies and equipment.

The Committee is encouraged that more resources and healthcare professionals will be available for our underserved communities through this grant.

The Committee on Health and Social Affairs has reviewed C.R. No. 24-06 and considered all the testimony and documents received at the May 27, 2025, hearing. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 24-14 and recommends its adoption by Congress.

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Respectfully submitted,

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