

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 13-195

RE: C.B. NO. 13-150/HESA

SUBJECT: MEDICAL LICENSING REVOLVING FUND

NOVEMBER 09, 2004

The Honorable Peter M. Christian  
Speaker, Thirteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fourth Regular Session, 2004

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs ("HESA"), to which was referred C.B. No. 13-150 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND TITLE 55 OF THE CODE OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA BY ENACTING A NEW SUBCHAPTER IX ENTITLED MEDICAL LICENSING REVOLVING FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the bill are expressed in its title.

This bill would create a revolving fund called the Medical Licensing Revolving Fund ("the Fund") to meet the operational costs of the Federated States of Micronesia Medical Licensing Board ("the Board"). The creation of the Board is a proposal contained in the bill C.B. 13-149 which was introduced during the fifth special session of Congress.

Under the subject bill, C.B. 13-150, all appropriations for the operating costs of the Board would be deposited into the Fund, which would be administered by the President. The President or his designee would then be required to report to Congress on the status of the Fund at the end of each financial year.

Your Committee recognizes the importance of effective monitoring and enforcement of standards in medical practice in the FSM and considers that creating a medical licensing board would improve on existing mechanisms. Your Committee also considers that if the bill for the creation of the Board is passed by Congress, then a revolving fund is the most efficient and accountable means of funding the cost of the Board's operations.

Thus, your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.B. No. 13-150 and recommends

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its passage on First Reading, and that it be placed on the Calendar for Second and Final Reading.

Respectfully submitted,

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Resio S. Moses, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Ramon Peyal  
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/s/ Moses A. Nelson  
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