

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 14-3

RE: C.R. NO. 14-2/HESA

SUBJECT: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

MAY 19, 2005

The Honorable Peter M. Christian  
Speaker, Fourteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
First Regular Session, 2005

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs ("HESA") to which was referred C.R. No. 14-2 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR TO TRAIN, RECONCILE AND CONDUCT AN EVALUATION OF THE OVERSEAS MEDICAL REFERRAL PROGRAM AND TERTIARY PROVIDER CLAIMS IN HAWAII.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

This resolution would approve a Department of Interior Technical Assistance Grant in the amount of \$85,015 to the Department of HESA.

The primary purpose of the grant is to fund a reconciliation of all outstanding invoices from health service providers in Honolulu in order to determine how much is currently owed by hospitals within the FSM. This task requires the assistance of professional accountants, and for this reason it is intended that Trinity Health International ("THI") will oversee the process. Your Committee understands that THI has undertaken similar work in the past for the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Your Committee has been advised that in addition to taking the lead on the reconciliation work, THI will undertake training of local staff from the Department of Finance and Administration and MiCare in order to ensure that their FSM counterparts can undertake this kind of work in the future.

It is intended that the grant will also fund a review of:

- (a) the FSM's tertiary medical referral program;
- (b) related legislation, policies and procedures; and
- (c) all current contracts relating to medical referrals and

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services.

Your Committee considers that the activities to be funded by the technical assistance grant are very important and will have a positive impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of the medical referral program.

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 14-2 and recommends its adoption.

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