

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 15-107

RE: C.R. NO. 15-71/HESA

SUBJECT: CALLING UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO  
IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF  
THE FSM

APRIL 03, 2008

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir  
Speaker, Fifteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Fourth Special Session, 2008

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs ("HESA"), to  
which was referred C.R. No. 15-71 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION CALLING UPON THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL  
AFFAIRS TO DRAMATICALLY IMPROVE THE DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES  
TO CITIZENS OF THE FSM, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE  
PREVENTABLE AND/OR TREATABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES SUCH AS  
TUBERCULOSIS, HEPATITIS B AND SYPHILIS, IN ORDER TO BE RESPONSIVE  
TO THE CONCERNS OF THE STATE OF HAWAII AND OTHE RAFFECTED  
JURISDICTIONS CONCERNING THE HEALTH STATUS OF MIGRANTS FROM THE  
FSM TO THOSE JURISDICTIONS." ,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

As expressed in the resolution, C.R. No. 15-71 calls for an  
improvement in the delivery of health services to citizens of the FSM,  
particularly with regard to tuberculosis, hepatitis B and syphilis.  
This is primarily to safeguard and protect the health of our citizens  
and also to avoid adverse consequences or any exceptional burden on  
the health care systems of jurisdictions where FSM citizens work and  
reside, particularly under the terms of the Amended Compact with the  
United States of America.

C.R. No. 15-71 was presented for comment during public hearings in our  
four states of Kosrae, Chuuk, Yap and Pohnpei, as well as to  
representatives of the FSM community in Guam. The response to the  
resolution was overwhelmingly positive and seen as a more effective  
measure than any proposed health exit clearance requirements.

Your committee takes the view that the adoption of this resolution  
will assist in directing the attention of our Department of Health to  
the targeted illnesses among our population. At the same time, your  
committee would welcome a report during the May session on the number  
of confirmed cases in the FSM of the above-noted diseases.

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**CONCLUSION**

Based on the above, your committee on HESA is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 15-71 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 15-71.

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph J. Urusemal, chairman

/s/ Claude H. Phillip  
Claude H. Phillip, vice chairman

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Roosevelt D. Kansou, member

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/s/ Joe N. Suka  
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