

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16-56

RE: C.R. NO. 16-58/H&SA

SUBJECT: REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CONTINUE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO MICRONESIANS.

DECEMBER 9, 2009

The Honorable Isaac V. Figir
Speaker, Sixteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Special Session, 2009

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs met on December 4, 2009 to discuss C.R. No. 16-58 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS TO MICRONESIANS LEGALLY RESIDING IN HAWAII PURSUANT TO THE COMPACT OF FREE ASSOCIATION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.",

Your Committee met to discuss making changes to this Resolution to ensure that it will be received in the most favorable light with the intended intent of the Committee.

Present at this meeting were Chairman Paul, Senator Urusemal, Floor Leader Suka and Senator Otto. The meeting was staffed by Attorney, Marsha R. Kennedy.

The following changes were discussed and approved by your Committee:

1. Title line 1, insert "leadership and the people of" after "the"
2. Title line 1, insert "support and to" after "to continue to"
3. Title line 3, delete "pursuant to the Compact of Free Association" and insert ", to give ample time for our leaders to find a long-term solution to aforesaid problem" in lieu thereof
4. Page 1, line 1, insert "Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) and the" after "WHEREAS, the"
5. Page 1, line 1, delete " and the Federated"
6. Page 1, line 2, delete "States of Micronesia (FSM)"
7. Page 1, line 5, delete "freely"
8. Page 2, line 1, delete "the 2000 census reported approximately 13,000" and insert "the 2010 census will give an account of the accurate number of" in lieu thereof
9. Page 2, line 2, delete "and it is anticipated that the 2010"
10. Page 2, line 3, delete "census will reflect a great increase in that number"

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11. Page 2, line 5, insert "liver patient care," after "chemotherapy,"
12. Page 2, line 17, insert "which" after "Bill"
13. Page 2, line 17, delete "by" and insert "in" in lieu thereof
14. Page 2, line 20, insert "and such Bill is still being considered by the Senate" after "Hawaii"
15. Page 2, between line 20 and 21 insert "WHEREAS, it would be inhumane to enact a healthcare solution that will place a cap on the number of individuals that will be eligible to receive lifesaving care; and"
16. Page 3, line 6, insert "leadership and people of the" after "to the"
17. Page 3, line 6, after "for" insert "being a good host to our people and for"
18. Page 3, line 10, insert "leadership and the people of the" after "the"
19. Page 3, line 10, delete "provide" and insert "support the continuation of providing comprehensive healthcare benefits to" in lieu thereof
20. Page 3, line 11, delete "insurance coverage"
21. Page 4, line 2, after "to" insert "the FSM Advisory Council in Honolulu, United Micronesia in Honolulu, the President and Presiding Officers of all the FSM state legislatures, Governors of the FSM states,".

The changes aim to recognize and to thank the people as well as the leaders of the State of Hawaii, to more adequately portray the members' understanding of the rights of Micronesians living within the United States, to more adequately portray the members' concerns for and understandings of the healthcare situation for Micronesians living within the State of Hawaii and to ensure that the appropriate individuals receive notice of this Resolution.

Your Committee on H&SA is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 16-58, as amended and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 16-58, C.D.1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Setiro Paul, chairman

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Fredrico O. Primo, vice chairman

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