

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-76

RE: C.R. NO. 18-50/R&D

SUBJECT: APPROVING A \$60,000 GRANT FROM UNEP

DECEMBER 03, 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Special Session, 2013

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Resources and Development, to which was jointly referred C.R. No. 18-48, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000 FROM THE UNITED NATION ENVIRONEMNT PROGRAMME TO FUND PHASE IV OF THE INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING UNDER THE MANDATES OF THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Congress Resolution No. 18-50 was transmitted to Congress through Presidential Communication No. 18-72 on September 3, 2013. This resolution is foreign financial assistance in the amount of \$60,000 from the United Nation Environment Program.

On November 29, 2012 your Committees on Resources and Development and External Affairs held a joint hearing regarding the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-50 with the Department of Resources and Development, Office of Emergency and Environment Management (OEEM), the Office of Statistics, Budget, & Economic Management, Overseas Development Assistance & Compact Management (SBOC), and the Department of Justice.

Your Committee was informed that the purpose of funding is to

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implement the FSM's obligations under the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer.

The Director of OEEM indicated that project is to phase out the hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs) and to train National Officers, Custom Officers, law enforcement and border control officials to counteract possible illegal movement of HCFCs.

Of the \$60,000, a following is a breakdown of the funding:

1. Project Personnel Component \$30,000
2. Training Component \$10,000
3. Equipment Component \$10,000
4. Miscellaneous Component \$10,000

Your Committee on Resources and Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 18-50 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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