

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-77

RE: C.R. NO. 18-85/ED

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$3,327,595 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
PROGRAMS.

DECEMBER 03, 2013

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

Dear Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was jointly referred
C.R. No. 18-85 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$3,327,595 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS,
INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE
ASSISTANCE." ,

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in
tis title.

The resolution would approve funding for the National and
State Departments of Education to provide special education
and services to the Nation's 1,935 children with
disabilities.

Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the
Committee on External Affairs on November 29, 2013. In
attendance were representatives from the Department of
Education, including the Secretary of Education and SBOC.

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The Secretary of Education advised your Committee that this grant is in approximately the same amount and covers the same services for our Nation's disabled children as it has in years past. Further, the Secretary stated that due to the shut down of the U.S. government and timing of the grant award for this year that some State employees are not getting paid under this program. The Secretary and members of this NDOE Division stressed the need to act immediately to ensure continuity in the services provided to our students.

Your Committee has been satisfied with the provision of services under this program in the past, but questioned whether some employees under this program would be better placed as State employees rather than National employees. The Department produced a chart for this Division showing that of the total 274 employees nationwide only 8 were currently National Government employees. All employees with duty stations in the States are already State Government employees.

After receiving this information, the Committee agrees that the number of employees for this NDOE Division is the right size.

In accordance with the above statements, your Committee strongly believes in the nationwide coordinated system of special education for our children with disabilities and that no disruption should take place to the delivery of this education. The Committee agrees that funding in the form of the proposed grant is necessary, and, therefore, recommends the adoption of C.R. No. 18-85.

Your Committee agrees that special education for our Nation's children with disabilities is very important. Your Committee on Education is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-85, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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