

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-86

RE: C.R. NO. 18-90/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT PROPOSAL
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 TO THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

DECEMBER 03, 2013

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

Dear Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-90 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT
PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 FROM THE FSM
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS TO FUND
THE NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE,
TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The resolution would approve the submission of a grant
proposal for the Department of Health & Social Affairs for
funding the Nation's public health laboratory system in
order to maintain the capacity to conduct tests related to a
wide range of diseases, including vaccine-preventable
diseases, tuberculosis, vector-borne diseases, rabies, and
novel pathogens.

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Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the Committee on External Affairs on December 2, 2013. In attendance were representatives from the Department of Health and Social Affairs, the Department of Finance and Administration, SBOC, the Department of Justice and the Office of President.

The Committee understands that this proposed grant would support the continuation and improvement of important disease prevention work in all four States. Your Committee was given a detailed budget and description of work with this proposal. This grant would fund a phlebotomist for one year at \$8,720, supplies are estimated to cost \$14,985, travel throughout the four States at \$6,935 and other equipment and shipping at \$9,360. The total proposal for this grant was rounded to \$40,000. It is the plan that the contracted phlebotomist would travel throughout the four States with a mobile mini-lab and supplies to do his work.

Your Committee agrees that the continuation of this type of disease prevention work is important. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-90, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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