

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-96

RE: C.R. NO. 18-61/R&D

SUBJECT: \$1,792,901 FROM EUROPEAN COMMUNITY TO  
FUND THE PROJECT ON BUILDING SAFETY AND  
RESILIENCE IN THE FSM

DECEMBER 04, 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. 18-61, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,792,901, TO FUND THE PROJECT ON BUILDING SAFETY AND RESILIENCE IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE, AND ADOPTING THE COUNTRY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE USE OF THE ASSISTANCE."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Congress Resolution No. 18-61 was transmitted to Congress through Presidential Communication No. 18-95 on September 12, 2013. This resolution is foreign financial assistance in the amount of \$1,792,901 from the European Community to fund the project in the FSM on building safety and resilience.

The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the FSM capacity to address existing and emerging challenges with regards to the risks posed by natural hazards and related disaster, while

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maximizing synergies between Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) strategies and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA).

On November 29, 2012 your Committees on Resources and Development and External Affairs held a joint hearing regarding the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-61 with the Department of Resources and Development, the 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 expected results and main activities under this project with their corresponding costs include:

1. Strengthening of preparedness at community and national levels, through the investment in expanding the coverage of the early warning system; \$100,000
2. investigating sustainable financing mechanisms for emergency response at the State level; \$15,000
3. preparation of hazard specific plans, like tsunami; \$25,000
4. reviewing and updating of 2005 disaster plans; \$25,000
5. conduct more regular emergency drills; \$100,000
6. supporting IOM's Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management in Education (CADRE) Program to make schools climate and disaster proof; \$100,000
7. supporting Petro Corp to put in place emergency oil reserve storage capacity in safe locations; \$80,000
8. development a policy for Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) for FSM and State level DRM/CC Action Plans; \$340,000
9. establishment of National and State DRM and CCA platforms; \$50,000
10. review of existing laws and plans to include DRM and CCA; \$20,000
11. Support IOM with the integration of DRM into the school curriculum; \$15,000
12. Standardize and coordinate existing public awareness programs; \$25,000
13. Technical training for EOC staff and other stakeholders; \$80,000
14. develop centralized hazard database at state level-hardware, software and technical support; \$50,000

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15. Climate proofing of public buildings on outer islands; \$100,000
16. Development of appropriate and affordable building codes;  
\$20,000
17. Preparation of spatial development framework Plans for all  
States; \$50,000
18. Development of land use (zoning); \$50,000
19. Support Micronesian Conservation Trust's Climate Change  
Adaptation Small Grants Program;\$80,000
20. Facilitation of bi-annual meetings of the Risk Management  
Partnership Network and the Technical Steering Committee.\$20,000

Director Yatilman stated that the Office of Emergency and Environment Management is the lead agency for the project.

Your Committee would like to offer the following amendments to C.R. No. 18-61 as follows:

1. Title, line 4, delete "~~and adopting the Country Implementation Plan for the use of the assistance~~".
2. Page 1, line 19, delete "~~Second Regular Session~~", and insert "Second Special Session" in lieu thereof.

Your Committee on Resources and Development is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 18-61 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R., No. 18-61,C.D.1.

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Respectfully submitted,

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