

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-111

RE: C.R. NO. 18-122/H&SA

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND
ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$357,642.

JANUARY 29, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Regular Session, 2014

Dear Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-122 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$357,642 FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS
FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION NATIONAL CENTER
FOR HIV/AIDS, VIRAL HEPATITIS, STDS AND TB
PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
PROGRAM, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS
FOR THE ASSISTANCE."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

The resolution would approve a grant award to fund the
continuation of the Federated States of Micronesia
Communicable Disease Program for the year of 2014.
Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the
Committee on External Affairs on January 20, 2014. In
attendance were representatives from the Department of

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Health and Social Affairs, the FSM National Archives, Culture and Historic Preservation Office, the Department of Justice and the Department of Finance and Administration.

Representatives from the Department of Health and Social Affairs confirmed for the Committee that the funding was to assist in the continuation of the successful program of treating the communicable diseases of HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases tuberculosis and the effects of these diseases. This funding would be for this calendar year of 2014. This program is well known to the Committee and it lauds the hard work that the Department has done in this area.

This grant funding will continue the program as currently in place, but will also seek to identify the areas for improvement in the health care system, increase access to health care, and opportunities to diagnose, treat and prevent these diseases in our citizens. This funding will also provide money to increase our Nation's capacity for laboratory services, and improve surveillance.

As requested the Department of Health and Social Affairs provided the following detailed budget for the program funded by this grant award, and it follows below:

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| Cost Category | HIV Surveillance | HIV Prevention | STD | TB | Viral Hepatitis | Total |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------|--------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Salaries | 15,246 | 141,395 | 16,098 | 185,957 | 5,833 | 364,529 |
| Fringe Benefits | 1,906 | 17,675 | 2,012 | 23,894 | 729 | 46,216 |
| Equip. | -0- | -0- | -0- | 3,000 | -0- | 3,000 |
| Supplies | -0- | 5,190 | 2,000 | 17,737 | -0- | 24,927 |
| Travel | -0- | 39,625 | 16,115 | 97,942 | -0- | 153,682 |
| Other | -0- | 18,600 | 16,767 | 81,822 | -0- | 117,189 |
| Contract | -0- | 2,720 | 750 | 3,000 | -0- | 6,470 |
| Total | 17,152 | 225,205 | 53,742 | 413,352 | 6,562 | 716,013 |

Your Committee agrees that continued funding for fighting these communicable diseases is very important for the Federated States of Micronesia. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-122, and upon concurrence with your Committee on External Affairs recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tony H. Otto
Tony H. Otto, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Peter M. Christian
Peter M. Christian, member

/s/ Yosiwo P. George
Yosiwo P. George, member

Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo
David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
Joseph J. Urusemal, member
No reservation!!!
No breakdown