

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-119

RE: C.R. NO. 18-107/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM UNESCO FOR
THE POHNPEI AND KOSRAE STATE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000.

JANUARY 30, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-107 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$7,000 FROM THE UNITED NATIONS
EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
ORGANIZATION, TO FUND THE POHNPEI AND KOSRAE STATE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICES, 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 its
title.

The resolution would approve a grant to assist with the
completion of the nomination file on Nan Madol and the Lelu Ruins
for World Heritage inscription.

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 and the Department
of Justice.

The Acting Director for the National Archives Office confirmed for the Committee that the funding was to assist in the completion of the nomination file for the U.N. World Heritage inscription. In previous hearings the Committee has heard from this Office regarding the advantages in terms of increased tourism and the protection of important cultural and historical sites this type of designation will foster. The Committee strongly agrees that the addition of World Heritage site designation is a positive step for both preservation purposes and tourism.

Your Committee agrees that filing for World Heritage status for Nan Madol and the Lelu Ruins is 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. 18-107, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Peter M. Christian
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/s/ Yosiwo P. George
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/s/ Florencio S. Harper
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/s/ David W. Panuelo
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