

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-123

RE: C.R. NO. 18-115/H&SA

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT PROPOSAL
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000.

JANUARY 30, 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. 18-115 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 TO FUND THE FSM ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM, AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE GLOBAL NETWORK FOR NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES.",

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 above titled project for the calendar year of 2014.

Your Committee held a public hearing on January 29, 2014. In attendance were representatives from the Department of Health and Social Affairs, SBOC, the Department of Justice, the Office of the President and the Department of Finance and Administration regarding C.R. No. 18-115.

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Representatives and the Secretary from the Department of Health and Social Affairs confirmed for the Committee that all of the grant money requested under this this proposal was intended for the purchase of drugs to finally eradicate lymphatic filariasis in our Nation. This disease, commonly known as elephantitis, is marked by the patient's limbs or organs increasing over time as water and waste pools in some areas of the body and cannot be eliminated properly. The Secretary and her staff stated at the hearing that if caught early individuals could make a full recovery from this disease. There are still several groups in our Nation that suffer from the presence of this disease. It is hoped by a widespread drug campaign this can be eliminated.

Your Committee understands the seriousness of this disease and supports the campaign for its eradication. The Committee is also pleased that this grant proposal has been sent to it for proper review before submission to the potential donor institution.

Your Committee agrees that funding for the drug campaign to eliminate lymphatic filariasis 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. 18-115, and upon concurrence with your Committee on External Affairs recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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