

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-142

RE: C.R. NO. 18-146/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT  
OF \$1,360,465.

APRIL 02, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was jointly referred C.R. No. 18-146 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,360,465, TO FUND THE LINKING ACTIONS FOR UNMET NEEDS IN CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROJECT, AND ITS SUBMISSION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY."

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 to fund a new model in mental health services in care delivery for children.

Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the Committee on External Affairs on March 31, 2014.

Representatives from the Department of Health and Social Affairs provided a very detailed project proposal for this program. This 60 page summary booklet is available from the Committee for members to review and study. This project is to target our

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youth, which as studies have shown have a high incidence of substance abuse and suicide. It would target young people in an effort to prevent tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other substance abuse. Substance abuse which has the consequences of crime, injury, family instability and premature death.

The four goals of this proposed project is to do screening and early intervention, strengthening of families, professional/workforce development and establish inter-agency collaboration. All of these proposed goals or activities would take place in all the four States.

The Department provided a very detailed budget for this program and is attached as part of this report.

Your Committee agrees that additional study and support of our youth regarding their unmet mental health needs is necessary, and applauds the Department for seeking out new resources to help our Nation. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-146, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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