

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-167

RE: C.R. NO. 18-153/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$91,045 TO FUND  
THE IMPROVING DATA CAPACITY IN THE FSM PROGRAM.

MAY 31, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was  
jointly referred C.R. No. 18- 153 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$91,045 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE IMPROVING DATA CAPACITY IN  
THE FSM PROGRAM, 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.

On May 28, 2014 your committee held hearings regarding the  
above-captioned C.R. No. 18-153 jointly with the committee  
on External Affairs. The Committee was advised that this  
grant would assist in enhancing the data and records keeping  
capability for the Maternal and Child Health Program. As  
your Committee stated in its support of C.R. No. 18-155 the  
Maternal and Child Health Program is well known to it and it  
believes it improves the overall health of our Nation's  
children. Additional financial support for this program is  
desirable, and the Department stated funding will be divided  
approximately as follows: National 35%, Chuuk 22% Pohnpei  
16%, Yap 14% and Kosrae 11%. Your committee, as in its

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oversight with other U.S. federally funded programs, again urges the Department to transition a much larger percentage of the grant funding to the State level.

Overall your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is supportive of the program of data capacity building this grant will support. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-153, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tony H. Otto, chairman

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

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

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

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Florencio S. Harper, member

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/s/ David W. Panuelo  
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
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