

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-171

RE: C.R. NO. 18-155/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$505,342 TO
FUND THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICES
PROGRAM IN THE FSM.

MAY 31, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-155 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$505,342 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
SERVICES PROGRAM IN THE FSM, 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.

Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the
Committee on External Affairs on May 28, 2014.

The Maternal and Child Health Program is well known to this
Committee, and it applauds the work done to ensure our
Nation's children have the healthiest and safest start
possible in life. This program serves women of childbearing
age (15-44) and children from birth to 21. It promotes
health through provision of prenatal care, immunization,
counseling on healthy lifestyles, and also provides the

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health planning and services for our children with special needs. Most notable in the community awareness programs are the promotion of breastfeeding and healthy lifestyles.

The subject grant provides the majority of the funding for our Maternal and Child Health Program, and its budget is as set forth below:

	#	Personnel	Travel	Consumable	Supplies	Contract	Total	%
Nation	2	69,241	50,327	6,268	40,200	11,000	177,036	35%
Chuuk	14	98,664	6,000	1,000	3,500	3,500	112,664	22%
Kosrae	5	43,846	4,500	1,000	6,000	6,000	55,846	11%
Pohnpei	0	70,822	5,000	1,000	3,500	3,500	84,322	16%
Yap	9	66,674	2,000	800	3,000	3,000	75,454	14%
Total	30	349,247	67,827	10,068	51,200	27,000	505,342	100%

As stated above the Committee believes the program does important work, however, it strongly urges the National Department of Health and Social Affairs to dedicate a much larger percentage of the funding to the State level. More than a third of the grant award is slated to remain at the National level this coming year, and this is not acceptable to the Committee. The Committee also notes that the travel expenses of the National portion is quite high, and recommends these be decreased in following years. Your Committee will be doing oversight with this program during the next session of Congress, and will emphasize these recommendations for restructuring in subsequent years.

Your committee believes that the above-captioned grant will improve the health and well being of our Nation's citizens, and enable the National and State Departments of Health continue much needed programs.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-155, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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<u>/s/ Peter M. Christian</u> Peter M. Christian, member	<u>/s/ Yosiwo P. George</u> Yosiwo P. George, member
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