

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-178

RE: C.R. NO. 18-178/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$152,924 FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES.

JULY 10, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-178 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT
ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$152,924 FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE
AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO FUND COMMUNITY MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES TO 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.

On July 8, 2014 your Committee held hearings regarding the
above-captioned C.R. No. 18-178 jointly with the Committee
on External Affairs. The Committee was advised that this
grant was a separate smaller grant for mental health and
substance abuse services at the community level. The
important work and services that this grant provides,
particularly at the community level, is well known to the
Committee and it believes it improves the overall health of

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our Nation's citizens. Additional financial support for this program is desirable. The Committee was concerned with the documents presented it regarding the grant award which included approval of federal funding of \$152,924 for the year cycle, but also referenced an amount of \$38,231 as an award amount. It was explained by the Department that the \$38,231 was the quarterly allotment amount and the \$152,924 was formally transmitted as the grant award. The Justice Department representative confirmed that the \$152,924 was referenced in a proper award document and was sufficient.

The Secretary stated that the funding under this grant would pay for a specialist to travel through the four states on consultation and to provide some training. The mental health and substance abuse providers from the four state departments of health will meet within the next two months to finalize a budget for this coming year. The Department confirmed that in past years the use and division of these funds has not varied by much. Prior years budgets have been attached.

Further, the Secretary confirmed that a portion of this funding will also be used to provide youth projects in sport and cultural activities to give our young people positive uses for their time, and provide healthy interaction with good role models.

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Overall your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is supportive of the program that this grant will support. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-178, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tony H. Otto
Tony H. Otto, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

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

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

/s/ Florencio S. Harper
Florencio S. Harper, member

David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
Joseph J. Urusemal, member