

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-182

RE: C.R. NO. 18-179/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$381,762 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

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. 18-179 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$381,762 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL PROJECT, 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. 18-179 jointly with the Committee on External Affairs. The Committee was advised that this grant would fund continuing programs in HIV Surveillance, HIV/AIDS prevention, sexually transmitted disease, TB and viral hepatitis. The important work and services that this grant supports is well known to the Committee and it believes it improves the overall health of our Nation's

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citizens. Additional financial support for this program is desirable.

The programs to prevent these communicable diseases has been on-going for more than twenty years. The Secretary stated that great strides have been made in the reduction in the number of people who have these diseases, and in the case of HIV/AIDS preventing its spread in our Nation. Although the Department stated that STDs and TB still have room for reduction, she is confident that continued efforts will achieve desired further reductions. Even the multi-drug resistant TB is only a small pocket of affected individuals, and containment and treatment has been effective.

A detailed budget for this coming year was provided by the Department at the hearing. A one page breakdown is attached with this report, and the full 30 page budget is attached with Presidential Communication 18-313.

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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. 18-179, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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/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  
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