

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-188

RE: C.R. NO. 18-181/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT ASSISTANCE IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$700,206 FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

JULY 12, 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- 181 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT
ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$700,206 FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM PUBLIC
HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND HEALTHCARE
PREPAREDNESS 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 July 10, 2014 your Committee held hearings regarding the
above-captioned C.R. No. 18-181 jointly with the Committee
on External Affairs. The Committee was advised that this
grant would provide the majority of the funding for our
Nation's continued efforts in the area of health emergency
preparedness and healthcare preparedness. The important work
and services that this grant supports 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 Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs gave a brief summary of the healthcare and health emergency preparedness efforts this current year. There are 23 measures or capabilities, 15 for the public health system, which measure the planning and response, and 8 which measure the improvements in the public hospitals.

The program supported by this funding concentrates on training people in measures like evacuation, safety procedures during various types of emergencies, and since health emergencies have been declared in several states regarding non-communicable diseases preventative efforts to fight against these. The Nation also stock piling medicine for emergency use, and strengthening its coordination with international organizations such as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A brief one page budget regarding this grant funding is attached to this report. This year the initial distribution will be: Kosrae \$50,000, Yap \$67,000, Pohnpei \$61,000 and \$79,000 for Chuuk. Pohnpei's share is slightly lower as staff does not have to travel for the national training sessions. The Department stated that while the majority (64%) rests with the National Department of Health and Social Affairs it is sent down to the State level over the course of the year for use in emergency preparedness activities. Each state proposes activities that are then evaluated by a group from both the State and National Departments of Health. The Department confirmed that this would be a case where the States with the best proposals and who were in a good position to effectively use the funding may, get more than a strictly proportion share allocation. 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. 18-184, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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