

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-190

RE: C.R. NO. 18-182/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$513,583 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- 182 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT  
ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$513,583 FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR  
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, NATIONAL CENTER FOR  
CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION TO FUND  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL  
PLAN TO REDUCE CANCER BURDEN 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.

On July 10, 2014 your Committee held hearings regarding the  
above-captioned C.R. No. 18-182 jointly with the Committee  
on External Affairs. The Committee was advised that this  
grant would fund continuing a program of cancer prevention  
and awareness throughout the four States. The important work  
and services that this grant supports is well known to the

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Committee and it believes it improves the overall health of our Nation's citizens. Continued financial support for this program is desirable.

A detailed budget for this coming year was provided by the Department with the Presidential Communication No. 18-315. Attached to this report is the brief one page budget summary for the coming year. Your Committee was advised that the contractual services budgeted at the National level actually serve the four states. When the contract services are removed from the National budget only 15% rests at the National level. Your Committee applauds the efforts of this program to transmit over 85% of the funding to the State level. The 40-page program summary and budget can viewed in Presidential Communication 18-315.

During the hearing your Committee was advised of the many types of outreach and awareness project that the cancer control program does in our nation, however, members of your Committee had concerns about what it felt as still unacceptably high rates of cancer in the FSM. The Secretary and her staff stated that this disease was related to life style decisions and that this is another disease where the Department and its program are trying to assist individuals in making healthy life style decisions.

The Committee was reminded that this funding provides the program with resources to do cancer prevention and control activities. The Department highlighted that it has seen an increase in screening in both men and women, however, recent activities targeting men, including men's health initiatives, look to increase the number of men seeking preventative screening as their numbers are still low. The Department also stated that the funding would allow for continued training initiatives in the coming year.

Overall your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is supportive of the program that this grant will support.

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Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord  
with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-182, 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

Peter M. Christian, member

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

/s/ Florencio S. Harper  
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David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
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