

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-194

RE: C.R. NO. 18-184/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$86,858 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- 184 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$86,858 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM TRACKING, SURVEILLANCE AND
INTEGRATION 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 10, 2014 your Committee held hearings regarding the
above-captioned C.R. No. 18-184 jointly with the Committee
on External Affairs. The Committee was advised that this
grant would continue funding a recent project to keep better
health records and provide immediate access to statistics
for the purpose of tracking disease throughout the four
states. The important work and services that this grant
supports, although a newer project, is well known to the
Committee and it believes it improves the overall health of

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our Nation's citizens. Continued financial support for this program is desirable.

Attached to this report is the brief one page budget summary for the coming year from Presidential Communication 18-317. The Committee noted that the budget for the National Department of Health and Social Affairs was much larger than those for any of the four states. When your Committee made inquiries regarding this issue the Secretary stated this was due to technical support and systems resting at the National level. At the time of the hearing the Department submitted a slightly revised budget that has recently been submitted and approved by the donor. This is attached for the members review.

During the hearing your Committee inquired how long the project would take to update and clean the health data, prefacing this question in the context of funding decreases and possible elimination in the future. The Department responded that once the foundational work was done the system for data gathering and tracking should take much less effort and funding to maintain.

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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