

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-205

RE: C.R. NO. 18-190/W&M

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$164,470 TO FUND A PEER REVIEW
PROCESS/PEER REVIEW MANUAL

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session 2014

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee a peer review process on Ways and Means, to which was jointly referred C.R. No. 18-190, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$164,470 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR THROUGH THE OFFICE OF INSULAR AFFAIRS' TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, TO FUND THE UPDATING OF THE PEER REVIEW MANUAL AND CONDUCTING PEER REVIEWS OF THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC AUDITORS FOR THE NINE (9) U.S. TERRITORIES AND COMPACT NATIONS, 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.

This is a grant for a peer review process under APIPA and the upgrade of the Peer Review Manual.

The FSM National Public Auditor's Office is a member of APIPA (Association of the Pacific Islands Public Auditors), part of which function is to review each other's performance, a process known as peer review. This is a requirement of the U.S. Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards. The review has been funded by grants from the Department of Interior. The last cycle was conducted in 2011 and 2012. The PAO is getting ready

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for another cycle. They are scheduled to depart next Saturday, September 24th, for CNMI and Guam. They had applied to the Department of Interior for a grant.

In response DOI granted \$164,470 for this peer review process. The grant was applied for in February 2104, awarded July 10th and was submitted to Congress August 29th for approval. Your committee is satisfied that the grant is for a good purpose, and the Public Auditor's Office appears to have been reasonably diligent in seeking approval of the grant. Your committed therefore recommends approval.

Your Committee on Ways and Means in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 18-190 and recommends its adoption in the in the form attached hereto, subject to the concurrence by the Committee on External Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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