

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-213

RE: C.R. NO. 18-198/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$82,878, TO FUND THE EPIDEMIOLOGY AND
LABORATORY CAPACITY PROGRAM.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18- 198 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$82,878 FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND THE
EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LABORATORY CAPACITY PROGRAM,
INCLUDING ALL OF 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 September 22, 2014 your Committee held hearings regarding
the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-198 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 work in epidemiology and to
support laboratory capacity. 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. Continued financial support for this program is desirable.

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs and her relevant staff gave a brief summary of the state of this program. It is noted that additional funding is also proposed for this program by the same donor in the amount of \$22,716 in companion funding in C.R. No. 18-199.

The program supported by this funding provides for the epidemiologist for the Nation. This professional is based in Pohnpei, but travels regularly through all the States. It also provides funding for each of the State laboratories, and the equipment and supplies for those facilities. This program has not suffered the funding cuts that other programs have as international organizations such as the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention place a high value on the surveillance and public health missions.

A brief one page budget regarding this grant funding was submitted to your committee. The budget rests at the National level, however, the services of the epidemiologist, equipment and supplies are apportioned out to the States. The breakdown for the budget is as follows: Personnel: \$33,797; Equipment: \$15,697; Supplies: \$9,968; Travel: \$5,285; Contractual: \$7,849; and Other Costs: \$10,282.

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. 18-198, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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