

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-219

RE: C.R. NO. 18-201/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$40,694 TO FUND HIV RELATED PROGRAMS  
WITHIN THE FSM.

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. 18-201 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$40,694 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND HIV RELATED PROGRAMS WITHIN 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.

The resolution would approve funding for the Department of  
Health & Social Affairs for the Federated States of  
Micronesia HIV related programs. This project specifically  
helps track and counsel patients with HIV in all four  
states.

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Your committee held a joint public hearing with the Committee on External Affairs on September 22, 2013. In attendance were representatives from the Department of Health and Social Affairs, the Department of Finance and Administration, the Department of Justice and the Office of President.

The Secretary of Health & Social Affairs advised your committee of the activities funded by this grant. Your committee is well aware of this project and has had the opportunity to receive many updates over the years. The Committee believes that this is a beneficial project that has assisted many of our citizens to lead healthier, fuller lives.

At the request of the Committee the Department provided the attached budget. The Committee appreciates the prompt submission of this budget information, and believes that the proposed expenditures are reasonable.

Your committee is satisfied that this HIV project is important. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-201, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Peter M. Christian  
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/s/ Yosiwo P. George  
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/s/ David W. Panuelo  
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal  
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