

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-221

RE: C.R. NO. 18-197/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000 TO
FUND THE FSM IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINES FOR
CHILDREN 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. 18-197 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE CENTERS FOR
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM
IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINES FOR CHILDREN 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.

The resolution would approve funding for the Department of Health
& Social Affairs to provide vaccines for the pandemic influenza.
This project specifically vaccinates children for the flu in all
four states.

Your committee held a joint public hearing with the committee on
External Affairs on September 22, 2013. In attendance were

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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. Your committee believes that this is a beneficial project that has assisted many of our citizens to lead healthier, fuller lives, particularly our children.

The Department stated that the budget rested with the National Department, however, the vaccines would be used in all the four states, and training would take place in each state as well. The committee appreciates the prompt submission of this budget information, and believes that the proposed expenditures are reasonable.

Your committee is satisfied that this vaccination project is important. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-197, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Tony H. Otto, chairman

Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Peter M. Christian
Peter M. Christian, member

/s/ Yosiwo P. George
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