

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-231

RE: C.R. NO. 18-193/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$501,420 TO FUND THE FSM DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS LAUNCH
PROJECT.

SEPTEMBER 26, 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- 193 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$501,420 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY, TO FUND THE FSM
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS LAUNCH
PROJECT, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS OF THE
ASSISTANCE."

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of this resolution are expressed in
its title.

On September 24, 2014, your committee held hearings regarding the
above-captioned C.R. No. 18-193 jointly with the Committee on
External Affairs. The Committee was advised that this grant is a
new grant that will help expand the mental health capacity for
our Nation, particularly in dealing with youth. The Committee has
been advised of the importance of providing expanded services to
our youth as the social and health issues relating to untreated

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mental illness are many. Your committee believes this grant will have a positive impact on the health of our Nation's citizens and that financial support for this new program is desirable.

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs and her relevant staff gave a brief summary of this program. It is noted that funding will remain at the National level, but in the initial year the project will be launched in Pohnpei State. In the attached budget the summary provides the cost of supplies and services to be used. The budget for this grant is attached.

Your committee has been briefed over the years regarding the disproportionate rates of mental illness in our youth. Some types of mental health problems, such as depression, can be directly related to unemployment and lack of access to meaningful occupation of their time. The project as proposed intends to integrate with other departments and agencies to better serve our young people. Your committee was impressed with this new program, particularly since it will provide additional services to our youth.

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. 18-193, and upon concurrence with your Committee on External Affairs recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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