

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-236

RE: C.R. NO. 18-202/H&SA

SUBJECT: A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000 TO FUND  
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEHAVIORAL RISK  
FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM.

SEPTEMBER 30, 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- 202 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL  
AND PREVENTION, PUBLIC HEALTH SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM  
OFFICE, TO FUND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BEHAVIORAL  
RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM, 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.

On September 22, 2014 your committee held hearings regarding  
the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-202 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 public health  
surveillance capacity. The important work and services that  
this grant supports is well known to the Committee and it

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believes it improves the overall health of our Nation's citizens. It is this type of work that prevents and controls the spread of infectious disease, such as those currently causing suffering in Africa (ebola) and the Midwest of the United States (upper respiratory infection). 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 funding has been reduced for this coming year. The Secretary confirmed that across the board funding cuts were in effect for U.S. programs.

A summary of this year's proposed budget with the reduced funding was submitted to your Committee at the time of hearing. This is attached with this report.

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. 18-202, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

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/s/ Peter M. Christian  
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/s/ Yosiwo P. George  
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