

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-250

RE: C.R. NO. 18-224/EDUCATION

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$3,174,850 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION, OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND
REHABILITATIVE SERVICES.

NOVEMBER 25, 2014,

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was jointly referred
C.R. No. 18-224 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT
ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,174,850 FROM THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE OF SPECIAL
EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES TO THE FSM
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, OFFICE OF SPECIAL
EDUCATION PROGRAM, 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 November 20, 2014 your Committee held hearings regarding
the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-224 jointly with the
Committee on External Affairs. The Committee was advised
that this grant would continue funding our Special Education
Divisions in the four State Departments of Education and at
the National Department of Education. The important work
and services that this grant supports for our children ages
newborn to 21 years of age, is well known to the Committee
and it believes it improves the overall education, life

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skills and development of our Nation's citizens. Continued financial support for this program is desirable. The Committee notes that this is the second of the FY15 grants and that this year's program was extensively reviewed in July during the public hearing conducted examining the first grant.

The Secretary of Education and his key staff, including the Acting Chief of the Division of Special Education attended the November 20 the hearing. The Committee refers Members to the detailed budget presented by this Division in July and is attached to this report.

Overall your Committee on Education is very supportive of the Special Education program that this grant will support. Your Committee on Education is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-224, 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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