

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-251

RE: C.R. NO. 18-223/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A HIV CARE GRANT APPLICATION IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$50,000

NOVEMBER 25, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which  
was jointly referred C.R. No. 18-223 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING A HIV CARE GRANT  
APPLICATION WHICH HAS BEEN PREPARED TO BE SUBMITTED  
TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,  
HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION BY THE  
FSM DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS, IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$50,000 FOR FUNDING CYCLE FROM APRIL 1,  
2015 TO MARCH 31, 2016."

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On November 21, 2014 your Committee held hearings regarding the  
above-captioned C.R. No. 18-223 jointly with the Committee on  
External Affairs. The Committee was advised that this grant  
application will supplement activities already being provided for  
HIV disease control and prevention and has been received annually  
for several years. This particular grant will support the care  
and assistance to patients suffering from HIV/AIDS. The  
Committee has been advised of the importance of this funding to  
continue the operations of our public health systems to support

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these patients and it believes this grant will have a positive impact in our Nation's healthcare system. Financial support for this program is desirable.

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs and her staff were present at this hearing, as was the representatives from the Department of Justice and the Office of the President. The Committee asked several questions regarding the recent finding that six new cases were confirmed in Pohnpei. The Secretary stated that her Department provided both support and education for those individuals and their families affected. She also stated that a separate grant funded public awareness activities for the general public. Further, she stated that although this represents an increase in numbers of HIV confirmed cases this was not enough to alarm or overwhelm the Department.

Your Committee is very familiar with this program and confirmed with the Department that the budget is divided among the States based on HIV patients served in the respective state. A very detailed application was submitted to Congress with the proposed resolution. The budget breakdown for this grant is attached to 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. 18-223, and upon concurrence with the Committee on External Affairs recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos  
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

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