

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-262

RE: C.R. NO. 18-234/H&SA

SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,306,000.

NOVEMBER 27, 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- 234 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A
GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,306,000 FROM
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICE ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND
THE STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK
PARTNERSHIP FOR SUCCESS 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 25, 2014, your Committee held hearings regarding
the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-234 jointly with the
Committee on External Affairs. In attendance at the public
hearing were the Secretary of Health and Social Affairs, a
representative from the Department of Justice and a
representative from the Office of the President. The
Secretary of Health and Social Affairs stated that this was

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a grant to fund the majority of the National and State projects for prevention of mental illness. The important work and services that this grant supports is well known to the Committee and it believes that programs supported by this grant improve the overall health of Nation's citizens. Additional financial support for this program is desirable.

The Secretary confirmed that this grant would fund local organizations in all the four States that provide positive prevention activities like youth sport and community based programs. Approximately 85% of the funding goes to the States to fund these local organizations, as well as, training, workshops and related supplies, and a further breakdown of this budget is attached with this report.

The Committee inquired as to how the local organizations were selected. The Secretary stated that there was a five-step process for selection of recipients, and that both the State and National took part in the screening. At the State level a council is in place to do the initial selection process. Your Committee was advised that the local organizations would be selected after this grant is accepted, but that many recipients have done a good job over the years and continue to receive awards from year to year. The Secretary will forward a list of this year's recipients when it is available.

The Committee noted at the hearing that information regarding this grant award and the proposed resolution were not transmitted to the Congress until Friday, November 21, 2014. Again, your Committee requested that the Department of Health and Social Affairs and the Executive in general transmit all information regarding proposed submission of grant applications, acceptance of grant awards and the proposed accompanying resolutions prior to the beginning of the session they would like action taken on these matters.

As to the specific grant that is the subject of this report your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is supportive of the program that it will support. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-234, and upon concurrence with the Committee on

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External Affairs recommends its adoption in the form attached
hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Tony Ho. Otto
Tony H. Otto, chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

Peter M. Christian, member

/s/ Yosiwo P. George
Yosiwo P. George, member

Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo
David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
Joseph J. Urusemal, member