

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-268

RE: C.R. NO. 18-241/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$250,000 TO FUND THE PERSONAL
RESPONSIBILITY EDUCATION PROJECT.

JANUARY 29, 2015

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Sixth Regular Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-241 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$250,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AN
FAMILIES TO FUND THE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY
EDUCATION PROJECT, 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 January 26, 2015 your Committee held hearings regarding
the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-241 jointly with the
Committee on External Affairs. In attendance at the
public hearing were the relevant staff of The Department
of Health and Social Affairs, a representative from the
Department of Justice and a representative from the Office
of the President.

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The budget summary for this grant is attached with this report. This is a relatively new program, and the Department reported to the Committee that this year it has been established in all four States. The majority of the budget for the States is funding for the coordinators and educators in each State. This program targets younger students, those in middle school, and is presented as a part of the school program. This youth awareness program works with students to educate them before critical adolescent decisions are made. This has enjoyed the wide support of the education departments.

The Committee asked whether the individual States had input into the curriculum for this program. The Department responded that each State was able to modify and tailor the program to their unique needs. Your Committee believes that education for all of our youth in their early teens regarding personal responsibility is beneficial.

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. 18-241, and upon concurrence with the Committee on External Affairs recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

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