

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-278

RE: C.R. NO. 18-250/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING THE GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,133,455 TO
FUND THE FSM IMMUNIZATIONS AND VACCINES FOR CHILD
PROGRAM.

FEBRUARY 02, 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- 250 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$1,133,455 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE
CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM IMMUNIZATION
AND VACCINES FOR CHILDREN 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 January 30, 2015 your Committee held hearings regarding
the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-250 jointly with the
Committee on External Affairs. In attendance at the public
hearing were the relevant staff of the Department Health and
Social Affairs, and a representative from the Department of
Justice. The Department of the Department of Health and
Social Affairs stated that the program has been highly
successful in providing of immunizations to our Nation's
children during the last five years. The immunization rates
for the last five years for each State is attached to this

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report. The Committee was impressed by the high coverage rates for all the major childhood diseases.

This program operates in every State. The budget varies from year to year based on the needs and requests of the individual States. The FY2015 budget summary for this grant is attached with this report. One issue brought up by your Committee was the separate fund given for vaccines at the CDC that our National and State Departments of Health draw from. The Committee asked the representative from the Department of Justice to provide the documentation showing how these vaccines are received, approved and accounted for. Presumably, these vaccines would be considered goods and services, but the Department of Justice has been requested to provide confirmation of this.

The Department did remark that they have difficulty covering the outer islands in their immunization campaigns, and this is one reason the immunization rates for the country are not higher. The Committee takes note of this issue and will further investigate and discuss the transportation needs of the Department at a later time.

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. 18-250, and upon concurrence of the Committee of External Affairs, recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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