

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-293

RE: C.R. NO. 18-264/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$130,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH
RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION.

APRIL 16, 2015

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Seventh Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-264 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$130,000 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR CHILDREN
PROGRAM, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF
THE ASSISATANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On April 14, 2015 your Committee held hearings regarding
the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-264 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 and a representative from the Department

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of Justice. The Department of Health and Social Affairs stated that this grant supplements a larger grant for emergency preparedness, and was very important to ensure that the proper equipment and training was available to handle pediatric cases. Cases were cited where lack of equipment for the treatment of children has resulted in tragic outcomes.

The one page budget summary attached to this report was submitted by the Department to the Committee during the hearing. The proposed grant is a threefold increase in funding over last year. Included in this budget is funding for personnel and training. The Department stated that training was important as equipment in past years was not utilized due to a lack of training.

Your Committee was troubled by the budget as presented as a large portion still rests with the National Department of Health and Social Affairs. The Department stated that training and travel rested with it as they were in the best position to target where training was needed and provide that. It also stated that in the past the State Government's did not file the necessary vouchers and paperwork after travel so some funding had been lost. The Committee stated that the States and individuals needed to adhere to the guidelines and should be responsible for these aspects of the grant.

Your Committee would like to offer the following amendment to C.R. No. 18-264, to read as follows:

1. Page 1, line 13, delete "Sixth Special Session" and insert "Seventh Special Session" in lieu thereof.

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

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Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-264, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto, as C.R. No. 18-264, C.D.1.

Respectfully submitted,

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

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
Tiwiter Aritos, vice chairman

/s/ Peter M. Christian
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
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