

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-295

RE: C.R. NO. 18-266/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$44,220 TO FUND THE HIV CARE
GRANTS IN THE FSM.

APRIL 17, 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- 266 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$44,220 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO
FUND THE HIV CARE GRANTS IN THE FSM, INCLUDING ALL THE
TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT.",

begs leave to report as follows:

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

On April 16, 2015 your Committee held hearings regarding
the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-266 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. The Department stated that this grant
has the narrow purpose of providing nutritional supplement
and benefits for those individuals who are suffering from
HIV.

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This grant provides for the office supplies and pays a portion of the Program Coordinator for HIV prevention, control and support in Chuuk. The detailed two page budget is attached to this report.

The Committee asked in the incidence of HIV was decreasing. The Department stated that it appears to be increasing and that the rate of other sexually transmitted disease is very high in our Nation. The Department stated that this problem is difficult to get a clear picture of as the rates of infection are under reported. The Committee was satisfied that the Department of Health and Social Affairs is undertaking measures to support our individuals with HIV. Related grants for HIV and STD's will be forthcoming soon.

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. 18-266, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto, subject to the concurrence of the Committee on External Affairs.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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/s/ David W. Panuelo
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