

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-296

RE: C.R. NO. 18-267/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$122,498, TO FUND THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLICHEALTH EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS, EBOLA SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT, .

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- 267 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$122,498 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION, TO FUND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PUBLIC
HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, EBOLA SUPPLEMENTAL
GRANT, 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 April 16, 2015 your Committee held hearings regarding
the above-captioned C.R. No. 18-267 jointly with the
Committee on External Affairs. In attendance at the public
hearing were the relevant staff of the Department of Health

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and Social Affairs. The Department stated that although this grant is marked for Ebola control it will benefit in the prevention and spread of all other infectious diseases. The chance of measles and other more prevalent diseases pose a real problem for our Nation. Worldwide there has been an increase in the spread of infection within hospital and clinical settings. Your Committee believes that this grant will support important work to remodel and repair our public hospitals to improve our isolation wards, and to provide for supplies.

The attached budget itemizes the supplies and work to be done in each of the four States. The Department stated that when training and assessment was done regarding the ability of the public hospitals to prevent the spread of contagious disease our facilities were found to be below the international standards.

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. 18-267, 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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