

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 18-52

RE: C.R. NO. 18-55/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$68,872 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES-CDC.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

The Honorable Dohsis Halbert
Speaker, Eighteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2013

Dear Speaker,

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs, to which was
jointly referred C.R. No. 18-55 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$68,872 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION TO FUND THE FSM'S TRACKING SURVEILLANCE AND
INTERGRATION 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.

The resolution would approve funding for the Department of
Health & Social Affairs for the Federated States of
Micronesia Tracking Surveillance and Integration Project.
This project specifically does early and adult hearing
screening in all four States.

Your Committee held a joint public hearing with the
Committee on External Affairs on September 25, 2013. In
attendance were representatives from the Department of
Health and Social Affairs, the Department of Foreign

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Affairs, the Department of Finance and Administration, SBOC, the Department of Justice and the Office of President.

The Secretary of Health & Social Affairs advised your Committee that this grant would provide funding necessary to continue the hearing screening activities as in years past. Your Committee is well aware of this project and has had the opportunity to see its achievements over the years. Your Committee believes that this is a beneficial project that has assisted many of our citizens to lead healthier, fuller lives.

At the request of the Committee the Department provided the following budget information for this proposed grant year: Personnel: \$20,766; Travel: \$20,269; Contractual: \$19,868; Supplies: \$4,136 and Other Costs: \$3,833. The Committee appreciates the prompt submission of this budget information, and believes that the proposed expenditures are reasonable.

Your Committee is satisfied that this hearing-screening project is important. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 18-55, and on concurrence with your Committee on External Affairs recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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