

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-104

RE: C.R. NO. 19-177/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$930,466
TO FUND THE FSM'S IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINES
FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.

FEBRUARY 09, 2016

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Regular Session, 2016

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 19-177, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$930,466 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM'S 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.

Your Committee held a hearing on February 3, 2016, the
witnesses present included the Department of Health and
Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key
staff, the Office of the President and the Department of
Justice.

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The Department confirmed that this grant is the annual funding for the immunization funding, and that it is in approximately the same amount as past years. This funding will support the Program in all the four states and at the National level. The Department transmitted a program summary and very detailed budget for their program in a 200-page booklet. This booklet is available for review at the Speaker's Office. A one-page budget summary has been attached for the convenience of the Members.

Initially the Committee questioned the lack of budget for vaccines, given the title of the grant award, but was reassured that this is the grant that supports the program, and therefore, salaries, travel, training and related medical supplies. The vaccines for this Program come directly from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The total monetary value of the vaccines we received this last year was \$2 million.

As with other programs your Committee noted that it had not seen a progress report regarding immunization. The Department apologized for this oversight and stated that it would make the program reports available as soon as possible.

The coverage for immunizations remains high for our Nation, well over 90%, however, there remains difficulty in reaching our outer islands. The Department supports immunization in the outer islands by providing funding for fuel and contracts for additional personnel to service these remote locations.

Your Committee recognizes the good work that has been done by this program, and strongly supports the program goals of the immunization of all children for all the preventable diseases.

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Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord
with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-177, and
recommends its adoption, in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Ferny S. Perman

Ferny S. Perman, vice chairman

/s/ Tiwiter Aritos

Tiwiter Aritos, member

Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo

David W. Panuelo, member

/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal

Joseph J. Urusemal, member

/s/ Alik L. Alik

Alik L. Alik, member