

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-106

RE: C.R. NO. 19-180/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$370,332 TO FUND THE FSM'S COMMUNICABLE
DISEASE PREVENTION CONTROL PROJECT

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. 19-180, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$370,332 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION, NATIONAL CENTER FOR HIV, VIRAL HEPATITIS,
STDs AND TB PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM COMMUNICABLE
DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL 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.

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 Committee understands that prevention and management of communicable diseases such as TB, HIV and Viral Hepatitis are very important to the overall level of public health in our Nation. It has no doubt that good work has been done but would like statistics on the training, outreach and awareness campaigns being done in this program. Several members of your Committee inquired as to whether we are seeing progress in overcoming, or at least managing these diseases. The Department stated that more people are being served and more data is being gathered, but it would be difficult to say if this is translating into a reduction in the numbers of our citizens suffering from these diseases. Your Committee understands that the education and training process is a long one to affect change, but it reiterated the requests it has made before for information on the program.

A short one-page budget summary is attached to this report showing the breakdown for all the four states and the National Department. This summary also shows the breakdown between the various programs. Your Committee appreciates the transmission of the very detailed 17-page budget analysis with the proposed resolution. The more detailed budget is available for review at the Speaker's Office.

Your Committee strongly requests program updates from the particular programs covered under this grant. The Committee is very supportive of efforts to prevent and control these diseases, and it is for that very reason that it wishes to be better informed.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-180, and recommends its adoption, in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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