

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-107

RE: C.R. NO. 19-183/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,873
TO FUND THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
SERVICES 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. 19-183, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$100,873 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
SERVICES PROGRAM IN THE FSM, 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 listened to the Department of Health and Social Affairs' discussions as to the importance of the Maternal and Child Health Services Program, and it agrees that efforts in this area are very important to the overall health of our Nation and also that it impacts our economy and workforce. The Committee has no doubt that a well functioning program providing services to mothers and infants should be a priority for our public health system, but it is disappointed that it has received only general assurances from the Department that this program favorably impacts the majority of families in our Nation. Your Committee requests that the program reports be submitted for its review and that this be done, as soon as possible, so the Committee can have time to study them. It is the intention of the Committee to do oversight regarding this and the other major U.S. federally funded programs no later than our May regular session.

The Department advised the Committee that the grant award would be used primarily for salaries for the personnel in all the four states and at the National level. A portion of this grant will also be used for consumables such as office supplies.

The Committee is still supportive of the program this grant will support, however, it will continue its efforts to do oversight in the near future. Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-183 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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