

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-126

RE: C.R. NO. 19-217/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS
FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$386,105.

MAY 23, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 19-217, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT
ASSISTANCE IN AMOUNT OF \$386,105 FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND THE TOBACCO
AND DIABETES PROGRAMS UNDER THE TOBACCO AND DIABETES
COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP IN THE FSM, INCLUDING ALL
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

begs leave to report as follows:

The intent a purpose of this resolution are expressed in
its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on May 20, 2016, the
witnesses present included the Department of Health and
Social Affairs, including the Secretary and key staff, the
Office of the President, the Department of Finance and
Administration, and the Department of Justice.

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The Department of H&SA stated that this grant was to help prevent and control the non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in our Nation. These combined NCDs are the number one killer in the Federated States of Micronesia. This grant proposed would support prevention and awareness goals. These goals would be in the areas of: 1) attempting to positively influence the environment; 2) work with the health system model in the hospitals; 3) treat patients at hospital and clinic with a whole patient "one stop shop" approach to address all of that person's medical needs; and 4) strengthen the community and clinical linkage.

Your Committee did some limited oversight during the hearing, and stated it would continue with a detailed oversight hearing during the next session of Congress. It was explained to your Committee that the Department is not seeing a reduction in the use of tobacco. The changes in tobacco use have been in type and the age groups using tobacco, but the Department is yet to see an overall reduction, unfortunately. There has been work with further legislation at the state level to restrict smoking areas. Also, your Committee was advised that a multi-year survey regarding smoking would shortly be finalized.

A detailed budget for the coming year is attached to this report. The majority of the funding is to be used throughout the four States for the diabetes control and prevention (\$164,192) and the Office of Smoking (\$201,913).

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Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-217, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bonsiano F. Nethon, chairman

/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
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/s/ Alik L. Alik
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