

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-129

RE: C.R. NO. 19-200/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS
FOR DISEASE CONTROL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,651.

MAY 24, 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. 19-200, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$194,651 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM 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 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 a sub-part of larger funding for the immunization program. This is a special award for the Departments of National and State Health to fund the upgrade in data and information systems. In particular, this will put computers, hardware and software in smaller clinics and dispensaries, as well as, allow private clinics to be networked in with the healthcare system of the Nation. A large concentration of this funding will go to the most remote areas. This grant would support the goal of having computer network coverage throughout the Nation.

The Committee appreciates the efforts to increase the IT capabilities for our healthcare providers. During the public hearing the Committee questioned if the goals were achievable with only two more years of funding available. The Department assured the Committee that much work has already been done. Your Committee looks forward to learning more about this project during its oversight next session.

As touched on several times during the hearing regarding this grant and others the Committee would like to see detailed statistics regarding the performance of these programs, and to understand if there has been improvement, and if not, why.

The Department provided a detailed budget breakdown by state and this is attached to the report. Your Committee is also pleased that the project plan and goals are also attached.

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Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-200 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
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/s/ David W. Panuelo
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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