

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-132

RE: C.R. NO. 19-207/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$130,000.

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. 19-207, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH
RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION (HRSA) IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$130,000 TO FUND THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES FOR CHILDREN (EMSC) PROJECT IN THE FSM FOR
THE AWARD PERIOD, MARCH 1, 2016 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2017,
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

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of the President, the Department of Finance and Administration, and the Department of Justice.

The Department of H&SA stated that this grant is in its third year of the grant cycle and provides for specialized emergency equipment and personnel for treatment of children. This grant is divided among the four states and the National Government.

Each state is allowed flexibility in the use of these monies, and the Department advised the Committee that the budget as proposed to the donor (and attached to this report) varies slightly. The states will receive the same amounts as indicated in the budget, but the States themselves have determined to use more of this funding for equipment than personnel. The attached budget is, therefore, illustrative as a general proposal only. The Program Coordinator stated he would update the Committee during oversight hearings as to the exact use and implementation of the grant.

Your Committee has been informed at several hearings as to the importance of this grant to procure emergency healthcare equipment at the local level to address the needs of child patients. The Committee strongly supports the continued efforts in this regard, with the additional comment that more needs to be done to reach our most remote areas.

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Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord
with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-207 and
recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Bonsiano F. Nethon
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
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/s/ Joseph J. Urusemal
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/s/ Alik L. Alik
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