

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-14

RE: C.R. No. 19-22/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF  
\$151,388 FROM THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL PARK  
SERVICE.

JULY 14, 2015

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
First Special Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was  
referred C.R. No. 19-22 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING GRANT ASSISTANCE  
IN THE AMOUNT OF \$151,388 FROM U.S. NATIONAL PARK  
SERVICE, TO FUND THE YAP STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
OFFICE, 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.

The resolution would approve a grant to fund the  
conservation and preservation efforts of the Yap State  
Historic Preservation Office for the year beginning October  
1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015.

Your Committee held a hearing July 8, 2015. In attendance  
was the Director of the National Archives, Culture and

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Historic Preservation Office and his key staff, and a representative from the Office of the President.

The Director stated that this grant would fund the Yap State Office, including salaries, as well as, ongoing preservation projects. The operations of the Yap State Office will remain the same as in years past. The budget for this grant is \$36,388 operating expenses, \$65,000 project funds and an additional professional service fund of \$50,000.

Your Committee inquired as to what was the reason for the differences in the amounts of grant awards, and was advised by the Director that to some extent this award was merit based. In this case, Yap's award is larger this year due to past good performance. In particular, the \$50,000 in professional service funds is unique to Yap.

General discussion was had regarding the activities upcoming for the Yap Office. An archeology survey and inventory will take place with the additional funding, as well as, a survey and inventory of oral histories (ethnography). Again, the Committee is pleased with the progress and initiative shown by the Director and his staff.

Your Committee agrees that continued funding for our Yap State Historic Preservation Office is very important for that state, and the Nation as a whole. Therefore, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 19-22, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Ferny S. Perman  
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