

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-16

RE: C.R. NO. 19-48/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$490,583 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR  
DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

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. 19-48 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$490,583 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE, CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE FSM'S CCC PLAN TO REDUCE CANCER BURDEN PROJECT  
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.

The resolution would approve a grant to fund the  
continuation of work to fight non-communicable disease,  
particularly cancer.

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Your Committee held a hearing July 13, 2015. In attendance were representatives from the Department of Health and Social Affairs and the Department of Justice.

Your Committee examined the budget for this program in detail at the hearing, and commented that the national portion was still quite large in comparison to that of the individual states. The Acting Secretary and Coordinator of the program stated that much of the money sitting at National, in fact up to 70%, was being held for use by the States. The Department stated that when states developed a training request or a specific additional activity request it could ask for additional funding from the National Department of Health and Social Affairs. The Committee was not completely satisfied with this answer, as it seems both inefficient from a planning perspective and likely to result with residual money remaining at the National level.

During the hearing the Department also admitted that this grant award was reduced by \$23,000 by the donor as money from the previous year had gone unspent. Your Committee strongly suggested that the Department review their planning and training structure to ensure this does not happen again.

Throughout the hearing your Committee was advised that while progress has been made in certain areas, infant mortality for example, the overall health of our Nation's citizens is not getting better. The most significant problem faced by the Nation is the rise in non-communicable disease. Diseases that develop due to poor nutrition, lack of exercise and substance abuse/addiction are on the rise. The grant in question will fund a portion of the programs designed to combat this.

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The budget for this grant is attached to this report. A much longer description of the programs for each state and the National Department are available with the Committee.

Your Committee agrees that continued funding for our non-communicable disease program is very important. Therefore, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 19-48, 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

Tiwiter Aritos, member

/s/ Paliknoa K. Welly  
Paliknoa K. Welly, member

/s/ Florencio S. Harper  
Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ David W. Panuelo  
David W. Panuelo, member

Joseph J. Urusemal, member