

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-18

RE: C.R. NO. 19-56/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,388 FROM THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL PARK SERVICE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND.

JULY 15, 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. 19-56 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,388 FROM THE U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, TO FUND THE POHNPEI 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 is expressed in its title.

The resolution would approve a grant to fund the conservation and preservation efforts in the Pohnpei State Historic Preservation Office for the year beginning January 2015 and ending September 2015.

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

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

The Director stated that this grant would fund the Pohnpei State Office, including salaries, as well as, ongoing preservation projects. The activities of the Pohnpei State Office will remain the same as in years past. When questioned as to the dates indicated for the funding cycle in the grant award the Director stated that they made the application as soon as they were able and it was forwarded to the appropriate Executive departments. In any event, funding is still available for salaries and activities currently.

The operations and activities budget for this grant award are attached with this report. The Director stated that the three States receiving this grant are doing well, however, unfortunately Chuuk remains ineligible for a grant this year.

Your Committee agrees that continued funding for our Pohnpei 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. 19-56, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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