

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-19

RE: C.R. NO. 19-46/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,238 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION.

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. 19-46 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,238 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND THE BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM 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.

The resolution would approve a grant to fund the surveys and investigation throughout the four States regarding substance abuse and alcohol dependency.

Your Committee held a hearing July 13, 2015. In attendance was the Acting Secretary of the Department of Health and

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Social Affairs and his staff, and a representative from the Department of Justice.

The Acting Secretary stated that this grant would fund surveys related to substance abuse, nutrition, exercise and substance abuse/alcohol dependency. These surveys are modified versions of those provided by the CDC, and will assist the Department in better understanding the health issues of our Nation. From this information the Department hopes to develop in more in depth programs to fight against non-communicable diseases.

The budget for this grant is Personnel \$24,208, Travel \$4,000, Contractual \$26,227 and Other Costs \$10,803. This funding will be used in all four States to contract with local temporary staff This program is half way done. It is hoped that this will be completed and data ready to review by the end of this funding year. This program will work in conjunction with others in the Department so that a better understanding of the health of the Nation. With this information each state will be further able to direct their resources to address their relevant health issues.

Your Committee agrees that continued funding for our health surveys across Nation is important. Therefore, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 19-46, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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