

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-20

RE: C.R. NO. 19-47/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,067 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE, 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. 19-47 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,067 FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, TO FUND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM 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 supplement the overarching funding for the non-communicable disease programs.

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Your Committee held a hearing July 13, 2015. In attendance was the Acting Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs and his staff, and a representative from the Department of Justice.

The Acting Secretary stated that this grant would fund additional projects in all the four States. The Department confirmed for the Committee that the States will be submitting proposals for projects for the diabetes program, specifically activities that support lifestyle changes such as reduction in salt, drinks containing large amounts of sugar and other problems regarding nutrition.

There are no budgets available for this grant as the States will be submitting their requests for this supplemental funding at a later date.

As your Committee noted in other reports this session during the public hearing there were general discussions regarding the overall health of the citizens of this Nation. The Department has strongly urged Congress to support its efforts to affect change in the lifestyle patterns that cause non-communicable disease. The Department believes that awareness campaigns have begun to change attitudes, however, this is a long process.

Your Committee agrees that continued funding for our programs dealing with non-communicable diseases is very important. Therefore, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 19-47, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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