

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-22

RE: C.R. NO. 19-38/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$70,374 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.

JULY 16, 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. 19-38 entitled:

“A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$70,374 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE IMPROVING DATA CAPACITY IN
THE FSM PROJECT, 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 training
and initial launch of the web based data system integrated
between the National and State Departments of Health. A
previous grant completed the development of this system,
and the National Department of Health and Social Affairs is

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ready to start training on the system in all the four States.

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

The Acting Secretary stated that this grant works in tandem with the other grants to collect and organize the health data from the States and make it available on the web. The budget for this grant is as follows: Personnel \$45,937, Supplies \$953, Travel \$34,800, Contract \$6,676, Other Costs \$7,161.

The Committee inquired as to the reduction in the grant amount for this program this year. The Department stated that it indeed had been slated to receive \$95,374 from this grant, however, last year there was \$25,000 unspent resulting in this year's grant being reduced by that amount. Again, your Committee laments the loss of funding, and admonished the Department accordingly. The Committee reiterated its displeasure and strongly urges the Department correct this problem.

Your Committee agrees that continued funding for our web based health system is important. Therefore, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purposes of C.R. No. 19-38, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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