

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-64

RE: C.R. NO. 19-93/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$194,780
FOR THE FSM EPIDEMIOLOGY AND LAB CAPACITY
FOR INFECTIOUS DEISEASE CAPACITY.

OCTOBER 01, 2015

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2015

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 19-93, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$194,780 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION, TO FUND THE FSM EPIDEMIOLOGY AND
LABORATORY CAPACITY FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASE CAPACITY
BUILDING PROGRAM, FOR THE BUDGET PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1,
2015, TO JULY 31, 2016, 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.

Your Committee held a hearing on September 28, 2015, the
witnesses present included: the Department of Health and
Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key

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staff, the Department of Justice, the Department of Finance and Administration and the Office of the President.

Your Committee requested additional information for the activities to be funded, as well as, a detailed budget and performance schedule for this grant. It also stressed the need to have in-depth reports. The Department agreed and stated that it will provide quarterly reports for its various programs, as well as, longer reports on the progress that its programs are making.

Meanwhile, this particular grant rests with National, which in turns provides assistance to our States laboratories and basic epidemiology work. The overall goal for this program is to help prevent and control the outbreak of infectious diseases. Each state varies in capability and need, so that each request will vary somewhat from state to state. Yap has the best facility and skill level in this area, and therefore, will focus on different priorities with their training and record keeping. Another component of training and capacity building in the area of epidemiology is the fortunate placement of U.S. Peace Corps volunteers in the States who have senior level public health training. For the next few years the concentration will be bringing all the laboratory capacity up to the minimum standards across the four States.

With the spread of infectious disease from outside countries, possible within a matter of hours, your Committee understands the enormous importance of having functioning epidemiology programs and laboratories in our Nation. This program is well-known to your Committee and it supports the efforts of the Department in this regard

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-93, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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