

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-66

RE: C.R. NO. 19-131/H&SA

SUBJECT: APPROVING GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,355

OCTOBER 02, 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. 19-131, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,355 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION, 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 30, 2015, the witnesses present included: the Department of Health and Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key staff, and the Department of Justice.

This small grant is the fourth quarter award for a nationwide awareness program regarding preventive health services. This will continue campaigns in the four States,

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this time targeting salt use. Each of the States will be awarded \$3,589 for development and supplies to conduct their own salt awareness campaign. At the National level the Department will be bring people in from the four States for training and consultation regarding the salt reduction issue.

Your Committee has heard from the Department at hearings in the past regarding the importance of salt reduction in a good diet, and believes that further awareness is important. The Committee also inquired as to where the draft legislation proposing a "sin" tax on highly processed salty foods was. The Department of Justice stated that remained in their department due to other priority needs during this session of Congress. This bill should be ready for transmission prior to the next session of Congress.

The Committee believes in the importance of this campaign, and supports it. However, the Committee noted that at the next oversight for the Department it will review the performance outcomes for this and the other U.S. federally funded programs.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-131, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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