

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-67

RE: C.R. NO. 19-133/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES,
SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$151,750

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. 19-133, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$151,750 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION, TO FUND THE FSM LAUNCH PROJECT, INCLUDING
ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT.",

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 grant will fund the second year of a new program
"LAUNCH" which promotes health in early childhood

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development and mental health. This program helps coordinate services between the various health divisions and education. It also has a component that works to strengthen families. This program is just getting off the ground and is piloted in Pohnpei State for the first five years.

As represented to the Committee by the Department the programs for intervention and development are very successful in early childhood. Once a need is identified all the stakeholders and health/education providers will form a team to work on the specific needs of that child. With a health/education plan developed for the child at an early age it is hoped that every child can reach his or her full education and health potential.

Your Committee greatly appreciates the detailed three-page budget that was transmitted with the proposed resolution to accept this grant. This budget summary is attached to this report for the convenience of the Members. This budget is heavily weighted in personnel and contractual services in order to achieve the coordination and personal services to the families involved.

The Committee believes strongly in the importance of this program, and strongly 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. 19-133, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

