

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-98

RE: C.R. NO. 19-172/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE WHO IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$757,305 TO FUND VARIOUS FSM HEALTH PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY 05, 2016

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Third Regular Session, 2016

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 19-172, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT
FROM THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$757,305, TO FUND AND SUPPORT THE VARIOUS FSM
HEALTH PROGRAMS AND TO CARRY OUT THE JOINT WORK
PLAN WITH THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION,
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 February 3, 2016 the
witnesses present included the Department of Health and
Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key
staff, the Office of the President and the Department of
Justice.

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At the onset of discussions regarding the above captioned grant and C.R. No. 19-172 the Departments of Health and Social Affairs, and Justice stated that C. R. No. 19-171 should not go forward and this sub-allotment was covered in the overarching grant and resolution that is the subject of this report.

The Acting Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs confirmed for your Committee that this large grant award is the result of a detailed plan that is developed every year with the World Health Organization (WHO). The WHO generously provides funding to fill in gaps in our Nation's existing health programs. Although the amounts and specific programs that are assisted changes every year our healthcare system has been able to count on an award from the WHO annually for several years now.

The Department stated that this year's Joint Plan included additional funding for the FSM Cancer Registrars, tobacco and substance abuse prevention, supplemental immunization, public health emergency preparedness training, leprosy control, training on antibiotic use and report writing training, among others. As our healthcare systems face reductions in funding from other sources all witnesses echo they are grateful the WHO is willing to work with their priorities and specific needs. Budgets for the specific funding objectives have been attached for the information of Members.

As this grant will assist many of our primary health programs it will be used in all the four states and at the National Department of Health and Social Affairs. As can be seen from the detailed budgets much of what is provided this year is funding for consumables like office supplies and basic supplies for hospitals and clinics. Also noted is funding for travel, not just for training, but also to visit the states, including the outer islands for such things as immunizations and leprosy control.

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Specific comments regarding programs are included in other reports, as all other grants, discussed during the hearing are supplemented by this WHO grant.

Finally, the Committee again requests that progress reports and detailed budgets be submitted for the grants with the proposed resolution and grant award so the Committee may have the opportunity to make a preliminary review before its hearings.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-172, and recommends its adoption, in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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