

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-07

RE: C.R. No. 19-175

SUBJECT: HCFC GRANT OF \$25,000

FEBRUARY 05, 2016

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Special Committee on Climate Change, to which was referred C.R. No. 19-175, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 FROM THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME TO FUND THE REGIONAL HYDORFLUOROCARBON (HCFC) PHASE-OUT MANAGEMENT PLAN, 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 4, 2016. Present were the Director of EEM, Andrew Yatilman, and a number of staff members from that office. The witnesses testified that this grant is part of a program to help the FSM meet its obligations under the Montreal Protocol, which is an agreement to help protect the Ozone Layer.

The FSM has been a strong advocate of using certain types of gas called HCFCs, used mainly as refrigerants, to lessen the impact on the Ozone Layer. Unfortunately the HCFCs

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have now been determined to be detrimental to climate change because they increase Carbon dioxide emissions. The FSM is looking for another alternative. The first step is to determine what the baseline use of HCFCs is in order to determine a good substitute. This grant is part of the effort to determine that baseline. It is for an inventory and study of HCFCs used in the FSM.

Your Committee is of course supportive of any effort to deal with climate change, and it is accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-175 and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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