The Honorable Wesley W. Simina  
Speaker, Nineteenth Congress  
Federated States of Micronesia  
Eighth Special Session, 2017

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was referred C.R. No. 19-354, entitled:


begs leave to report as follows:

The intent and purpose of the resolution are expressed in its title.

Your Committee held a hearing on March 29, 2017, the witnesses present included the Department of Health and Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and key staff, Office of the President, the Department of Foreign Affairs, and the Department of Justice.
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 19-225

RE: C.R. NO. 19-354/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF $386,105.

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The grant under consideration will fund a program that is well known to the Committee. Your Committee appreciates the very detailed budget and proposed activities list, which it received at the hearing and is attached for review. During the hearing the Committee inquired as to the status of future funding for this program. The Department advised that has been in contact with its counterparts in the U.S., and has received information that all the U.S. federally funded grants can expect approximately 15-20% across the board reduction in funding in the next year. Some programs may have even deeper cuts, but there will be no certainty until the U.S. budget is passed for the coming year. Given these comments your Committee is even more concerned about the future of our public health programs for the Nation. The Committee strongly urges the Department to effectively administer the program and take all measures necessary to ensure that our funding agencies have no reason to decrease their grant awards.

The Committee attaches a detailed budget and activities list for the review of members. It notes that the objectives and activities remain much the same as in previous years.

It is therefore, for the reasons set forth above, your Committee on Health and Social Affairs supports the grant activities proposed to be funded, it is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 19-354, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as C.R. No. 19-354.
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Respectfully submitted,

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