

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.

APRIL 01, 2017

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:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$386,105 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES—CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND
PREVENTION (CDC), TO SUPPORT AND FUND THE FSM TABACCO
AND DIABETES PROGRAM UNDER THE TABACCO AND DIABETES
COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIP IN THE FSM, INCLUDING ALL
THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

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.

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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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