FIRST CONGRESS OF THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1979
CONGRESSIONAL RESOLUTION NO. 1-47

A RESOLUTION

Authorizing and directing the Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs to conduct a study of alternatives to referring patients to hospitals in Guam, Honolulu, or San Francisco.

1 WHEREAS, the referral of medical patients from the Federated States of Micronesia to hospitals in Guam, Honolulu, and San Francisco consumes several hundred thousand dollars each fiscal year; and

2 WHEREAS, the costs of such referrals are escalating at an alarming rate as the costs of hospital and medical care respond to inflationary forces in the American economy; and

3 WHEREAS, it is the sense of the First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia that substantially lower cost alternatives may be available, with no reduction in the quality of care provided, at hospitals within the Pacific region; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the First Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia, Second Regular Session, 1979, that the Standing Committee on Health, Education and Social Affairs is hereby authorized and directed to conduct a study on the availability of hospital and medical services in the Pacific region for patients who would otherwise have to be referred to hospitals in Guam, Honolulu, or San Francisco; such study to include but not be limited to the consideration of the costs involved, the quality of the facilities and services available, and the social factors involved in establishing a referral program with hospitals in various countries;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated States of Micronesia, the
Director of External Affairs, the Director of Social Services, the High
Commissioner, the Trust Territory Director of Health Services, and the
United States Department of State Liaison Officer.

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