

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 20-96

RE: C.R. NO. 20-137/H&SA

SUBJECT: ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$666,397.

SEPTEMBER 27, 2018

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twentieth Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Fifth Regular Session, 2018

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 20-137, entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE
AMOUNT OF \$666,397 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH
SERVICES ADMINISTRATION, TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA, DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS FOR PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
SERVICES RELATED TO SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOR THE BUDGET
PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2018, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2019,
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 September 26, 2018, the
witnesses present included: the Department of Health and
Social Affairs, including the Acting Secretary and his key

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staff, a representative from the Office of the President, and representatives the Department of Justice and the Department of Finance and Administration.

The projects and programs funded by the substance abuse and mental health grant are well known to your Committee. These programs are long-standing and valuable to our Nation. The Committee calls attention to its report on C.R. No. 20-127, which was also heard on September 25th, and presents the testimony and findings on this program.

The Committee is please with the very detailed breakdown on budget, activities for the next fiscal year, and the past year's performance that is included in Presidential Communication No. 20-321, dated September 18, 2018. Because of the length of this communication it is not attached to this report.

Your Committee is strongly supportive of any efforts to improve the mental health of our citizens, and 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.20-137, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Tiwiter Aritos
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