

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 21-24

RE: C.R. NO. 21-58/H&SA

SUBJECT: TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR. LIVINSON A.
TAULUNG.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

The Honorable Wesley W. Simina
Speaker, Twenty-First Congress
Federated States of Micronesia
Second Regular Session, 2019

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs to which was
referred C.R. No. 21-58, entitled:

“A RESOLUTION TO CONFIRM THE NOMINATION OF MR.
LIVINSON A. TAULUNG TO SERVE AS THE SECRETARY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE
FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA.”,

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee held a hearing on September 18, 2019, the
witnesses present included: the nominee, Mr. Livinson
Taulung, representatives from the President's Office,
including the Chief of Staff Mr. Leo Falcam, the acting
Secretary of Health and Social Affairs Mr. Marcus Samo and
his key staff, as well as many community members showing
their support for the nominee.

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Your Committee recognizes the importance of having a robust and efficient National Department of Health and Social Affairs. The welfare and advancement of our Nation depends on having healthy citizens. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs, as the highest leadership position dealing with health and social affairs in our Nation, is a very important post.

The nominee is well known to your Committee, and his many years of faithful service to the community is also well known. This nominee is dedicated, competent and has great integrity. All witnesses and the Committee have confidence in his ability.

Mr. Taulung began his medical training with an associates degree in Nursing in 1977. He furthered his education at Eastern Oregon State College from 1977-1982 and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and General Studies. The nominee returned to Kosrae and worked for the Department of Health Services from 1982-1986. In 1984 he attended a six-month course in Health Planning & Administration at the University of South Wales in Australia. In 1987 he enrolled in the Pacific Medical Officers Training Program at the University of Hawaii, School of Medicine in Pohnpei and graduated in 1992 with a diploma in Community Health, Surgery & Medicine. In 1989 the nominee completed the Pediatric Advance Life Support Provider's Course sponsored by UOH at Manoa in Pohnpei. After graduating in 1992, he returned to Kosrae and worked at the hospital as an intern for 2 years, passing his internship exam in 1995, where after he worked as a Staff Physician. In 1992 he completed the Public Health Certificate Program sponsored by the University of Hawaii School of Public Health. In 1993 he completed a Health Leadership & Management Course sponsored by the CDC and Global Health in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1995 the nominee passed the Regional Pacific Internship Registration Examination and in 1997 he completed a course in Rapid Response for Avian & Pandemic Influenza. He was the Chief

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of Staff for the Kosrae State Hospital from 1997-2007 and he continued as a staff physician at the Kosrae State Hospital from 2007-2011. In 2011 the nominee became the Director of Health in Kosrae.

The Committee was very impressed with the nominee's responses and endorsements by the witnesses during the hearing and his previous work experience. In light of the positive comments by the witnesses, and lack of any negative comment regarding this individual, your Committee believes that this nominee be confirmed and to recommends Mr. Livinson Taulung be confirmed as the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Affairs of the Federated State of Micronesia.

Your Committee on Health and Social Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 21-58, 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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