STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 22-21

RE: C.R. NO. 22-48/EDUCATION

SUBJECT: APPROVING AND ACCEPTING A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,542,201 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

The Honorable Wesley W Simina Speaker, Twenty-Second Congress Federated States of Micronesia Second Regular Session, 2021

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Your Committee on Education, to which was referred C.R. No. 22-48 entitled:

"A RESOLUTION APPROVE AND ACCEPT A \$1,542,201.89 GRANT THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO FUND AND SUPORT THE FSM SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR FY 2021, INCLUDING ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ASSISTANCE.",

Begs leave to report as follows:

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

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Your Committee has conducted oversight and gathered information on the above captioned matter. The Special Education Program is well known to the Committee and has served our young people with disabilities well over many years.

The Division of Special Education has done good work in all of our four states and has a presence in all our public schools. The Division works with children ages 3-21. It coordinates with our government public health and hospitals to ensure that our citizens are screened at the earliest possible age for disabilities and that a specialized interagency plan is developed if a physical or mental disability is found. Over the years the Division has worked to increase community awareness regarding the rights and needs of those with disabilities. It also continues to work with the government to ensure that schools and community spaces are accessible to those with special needs.

The Division serves just over 1,700 students nationwide annually. The categories of special needs and services has been expanded in recent years, and program activities are attached with this report for further information. Likewise, your Committee has always been very satisfied with the grant budget which is divided among the four states on the basis of the following factors: the number of students being served in the state; 2) population of the state; and 3) performance. Further budget and funding information is also included as an attachment to this report. The performance reports and activities for the Division of Special Education are periodically updated on their website. Your Committee appreciates the work that has been done with these issues, and strongly supports the continuation of the Division's work. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 22-21

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Your Committee on Education is in accord with the intent and purpose of C.R. No. 22-48 and recommends it's adoption in the form attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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/s/ Wesley W. Simina Wesley W. Simina, member /s/ Aren B. Palik Aren B. Palik, vice chairman

/s/ Esmond B. Moses Esmond B. Moses, member

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/s/ Florencio S. Harper Florencio S. Harper, member

/s/ Ferny S. Perman Ferny S. Perman, member