

# SAMOAN LANGUAGE COMMISSION AMENDMENT BILL 2019

## SAMOA

### Explanatory Memorandum

#### Object and reasons:

The Bill seeks to amend the Samoan Language Commission Act 2014 (“Principal Act”) to increase the number of members of the Board of Commission to include representatives from New Zealand (NZ), American Samoa and a Samoan language teacher from the Teachers Council. It also provides for the change in the quorum and matter which clarifies allowances in which the NZ and American representatives are entitled to.

#### Clauses:

- Clause 1:** - provides for the short title and the commencement date of the Bill.
- Clause 2:** - amends section 8 of the Principal Act by substituting the current subsection (1)(b) to reflect the increase in the number of members to 12 to include representatives of the Faalapotopotoga mo le Aoaina o le Gagana Samoa i Aotearoa (NZ), a representative from American Samoa and one Samoan language teacher representing the Samoa Teachers Council.
- Clause 3:** - amends section 10(3)(b) of the principal Act by substituting “4” with “5”.

**Clause 4:** - provides for remuneration and allowances that the appointed members from New Zealand and American Samoa are entitled to.



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(Hon LOAU Solamalemalo Keneti Sio)

**MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SPORTS AND CULTURE**

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**Arrangement of Provisions**

1. Short title and commencement
2. Section 8 amended
3. Section 10 amended
4. Section 12 amended

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**2019, No.**

**A BILL INTITULED**

**AN ACT to amend the Samoan Language Commission Act 2014 (“principal Act”).**

**BE IT ENACTED** by the Legislative Assembly of Samoa in Parliament assembled as follows:

**1. Short title and commencement:**

This Act may be cited as the Samoan Language Commission Amendment Act 2019 and commences on the date of assent by the Head of State.

**2. Section 8 amended:**

For section 8(1)(b) of the principal Act substitute:

“(b) 12 members appointed by the Head of State, acting on the advice of Cabinet, three (3) of which shall include one (1) representative from Fa'alāpotopotoga mo le A'oa'oina o le Gagana Samoa i Aotearoa in New Zealand, one (1) representative from American Samoa and a representative from the Samoa Teachers Council who is a Samoan language teacher.”.

**3. Section 10 amended:**

In section 10(3)(b) of the principal Act, for “4” substitute “5”.

**4. Section 12 amended:**

After section 12(2) of the principal Act insert:

“(3) For appointed members from New Zealand and American Samoa, remuneration and allowances they may be entitled to under this section does not include travel allowances or expenses to Samoa and accommodation allowances or expenses while in Samoa.”.

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