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H. R. 3062

To authorize appropriations to provide for South Pacific exchanges, provide technical and other assistance to countries in the Pacific region through the United States Agency for International Development, and authorize appropriations to provide Fulbright Scholarships for Pacific Island students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2007

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “South Pacific Eco-
5 nomic and Educational Development Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. SOUTH PACIFIC EXCHANGES.**

2 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
3 retary of State \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008
4 and 2009 for South Pacific exchanges carried out under
5 the educational and cultural exchange programs of the De-
6 partment of State.

7 **SEC. 3. USAID IN THE PACIFIC REGION.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the United
9 States Agency for International Development (USAID)
10 shall, upon request by the government of a country in the
11 Pacific region, provide to such government technical and
12 other assistance.

13 (b) COUNTRY IN THE PACIFIC REGION DEFINED.—
14 In this section, the term “country in the Pacific region”
15 means any of the following countries:

16 (1) The Cook Islands.
17 (2) The Federated States of Micronesia.
18 (3) The Independent State of Samoa.
19 (4) The Kingdom of Tonga.
20 (5) Niue.
21 (6) Papua New Guinea.
22 (7) The Republic of Fiji.
23 (8) The Republic of Kiribati.
24 (9) The Republic of the Marshall Islands.
25 (10) The Republic of Nauru.
26 (11) The Republic of Palau.

1 (12) The Republic of Vanuatu.

2 (13) The Solomon Islands.

3 (14) Tuvalu.

4 SEC. 4. J. FULBRIGHT EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PRO-

5 GRAM.

6 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

12 (2) In the 2003–2004 academic year, the De-
13 partment of State awarded 315 scholarships to stu-
14 dents from East Asia and the Pacific, but none were
15 awarded to Pacific Island students.

16 (b) REVIEW AND REPORT.—The Secretary of State
17 shall conduct a review and submit to the Committee on
18 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
19 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report
20 regarding the marginalization of Pacific Island students
21 in the awarding of Fulbright Scholarships.

22 (c) PARTICIPATION OF PACIFIC ISLAND STUDENTS
23 IN THE J. FULBRIGHT EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PRO-
24 GRAM.—

1 (d) PACIFIC ISLAND STUDENTS DEFINED.—In this
2 Act, the term “Pacific Island students” means a student
3 who is a citizen of any of the following countries:

4 (1) The Cook Islands.
5 (2) The Federated States of Micronesia.
6 (3) The Independent State of Samoa.
7 (4) The Kingdom of Tonga.
8 (5) Niue.
9 (6) Papua New Guinea.
10 (7) The Republic of Fiji.
11 (8) The Republic of Kiribati.
12 (9) The Republic of the Marshall Islands.
13 (10) The Republic of Nauru.
14 (11) The Republic of Palau.
15 (12) The Republic of Vanuatu.
16 (13) The Solomon Islands.
17 (14) Tuvalu.

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