

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3062

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2007

Received; read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations

AN ACT

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.

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 “Pacific Island Eco-
5 nomic and Educational Development Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRY EXCHANGES.**

7 There is authorized to be appropriated to the Sec-
8 retary of State \$1,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2008
9 and 2009 for exchanges with Pacific Island countries car-
10 ried out under the educational and cultural exchange pro-
11 grams of the Department of State.

12 **SEC. 3. USAID IN PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES.**

13 The Administrator of the United States Agency for
14 International Development (USAID) is authorized, upon
15 request by the government of a Pacific Island country, to
16 provide to such government technical and other assistance.

17 **SEC. 4. J. FULBRIGHT EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PRO-**
18 **GRAM.**

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

20 (1) From 1949 until 2003, the Department of
21 State awarded 13,176 Fulbright Scholarships to stu-
22 dents from East Asia and the Pacific, but only 31
23 Fulbright Scholarships went to students from Pa-
24 cific Island countries.

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

5 (b) REVIEW AND REPORT.—The Secretary of State
6 shall conduct a review and submit to the Committee on
7 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
8 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report
9 regarding the marginalization of students from Pacific Is-
10 land countries in the awarding of Fulbright Scholarships.

11 (c) PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS FROM PACIFIC IS-
12 LAND COUNTRIES IN THE J. FULBRIGHT EDUCATIONAL
13 EXCHANGE PROGRAM.—

14 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State
15 shall establish a program within the J. William Ful-
16 bright Educational Exchange Program (established
17 under section 112(a)(1) of the Mutual Educational
18 and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C.
19 2460(a)(1)), commonly referred to as the Fulbright-
20 Hays Act) to make awards to students from Pacific
21 Island countries to permit such students to study in
22 the United States pursuant to the terms and condi-
23 tions of such Exchange Program.

24 (2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In
25 addition to amounts that are otherwise authorized to

1 be appropriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal
2 years 2008 and 2009 to provide awards under the
3 J. William Fulbright Educational Exchange Pro-
4 gram, there is authorized to be appropriated to the
5 Secretary \$500,000 for each of such fiscal years to
6 provide such awards to students from Pacific Island
7 countries.

8 **SEC. 5. PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRY DEFINED.**

9 In this Act, the terms “Pacific Island country” and
10 “Pacific Island countries” mean any of the following coun-
11 tries:

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

1 (13) The Solomon Islands.

2 (14) Tuvalu.

Passed the House of Representatives September 5,
2007.

Attest: LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk.

By JORGE E. SORENSEN,
Deputy Clerk.