

COMMUNITY LAW CENTRE AMENDMENT BILL 2019

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Explanatory Memorandum

1.0 **Object and reasons:**

1.1 This Bill is to amend the Community Law Centre Act 2015 to change the title of the office holder from “Public Advocate” to “Public Defender”.

The Bill also intends to limit the work of the Public Defender to just criminal representation in Court.

Clauses:

Clause 1: - provides for the short title and commencement of the Bill.

Clause 2: - provides for the amendment of section 4 of the principal Act; where section 4(1) is amended by substituting it with a new subsection.

Clause 3: - provides for the amendment of section 6 of the principal Act where section 6(2) is repealed.

Clause 4: - provides for the amendment of section 11 of the principal Act by changing the title of “Public Advocate” to “Public Defender”.

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(Hon FAAOLESA Katopau T. Ainuu)

**MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND
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