

**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**