

THE THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA

Third Regular Session

Begun and held at Fagatogo, Tutuila, American Samoa  
on Monday, the eleventh day of January  
two thousand and sixteen

AN ACT APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,592,500 TO PARTIALLY FUND THE AMERICAN SAMOA VISITORS BUREAU; TO RESTORE FUNDING TO SEVEN SPECIAL PROGRAMS FROM WHICH FUNDING WAS REDUCED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA IN H.B. 34-20; AND TO FUND ADDITIONAL SPEICAL PROGRAMS.

Preamble:

WHEREAS, as a result of a line item veto to H.B. 34-20 "An Act Providing for the Appropriation of the American Samoa Government Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 and for an Early Effective Date", there remains \$992,500 in currently available funds which have not yet been appropriated for 2016; and

WHEREAS, in November 2015 the American Samoa Government ("ASG") recovered from the Government of Vietnam \$1.3 million that was wire transferred to a Vietnamese business entity from one of ASG's bank accounts in an internet-based fraud scheme that occurred in a prior fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, beginning January 2016 the Port Administration will recommence charging freight for shipments of cargo to the Manu'a Islands, and this is expected to generate \$300,000 in additional revenues for ASG during the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016; and

WHEREAS, the American Samoa Visitors Bureau is several years into a ten year plan to increase tourist visits to the territory through efforts to enhance our visitor industry infrastructure and promotion of American Samoa as a visitor destination; and

WHEREAS, growing our tourism industry is an important pillar in building a stronger foundation for our future economic development; and

WHEREAS, it is vital we continue to invest in the efforts of the American Samoa Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, our continued investment in Special Programs is equally vital to continue to sustain the administration's efforts to provide a broad range of benefits to our community, through maintaining the Sports Complex activities, fully funding the Executive Office Building's power and water expenses, maintaining our schools, providing employment for returning graduates, maintaining our roads, making improvements to Veteran's Stadium, and completing the American Samoa History Book Project; and

WHEREAS, with additional funding sources being identified from the recovery of the Vietnam funds and the charging of freight for cargo to Manu'a, it is appropriate to address other special program needs facing the territory, in the form of restoration of the Fono Guest Fale, Judiciary professional development, highway guardrail maintenance, shoreline protection, the Adopt a School program, and staff training for the new kidney dialysis equipment at the Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, in view of the need to ensure orderly budgeting and necessary planning, this bill should have an immediate effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

**Section 1. Appropriation of revenue.**

There is appropriated from the following sources the sum \$2,592,500:

a) From previously budgeted but un-appropriated 2016 revenues	\$ 992,500
b) Recovery from Vietnam	\$1,300,000
c) Freight charges for cargo to and from the Manu'a Islands	<u>\$ 300,000</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$2,592,500</u></b>

to provide funding for the following activities:

**I. Basic Operations:**

<b>Department/Office</b>	<b>As approved in H.B. 34-20</b>	<b>Increased by this Supplemental Appropriation</b>	<b>New Total Appropriation</b>
<b>Visitors Bureau</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$51,500</b>	<b><u>\$751,500</u></b>
<b>Total Basic Operations</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$51,500</b>	<b><u>\$751,500</u></b>


**II Special Programs:**

<b>Special Program</b>	<b>As approved in H.B. 34-20</b>	<b>Increased or added to by this Supplemental Appropriation</b>	<b>New Total Appropriation</b>
<b>Sports Complex</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>EOB Electricity and Water</b>	<b>\$608,000</b>	<b>\$91,000</b>	<b>\$699,000</b>
<b>ASG Construction Projects/School Maintenance</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Economic Development Public &amp; Private</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Road Maintenance Subsidy</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
<b>Veterans Stadium Improvements</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>
<b>American Samoa History Book Project</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Legislature Samoan Fale Restoration</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>
<b>Judiciary Professional Development</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Coastline Guardrails</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
<b>Matafao Elementary Shoreline Protection</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Vatia Village Shoreline Protection</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>Adopt a School (fund various agency efforts)</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>
<b>LBJ Dialysis Staff Training</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<b>Total Special Programs</b>	<b>\$2,408,000</b>	<b>\$2,541,000</b>	<b>\$4,949,000</b>
<b>Grand Total Basic Ops. &amp; Special Programs</b>	<b>\$3,108,000</b>	<b>\$2,592,500</b>	<b>\$5,700,500</b>

Sec 2. Effective date.

Due to the urgent need to fund and sustain the operations of the American Samoa Visitors Bureau and the ongoing and new Special Programs, this act shall become effective immediately upon passage by the Legislature and approval by the Governor.

  
GAOTEOTE PALAIE TOFAU  
President of the Senate

  
SAVALI TALAVOU ALE  
Speaker, House of Representatives

Hereby Approved this  day of 3/26/16 2016  
Governor Of American Samoa

NOFOAIGA TOLUSEFULU-FA FONOFAITULAFONO AMERIKA SAMOA

Fono Tele Lona Tolu

Nofoia usuia i Fagatogo, Tutuila, Amerika Samoa  
Aso Gafua, aso sefulutasi o Ianuari  
Lua afe sefulu ono

O SE TULAFONO E FAASOA AI LE \$2,592,500 E FAATUPE AI SE ISI VAEGA O LE OFISA O TAGATA ASIASI MAI A AMERIKA SAMOA; TOE FAATUMU AI TUPE O POROKALAMA FAAPITOA E 7 LEA NA TOESE E LE FONOFAITULAFONO I LALO O LE PILI MAOTA O SUI 34-20; MA FAATUPE AI NISI POROKALAMA FAAPITOA FAAOPOPO.

Fa'atomuaga:

- TALUAI, talu ai vaega sa teena e le Kovana i le P.M.S. 34-20 lea e faapea "O se Tulafono e aiaia le faasoaina o le Tupe Faasoasoa o le Tausaga Faaletupe 2016 ma se Aso Vave e Taualoa ai", o loo totoe ai le \$992,500 o loo avanoa e lei faasoaina mo le 2016; ma
- TALUAI, ia Novema 2015 na toe maua mai ai e le Malo o Amerika Samoa mai le Malo o Vietnam le \$1.3 miliona lea na uaea sese i se pisinisi Vietnam mai se tasi o teugatupe a le Malo e ala i se faiga taufaasese i luga o le initaneti sa faia i le tausaga i tua atu; ma
- TALUAI, e amata ia Ianuari 2016 o le a toe amata ai e le Pulega o le Taulaga ona manaomia le totogi atu o uta mo Manu'a, ma o loo faanoemoe e maua ai se tasi \$300,000 a le Malo o Amerika Samoa i masina o totoe o le Tausaga Tupe 2016; ma
- TALUAI, ua faitau tausaga nei talu ona amata o le fuafuaga 10 tausaga a le Ofisa o Tagata Asiasi Mai a Amerika Samoa ina ia siitia le numera o turisi asiasi mai i le teritori e ala i ana taumafaiga e una'i le itu tau turisi ma ia faatosina atu Amerika Samoa e ave ma se tasi o atunuu/nofoaga e malaga mai i ai tagata asiasi mai; ma
- TALUAI, o se vaega turisi e tupu o se poutu taua lea o le fausia o se faavae sili atu ona malosia mo le atinae o le tatou tamaoaiga i le lumanai; ma

TALUAI, e taua lo tatou fa'auau ona inivesi i taumafaiga a le Vaega o Tagata Asiasi Mai; ma

TALUAI, e faapea foi le taua o le fa'auau pea foi ona inivesi i Porokalama Faapitoa ina ia mautu ai taumafaiga a le pulegamalo e faalatele atu ni manuia e maua e le atunuu, e ala i le faatumau pea o gaoioiga i le Vaega o Taaloga, faatupeina o le totogia o le pili o le Uila ma le vai a le EOB, tausia lelei a'oga, o galuega mo fanau e foi mai ina ua mae'a a'oga, faia lelei o auala, faaleleia o le Stadium, ma le faaumaina o le Tusi i le Talafaasolopito o Amerika Samoa; ma

TALUAI, i le faailoaina la o alatupe mai le toe faafoi maia o le tupe mai Vietnam ma le toe totogia o uta mo Manu'a, ua alagatatau ai ona tagai i isi porokalama faapitoa e manaomia ona faia, e ala i le toe faaleleia o le Falesamoa o le Fono, o le Falefaamasino, o le faaleleia o puipui uamea i le alatele ma le puipuia o le gataifale, o le porokalama mo le faaleleia o Faleaoga, ma le toleniina o le afaigaluega mo le fa'aaogaina o masini fou a le vaega faamama toto i le Falemai; ma

TALUAI, ona o le manaoga ina ia sologa lelei le faatupeina ma fuafuaga e tatau ai mo le fa'aaogaina o tupe nei, o lea e tatau ai ona taualoa vave lenei pili.

#### IA FAATULAFONOINA E LE FONOFAITULAFONO A AMERIKA SAMOA:

##### Maga 1. Faasoaina o tupe maua.

Ua faasoaina nei le tupe e \$2,592,500 mai vaega ia o le a ta'ua atu:

(a) Mai tupe sa faasoia muamua o le 2016 ae lei faailogaina se mea fa'aaoga	\$ 992,500
(e) Tupe na toe faafoi mai Vietnam	\$1,300,000
(i) Tupe mai uta e ave ma aumai Manu'a	\$ 300,000
AOFAI	<u>\$2,592,500</u>

e aumai ai tupe mo galuega nei:

##### I. Galuega masani ai:

Vaega	E pei ona pasia PMS 34-20	Siitia i le Tupe Lenei	Aofaiga Fou
Ofisa o tagata asiasi mai	\$700,000	\$51,500	\$ 751,500
<u>Aofaiga Galuega</u>			
Masani	\$700,000	\$51,500	\$ 751,500

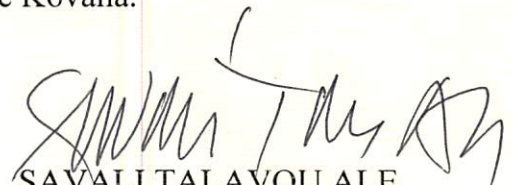
**II Porokalama Faapitoa:**


<b>Porokala faapitoa</b>	<b>E pei ona Pasia i le PMS 34-20</b>	<b>Siitia i le Faaopoopoga lenei</b>	<b>Aofaiga Fou</b>
<b>Vaega Taaloga</b>	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$300,000
<b>Pili Uila/Vai EOB</b>	\$608,000	\$ 91,000	\$699,000
<b>Faaleleia Faleaoga</b>	\$400,000	\$100,000	\$500,000
<b>Atinae Tamaoiga</b>	\$300,000	\$200,000	\$500,000
<b>Faaleleia o Auala</b>	\$600,000	\$200,000	\$800,000
<b>Veterans Stadium</b>	\$200,000	\$100,000	\$300,000
<b>Tusi Talafaasolopito</b>	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$200,000
<b>Falesamoa/Fono</b>		\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Atinae Faamasinoga</b>		\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Puipui talafatai/itu i le sami</b>		\$400,000	\$400,000
<b>Taligalu Matafao</b>		\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Taligalu/Vatia</b>		\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Porokalama fesoasoani i A'oga</b>		\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Toleni aufaigaluega faamama toto</b>		\$250,000	\$250,000
<b>Aofai Porokalama Faapitoa</b>	<b>\$2,408,000</b>	<b>\$2,541,000</b>	<b>\$4,949,000</b>
<b>Aofaiga Galuega Masani &amp; Porokalama Faapitoa</b>	<b>\$3,108,000</b>	<b>\$2,592,500</b>	<b>\$5,700,500</b>

Maga 2. Aso e taualoa ai.

Talu ai le manaoga vave ina ia faatupe galuega a le Vaega o tagata Asiasi Mai atoa ai ma porokalama faapitoa fa'auau ma porokalama faapitoa fou, o le a taualoa lenei tulafono i le taimi lava e pasia ai e le Fono ma faamaonia e le Kovana.

  
**GAOTEOTE PALAIE TOFAU**  
 Peresetene, Maota Maualuga

  
**SAVALI TALAVOU ALE**  
 Fofogo Fetalai, Maota o Sui

Hereby Approved this 2/26 day of 2016  
  
 Governor Of American Samoa