

**39TH LEGISLATURE
2ND REGULAR SESSION**

(ADMIN/BY REQ)

**S.R. NO. 39-36
IN THE SENATE**

17 JULY, 2025

INTRODUCED BY: Sen. Tuaolo Manaia Fruean, D-6

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:

CONFIRMATION—DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PROGRAM PLANNING AND BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY:

This resolution confirms the Governor’s appointment of Mrs. Tauaisafune Nialama Epenesa Taifane as Director of the Office of Program Planning and Budget Development (Budget Office).

OWN VOTE			LEGISLATIVE VOTE		
YES	NO		YES	NO	DATE
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4 “A SENATE RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE GOVERNOR’S NOMINATION OF
5 MRS. TAUAISAFUNE NIUALAMA EPENESA TAIFANE AS DIRECTOR OF THE
6 OFFICE OF PROGRAM PLANNING AND BUDGET DEVELOPMENT (BUDGET
7 OFFICE).”

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9 WHEREAS, by letter dated July 11, 2025, to the Honorable Tuaolo Manaia Fruean,
10 President of the Senate, Governor Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula submitted the
11 name of Mrs. Tauaisafune Niualama Epenesa Taifane to the Legislature,
12 pursuant to A.S.C.A. 4.0111(b) and 4.0112(a)(f), for confirmation as
13 Director of the Office of Program Planning and Budget Development; and

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15 WHEREAS, in his letter the Governor stated in part:

16 “...I hereby submit my appointment of Mrs. Tauaisafune Niualama
17 Epenesa Taifane as Director of the Department of Planning & Budget.

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20 I respectfully request that your colleagues review her nomination and
21 confirm her as Director of the Department of Planning & Budget.”

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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE TERRITORY
24 OF AMERICAN SAMOA:

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26 THAT, the nomination of Mrs. Tauaisafune Niualama Epenesa Taifane as Director of the
27 Office of Program Planning and Budget Development is hereby confirmed; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit
30 this resolution to the Honorable Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, Governor of American Samoa;
31 and a copy to Mrs. Tauaisafune Niualama Epenesa Taifane.

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FONO TELE LONA LUA

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

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I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA

17 IULAI, 2025

FA'AULUFALEINA E: Senatoa Tuaolo M. Fruean, Itumalo - 6

TU'UINA ATU I LE KOMITI:

MATA'UPU:

FAAMAONIGA—FAATONUSILI, OFISA O LE ATINA'E O POROKALAMA MA LE
PAKETI (OFISA O LE PAKETI)

'OTO'OTOGA:

O lenei iugafono e faamaonia ai le tofiga a le afiga i le Kovana o Tauaisafune Niualama
Epenesa Taifane e avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o le Paketi.

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2 FAAULUFALEINA E: _____

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4 “O SE IUGAFONO A LE MAOTA MAUALUGA E FAAMAONIA AI LE
5 TOFIGA A LE KOVANA O TAUAISAFUNE NIUALAMA EPENESA
6 TAIFANE E FAI MA FAATONUSILI O LE OFISA O FUAFUAGA O
7 POROKALAMA MA LE PAKETI.”

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9 TALUAI, i lana tusi ia Iulai 11, 2025, i le afioga ia Tualo Manaia Fruean,
10 Peresetene o le Maota Maualuga, na faaoo atu ai e le afioga i le
11 Kovana Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula le suafa o Tauaisafune Niualama
12 Epenesa Taifane e faamaonia e avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o le
13 Paketi a le Malo, ina ia tusa ai ma 4.0111(e) ma 4.0112(a)(f)
14 TTAS; ma

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16 TALUAI, i se vaega o lana tusi, na faapea ai le afioga i le Kovana:
17 “...ua ou faaoo atu la’u tofiga o Tauaisafune Niualama Epenesa
18 Taifane e avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o le Paketi.
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20 Ou te talosagaina ai lau afioga ma le Maota mo sa outou iloiloga ma
21 le faamaoniaina o ia e avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o le Paketi.”

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23 O LENEI, O LE MEA LEA, IA FAAIUGAFONOINA AI E LE MAOTA
24 MAUALUGA O LE TERITORI O AMERIKA SAMOA:

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26 E FAAPEA, ua faamaonia nei le tofiga o Tauaisafune Niualama Epenesa Taifane
27 e avea ma Faatonusili o le Ofisa o FuaFuaga o Porokalama ma le Paketi; ma

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29 IA TOE FAAIUGAFONOINA FOI, e faapea e talosaga le Failautusi o le Maota
30 Maualuga e faaoo atu lenei iugafono i le Afioga ia Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula, Kovana
31 o Amerika Samoa; ma se kopi ia Tauaisafune Niualama Epenesa Taifane.

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