

**39TH LEGISLATURE
1ST REGULAR SESSION**

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**S.R. NO. 39-01
IN THE SENATE**

27 JANUARY 2025

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

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON:

SUBJECT:

CONFIRMATION—COMMISSIONER, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

SUMMARY:

This resolution confirms the Governor’s appointment of High Talking Chief Ta’aga Saite Moliga as the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

OWN VOTE			LEGISLATIVE VOTE		
YES	NO		YES	NO	DATE
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**NOFOA'IGA TOLUSEFULU-IVA
FONO TELE MUAMUA**

(TALOSAGA/KOVANA)

**IMM NU. 39-01
I LE MAOTA MAUALUGA**

27 IANUARI 2025

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

TU'UINA ATU I LE KOMITI:

MATA'UPU:

FAAMAONIGA— KOMESINA, MATAGALUEGA SAOGALEMU LAUTELE

'OTO'OTOGA:

O lenei iugafono e faamaonia ai le tofiga a le Kovana o le Tofa ia Ta'aga Saite Moliga e avea ma Komesina o le Matagaluega o le Saogalemu Lautele.

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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 LE TOFA IA TA’AGA SAITE MOLIGA E AVEA
6 MA KOMESINA O LE MATAGALUEGA O LE SAOGALEMU LAUTELE”.

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8 TALUAI, i lana tusi ia Ianuari 16, 2025, i le afioga ia Tuoalo Manaia Fruean,
9 Peresetene o le Maota Maualuga, na faaoo atu ai e le Afioga i le
10 Kovana, Pulaali’i Nikolao Pula, le suafa o le Tofa ia Ta’aga Saite
11 Moliga i le Fonofaitulafono, e tusa ma le TTAS 4.0112, mo le
12 faamaoniga e avea ma Komesina o le Matagaluega o le Saogalemu
13 Lautele; ma

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15 TALUAI, i se vaega o lana tusi, na faapea mai ai le Afioga i le Kovana:
16 “...ua ou faaoo atu lau tofiga o le Tofa ia Ta’aga Saite Moliga e avea
17 ma Komesina mo le Matagaluega o le saogalemu Lautele.
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19 Ou te fautuaina ma le fa’aaloalo la’u afioga ma le maota ina ia iloilo
20 ma faamaonia le tofiga o le Tofa ia Ta’aga Saite Moliga e avea ma
21 Komesina o le Saogalemu Lautele.”
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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 le Tofa ia Ta’aga Saite Moliga e avea ma
27 Komesina o le Matagaluega o le Saogalemu Lautele; 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 i le Tofa ia Ta’aga Saite Moliga.

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December 4, 2024

American Samoa Governemnt
Department of Local Government
Pago Pago, AS 96799
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RE: Secretary of the Department of Local Government

Dear Hiring Commission,

I am writing to express my interest in the position of Deputy Secretary of the Department of Local Government within the Government of American Samoa. I have held various matai titles and have served my family and village for over 50 years, since 1974 to the present. I have been a deacon for our church and have served for 38 years. I have served our community for 34 years in ensuring the protection and safety of our people and so as to enforce our laws. I have also served my district of Ta'u, Manu'a as a Representative for District #1 for 2 consecutive terms (1992-1994, 1994-1996) making sure to meet the needs of our people. I am eager to bring my unique blend of skills and experience to the Department of Local Government.

During my time as a Senator, I was deeply involved in legislative activities and community engagement, which has equipped me with the skills necessary to excel as Deputy Secretary of the Department of Local Government. Firstly, my legislative experience has provided me with a comprehensive understanding of policy-making and governance, enabling me to navigate complex regulatory landscapes effectively. Secondly, I have developed a deep appreciation for the importance of local issues on the state level, allowing me to implement policies that genuinely address community needs and preserving our culture and Fa'a Samoa. Lastly, my role involved collaborating with various stakeholders, which fostered my ability to mediate and build consensus, ensuring fruitful dialogue between government, local authorities, and the public.

In terms of my strengths, I believe that my communication, leadership, and decision-making abilities are precisely aligned with the requirements of the Secretary role. Effective communication has been at the core of my career, crucial for articulating complex policies to both the public and colleagues in a clear and engaging manner. This skill will be invaluable in disseminating information, directives, and policies across the Department of Local Government.

Leadership is another critical strength that I bring to the table, honed by years of guiding teams towards achieving strategic goals. As a Senator, I spearheaded numerous initiatives, driving them from conception through to execution. My leadership style is collaborative and inclusive, ensuring that every voice is heard and empowering teams to achieve their potential. I am confident that this will translate into effectively managing the department's diverse teams.

Decision-making is integral to both legislative and executive roles. My experience in making informed decisions, often in high-pressure situations, has prepared me to handle the complex decisions that the Secretary must make daily. I am adept at analyzing situations from multiple perspectives and am committed to making choices that reflect the best interests of our communities.

I am humbled about the opportunity to bring my experience and skills to the Department of Local Government and am passionate about enhancing local governance to better serve our communities. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the possibility of contributing to the Government of American

Samoa and supporting our mission to serve the people of American Samoa.

Warm regards,

Sincerely,
Ta'aga Saite Moliga

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birthdate: 13 February 1951
Birthplace: Ta'u, Manu'a, American Samoa
Birth Name: Saite Moliga
Marital Status: Married
Age: 73
Matai Title: Ta'aga
Matai Title Village: Fitiuta, Manu'a, American Samoa

EDUCATION

Seattle University, Seattle, WA
Criminal Justice; Political Science
Anticipated January 1978
• 2 years (1978-1979)
Manu'a High School, Ta'u, Manu'a, AS
May 1970
• High School Diploma
Papatea Junior High School, Ta'u, Manu'a, AS
May 1966
• Junior High School Diploma

WORK EXPERIENCE

Armed Forces

United States Air Force
December 1970 – April 1978
• US Air Force Military Police
• Honorably discharged

Safety and Security Supervisor

Van Camp Samoa, Atuu, AS
March 1980 – August 1984

Police Officer

Department of Public Safety, Pago Pago, AS
April 1984 – November 1986
• Training Coordinator for Public Safety and Fire Department

Marine Patrol Officer

Marine Patrol Officer, Pago Pago, AS
November 1986 – November 1992
• In charge of the Marine Patrol Unit and Search and Rescue Unit for the Department of Public Safety.

District Representative

Fono House of Representative, Pago Pago, AS
November 1992 – January 1996
• Representative of District #1, Ta'u, Manu'a
• Served 2 terms (1992-1994) (1994-1996)

Police Officer

Department of Public Safety, Pago Pago, AS
August 1997 – October 2010
• 1997 – 1999; Residential Substance Abuse Coordinator

- 1999 – 2003: Training Coordinator for Public Safety
- 2003 – 2010: Warden at Tafuna Correctional Facility
- Retired as a Police Commander in October 2010

Director of Department of Administrative Services
 Department of Administrative Services, Pago Pago, AS

December 2016 – 2020

Senator

- Fono Senate House, Pago Pago, AS
- Senator of District #2, Olosega, Manu'a

January 2021- 2024

Professional References

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