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H. R. 2152

To authorize appropriations to provide Fulbright Scholarships for Pacific Island students.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 3, 2007

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Pacific Islands Ful-
5 bright Scholarship Fund Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. J. FULBRIGHT EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PRO-**
7 **GRAM.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds the following:

9 (1) From 1949 until 2003, the Department of
10 State awarded 13,176 Fulbright Scholarships to stu-

1 dents from East Asia and the Pacific, but only 31
2 Fulbright Scholarships went to Pacific Island stu-
3 dents.

4 (2) In the 2003–2004 academic year, the De-
5 partment of State awarded 315 scholarships to stu-
6 dents from East Asia and the Pacific, but none were
7 awarded to Pacific Island students.

8 (b) REVIEW AND REPORT.—The Secretary of State
9 shall conduct a review and submit to the Committee on
10 Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives and the
11 Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a report
12 regarding the marginalization of Pacific Island students
13 in the awarding of Fulbright Scholarships.

14 (c) PARTICIPATION OF PACIFIC ISLAND STUDENTS
15 IN THE J. FULBRIGHT EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PRO-
16 GRAM.—

17 (1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State
18 shall establish an annual one-year program within
19 the J. William Fulbright Educational Exchange Pro-
20 gram (established under section 112(a)(1) of the
21 Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of
22 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2460(a)(1)), commonly referred to
23 as the Fulbright-Hays Act) to make awards to Pa-
24 cific Island students to permit such students to

1 study in the United States pursuant to the terms
2 and conditions of such Exchange Program.

3 (2) OPERATION AND NUMBERS.—The govern-
4 ments of Pacific Island countries may annually sub-
5 mit to the Secretary of State the names of between
6 three and five Pacific Island students to participate
7 in the one-year program established under para-
8 graph (1).

9 (3) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—In
10 addition to amounts that are otherwise authorized to
11 be appropriated to the Secretary of State for fiscal
12 years 2008 and 2009 to provide awards under the
13 J. William Fulbright Educational Exchange Pro-
14 gram, there is authorized to be appropriated to the
15 Secretary \$500,000 for each of such fiscal years to
16 provide such awards to Pacific Island students.

17 (d) PACIFIC ISLAND STUDENTS DEFINED.—In this
18 Act, the term “Pacific Island students” means a student
19 who is a citizen of any of the following countries:

- 20 (1) The Cook Islands.
- 21 (2) The Federated States of Micronesia.
- 22 (3) The Independent State of Samoa.
- 23 (4) The Kingdom of Tonga.
- 24 (5) Niue.
- 25 (6) Papua New Guinea.

- 1 (7) The Republic of Fiji.
- 2 (8) The Republic of Kiribati.
- 3 (9) The Republic of the Marshall Islands.
- 4 (10) The Republic of Nauru.
- 5 (11) The Republic of Palau.
- 6 (12) The Republic of Vanuatu.
- 7 (13) The Solomon Islands.
- 8 (14) Tuvalu.

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