

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-31
OFFERED BY MR. CASE OF HAWAII

At the end of part 8 of subtitle D of title II of division D, add the following:

1 **SEC. 30299I. PACIFIC ISLANDS LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**
2 **INITIATIVE.**

3 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
4 gress that routinized people-to-people exchange programs
5 to bring Pacific Islands religious leaders, journalists, civil
6 society members, politicians, and others to the United
7 States strengthens existing relationships and advances
8 United States interests and shared values in the region.

9 (b) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall de-
10 velop and implement a program to promote educational
11 and professional development for young adult leaders and
12 professionals in the Pacific Islands with a demonstrated
13 passion to contribute to the continued development of the
14 Pacific Islands.

15 (c) CONDUCT OF PROGRAM.—The program developed
16 under this section shall be implemented on a routine basis
17 and may be carried out through—

1 (1) grants provided on a competitive basis to
2 qualified organizations with demonstrated expertise
3 relating to the Pacific Islands;

4 (2) grants in amounts not to exceed \$50,000
5 provided on a competitive basis to qualified young
6 leaders from the Pacific Islands for the purpose of
7 carrying out projects dedicated to the improvement
8 of their communities in the Pacific Islands;

9 (3) regional workshops and professional and
10 academic fellowships; and

11 (4) people-to-people exchanges.

12 (d) REPORT.—

13 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days
14 after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
15 retary of State, acting through the Assistant Sec-
16 retary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs,
17 shall submit to the appropriate congressional com-
18 mittees a report on exchange programs for the Pa-
19 cific Islands region.

20 (2) ELEMENTS.—The report required by para-
21 graph (1) shall include—

22 (A) an assessment of factors constraining
23 the number and frequency of International Vis-
24 itor Leadership Program participants from
25 countries of the Pacific Islands;

1 (B) an identification of resources that are
2 necessary to address the factors described in
3 subparagraph (A); and

4 (C) a strategy for connecting alumni and
5 participants of the Department of State's pro-
6 fessional development exchange programs in
7 East Asia, such as the Young Southeast Asian
8 Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) and the Young
9 Pacific Leaders programs, to enhance inter and
10 intra region people-to-people ties.

11 (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There
12 are authorized to be appropriated \$10,000,000 for each
13 of the fiscal years 2022 through 2026 to carry out this
14 section.

