



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

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GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 157 – 24

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, Presidents and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: ASG Travel During FY2025 Budget Hearings

The development and approval of American Samoa Government's annual budget is critical to the appropriate and efficient functioning of ASG and the services provided to the people of our Territory. This year is no exception. It is imperative that ASG leaders lend their support to this process wherever they can.

As the Legislature of American Samoa prepares to hold budget hearings on the FY2025 Budget, it is imperative that those who will be called to testify on their Department's budget be available when called. Not only does this allow for efficient proceedings, but it also respects the time put into the process by Fono leaders.

To this end, all non-essential ASG travel for those expected to be called to testify concerning the budget, along with their necessary support staff, for the month of August is suspended. If you have what you believe to be essential travel during this time, please reach out to Chief of Staff Loa Tuimavave Tauapa'i Laupola to discuss the essential nature of the travel.

Your attention and compliance is appreciated as we all do what we can to prepare for our next year of service to the people of American Samoa.

LEMANU P. S. MAUGA
Governor