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“The Freeze of Pay Increases and Conversions of Positions are Lifted.”

GM 61-21 rescinds the portion of GM 10-21 that imposes a freeze on all pay increases and conversions of positions from contract to career.

A call to action to strengthen ASG personnel procedural compliance.

On March 15th, 2021, Governor Lemanu signed General Memorandum 61-21 that rescinded a portion of General Memorandum 010-21 which imposed the initial freeze of all pay increases and conversions of positions from contract to career services. This order will also allow Directors to make the necessary corrective actions resulting from the rollback.

GM 010-21 also states the “anticipation of reorganizing government functions,” which Governor Lemanu has been interested in improving since taking office in January 2021.

Governor Lemanu states, “Since setting foot in Office, my priority was to prepare all working people of American Samoa with the ability to support their families as the economy and the cost of living continues to rise. It starts with building a solid fiscal foundation, and that is where we are at, now.” He continues, “Accomplishing a rollback at this time helps us find a good starting point on staying on the path that Lt. Governor Talauega and I have committed to. In time, I will meet with the Compliance Review Committee (CRC), and we will work on the next phase of this plan.” Governor Lemanu is scheduled to meet with the CRC later this week.

Included in GM 61-21 is the call to action to the Department of Human Resources and the Personnel Advisory Board to strengthen ASG personnel procedural compliance.