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Proposed response to Rasa allegation regarding non-preferential treatment of Marianas residents in teaching professions

American teachers from outside the Marianas will not have preferential treatment now or in the future. On the other hand, citizens in the Mariana Islands will continue to have preferential rights to local teaching positions up to the date the new Marianas Government comes into being. The Marianas Government like other states and territories may not apply its laws so as to discriminate against other Americans solely on the basis of religion, race, or sex. However, the Marianas will still have the right, as do all states and territories of the United States, to establish local criteria for licensing and hiring professional and teaching personnel which are appropriate to local circumstances such as requiring proficiency in the local languages.

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