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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2025 Comprehensive Budget

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0177-24

DATE: July 17, 2024

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2025 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, will approve and recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee the Proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Budget and Finance Committee

VOTE REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority Vote

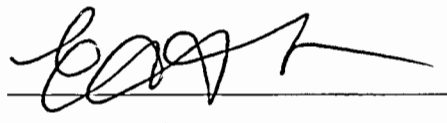
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.

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Law & Order Committee
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Budget & Finance Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2024

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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8 Tracking No. 0177-24

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE AND THE BUDGET AND
12 FINANCE COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING
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14 HEARINGS AND APPEALS AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED
15 IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2025 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. The Law and Order Committee (“LOC”) is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation
21 Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals
22 (“OHA”). 2 N.N.C. §600(A); 2 N.N.C. §601(C)(1).
23 B. The Budget and Finance Committee (“BFC”) is a standing committee of the Navajo
24 Nation Council authorized to make recommendations to the Council on the budgeting
25 and management of Navajo Nation funds. 2 N.N.C. § 300(A), § 301(B)(2). The BFC is
26 specifically authorized to make recommendations to the Council regarding the Navajo
27 Nation’s annual Comprehensive Budget for each Fiscal Year. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).
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29 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 30 A. The Law and Order Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee held budget

1 meetings and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of Management and
2 Budget regarding the proposed FY2025 Budget for the Office of Hearings and Appeals.
3 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).

4 B. The Navajo Nation Appropriations Act states that Oversight Committee budget
5 recommendations shall not exceed the base planning amounts. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).

6 C. The Budget and Finance Committee finds that approval of the proposed FY2025 Budget
7 for the Office of Hearings and Appeals and inclusion of such Budget in the Navajo
8 Nation's FY2025 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.
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10 **SECTION THREE. LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING TO THE**
11 **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR**
12 **THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS AND RELATED**
13 **MATTERS**

14 A. The Law and Order Committee hereby recommends the FY2025 Budget for the Office
15 of Hearings and Appeals, as detailed in the "Fund Type Budget Summary" attached
16 hereto as **Exhibit A**.

17 B. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves certain revisions, if any, to the proposed
18 FY2025 Budget amount for the Office of Hearings and Appeals, as shown in Columns D
19 and E in the "General Fund Comparative Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

20 C. The Law and Order Committee recommends the changes, if any, to the General Fund
21 Budget described in **Exhibit C**.

22 D. The Law and Order Committee recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and
23 Legislative Concerns, if any, as listed in **Exhibit D**.

24 E. The Law and Order Committee recommends that certain Unmet Needs, if any, for the
25 Office of Hearings and Appeals be included in the FY2025 Comprehensive Budget, as
26 explained in **Exhibit E**.

27 F. The Law and Order Committee has been presented with the External Funds Anticipated
28 in FY2025, if any, as listed in **Exhibit F**.

29 G. The Law and Order Committee recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee
30 approve the Labor Commission FY2025 Budget and all Committee recommendations as

1 set forth in **Exhibits A-E** and further explained in the LOC Committee Report attached
2 as **Exhibit G**.

3 H. The Law and Order Committee hereby authorizes the Chairwoman and the Vice-
4 Chairman to negotiate with the Budget and Finance Committee on these
5 recommendations.
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7 **SECTION FOUR. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVING THE**
8 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS**
9 **AND APPEALS AND RELATED MATTERS**

10 The Budget and Finance Committee approves the Office of Hearings and Appeals FY2025
11 Budget as set forth in **Exhibits A-E** and further explained within the Budget and Finance
12 Committee's, Committee Report, attached as **Exhibit H**, to serve as the BFC's
13 recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council for the FY2025 Comprehensive Budget.
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15 **SECTION FIVE. DIRECTIVES**

16 A. The Office of Legislative Services shall attach the LOC Committee Report as **Exhibit**
17 **G**, reflecting all amendment(s), if any, made to this Action, including amendments to
18 Exhibits and/or updates to Budget Binder documents, as approved by the LOC.

19 B The Office of Legislative Services shall attach the BFC Committee Report as **Exhibit H**,
20 reflecting all amendment(s), if any, made to this Action, including amendments to
21 Exhibits and/or updates to Budget Binder documents, as approved by the BFC.
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23 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

24 This Action shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. § 189(A).
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