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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0193-24

**DATE:** July 23, 2024

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE;  
SUPPORTING UNITED STATES SENATE BILL 4365, VETERINARY SERVICES TO  
IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH IN RURAL COMMUNITIES ACT**

**Final Authority:** Naabik'íyáti' Committee

**Vote Requirement:** Simple Majority

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution supports United States Senate Bill 4365 relating to veterinary services to improve health in rural communities.


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

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024

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TRACKING NO. 0193-24

AN ACTION

**RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING UNITED STATES  
SENATE BILL 4365, VETERINARY SERVICES TO IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH  
IN RURAL COMMUNITIES ACT**

**WHEREAS:**

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A)(6), the Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee and is empowered to coordinate and facilitate communications regarding proposed county, state, and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation.
- B. The Navajo Nation recognizes that United State Senate Bill 4365, Veterinary Services to Improve Public Health in Rural Communities Act, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, would assist the Navajo Nation in reducing the number of feral or stray dogs within the Navajo Nation and reduce the spread of rabies from such dogs to people.
- C. A legislative analysis prepared by the Navajo Nation Washington Office is attached as **Exhibit B**.
- D. The Navajo Nation acknowledges that there are approximately 250,000 dogs withing the Navajo Nation, and that the NNACP lacks the ability to fully monitor, evaluate, and address public health concerns relating to the large number of dogs, including the number of dogs who are feral and/or could spread rabies to other animals and people.

1 E. The Navajo Nation acknowledges that United States Senate Bill 4365, Veterinary  
2 Services to Improve Public Health in Rural Communities Act, would assist the  
3 NNACP in its efforts to enforce Rabies Control within the Navajo Nation under 13  
4 N.N.C. § 1704.

5 F. The Navajo Nation supports United States Senate Bill 4365, Veterinary Services to  
6 Improve Public Health in Rural Communities Act, efforts to reduce the rates of rabies  
7 exposure that Tribes face through dog bites, noting that the rate of dog bites amongst  
8 Native children in the Southwest between 2001 to 2008 was approximately 70% than  
9 the rate for non-Native children.

10 G. It is in the best interest of the Navajo people, Navajo communities, and the Navajo Nation  
11 to support United States Senate Bill 4365, Veterinary Services to Improve Public  
12 Health in Rural Communities Act.

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14 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

15 A. The Navajo Nation supports United States Senate Bill 4365, Veterinary Services to  
16 Improve Public Health in Rural Communities Act, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

17 B. The Navajo Nation authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, the  
18 President of the Navajo Nation, and their designee to advocate in favor of United  
19 States Senate Bill 4365, Veterinary Services to Improve Public Health in Rural  
20 Communities Act.