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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for the Judicial Branch and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2025 Compressive Budget**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0003-25

**DATE:** January 17, 2025

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

**PURPOSE:** The legislation is for oversight committee approval of the proposed FY2025 Budget for the Judicial Branch.

**Final Authority:** Budget and Finance Committee

**Vote Required:** Simple Majority

**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.**

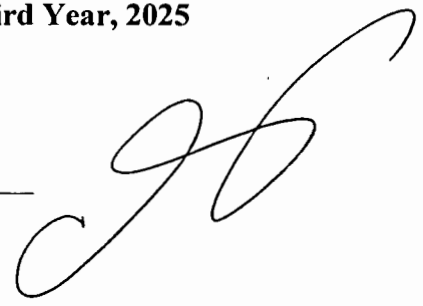
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Law & Order Committee  
Thence  
Budget & Finance Committee

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Third Year, 2025

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)



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14 JUDICIAL BRANCH 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 is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with  
21 oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Judicial Branch. 2 N.N.C. §600(A); 2 N.N.C.  
22 §601(C)(1).  
23 B. Each oversight committee, including the Law and Order Committee, shall review and make  
24 recommendations regarding the programs under its oversight responsibility, regarding the  
25 Navajo Nation's Comprehensive Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).  
26 C. The Budget and Finance Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Navajo  
27 Nation Council concerning the Navajo Nation's Comprehensive Budget. 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 meetings

1 and heard reports from Judicial Branch staff and the Office of Management and Budget,  
2 regarding the proposed FY2025 Budget for the Judicial Branch. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

3 B. The Law and Order Committee's Committee Report shall be attached as **EXHIBIT G** and  
4 the Budget and Finance Committee's Committee Report shall be attached as **EXHIBIT H**.

5 C. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Appropriations Act, oversight committee budget  
6 recommendations shall not exceed the base planning amounts. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

7 D. The Budget and Finance Committee finds that approval of the proposed FY2025 Budget for  
8 the Judicial Branch and including such Budget in the Navajo Nation's FY2025  
9 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.

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11 **SECTION THREE. LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING TO THE**  
12 **BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR**  
13 **2025 BUDGET FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH AND RELATED**  
14 **MATTERS**

15 A. The Law and Order Committee hereby recommends the FY2025 Budget for the Judicial  
16 Branch, as detailed in the "Fund Type Budget Summary" attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**,  
17 and in the Committee Report attached as **EXHIBIT G**.

18 B. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves certain revisions, if any, to the Judicial  
19 Branch's proposed FY2025 Budget, as shown in Columns D and E in the "General Fund  
20 Comparative Summary" attached hereto as **EXHIBIT B**, and in the Committee Report  
21 attached as **EXHIBIT G**.

22 C. The Law and Order Committee recommends the changes, if any, to the General Fund Budget  
23 described in **EXHIBIT C**, and in the Committee Report attached as **EXHIBIT G**.

24 D. The Law and Order Committee recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and  
25 Legislative Concerns for the Judicial Branch, if any, as listed in **EXHIBIT D**, and in the  
26 Committee Report attached as **EXHIBIT G**.

27 E. The Law and Order Committee recommends that certain Unmet Needs, if any, for the  
28 Judicial Branch be included in the FY2025 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in  
29 **EXHIBIT E**, and in the Committee Report attached as **EXHIBIT G**.

30 F. The Law and Order Committee has been presented with the External Fund Anticipated in

1 FY2025, if any, as listed in the attached **EXHIBIT F**.

2 G. The Law and Order Committee recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee  
3 approve the FY2025 Budget for the Judicial Branch and all Committee recommendations as  
4 set forth in **EXHIBITS A-E** and in **EXHIBIT G**.

5 H. The Law and Order Committee hereby authorizes the Chair and the Vice-Chair to negotiate  
6 with the Budget and Finance Committee on these recommendations.

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8 **SECTION FOUR. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVING THE**  
9 **FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH**  
10 **AND RELATED MATTERS**

11 The Budget and Finance Committee approves the Judicial Branch's FY2025 Budget as set forth  
12 in **EXHIBITS A-E** and further explained in the Budget and Finance Committee's Committee  
13 Report attached as **EXHIBIT H**, to serve as the BFC's recommendations to the Navajo Nation  
14 Council for the FY2025 Comprehensive Budget.

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16 **SECTION FIVE. DIRECTIVES**

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

21 B. The Office of Legislative Services shall attach hereto the Budget and Finance Committee  
22 Report as **EXHIBIT H**, reflecting all amendment(s), if any, made to this Action, including  
23 amendments to Exhibits and/or updates to Budget Binder documents, as approved by the  
24 Budget and Finance Committee.

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26 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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