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TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services And Naabik’íyáti’; Supporting The Board Of Regents, Navajo Technical University, For Continued Funding Under The Strengthening Institution Program Of The Health Education Act As Enacted Through Public Law 111-152

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0244-19

DATE: August 6, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI; SUPPORTING THE BOARD OF REGENTS, NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, FOR CONTINUED FUNDING UNDER THE STRENGTHENING INSTITUTION PROGRAM OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION ACT AS ENACTED THROUGH PUBLIC LAW 111-152

PURPOSE: This resolution supports the Board of Regents, Navajo Technical University, for continued funding under the Strengthening Institution Program of the Health Education Act as enacted through Public Law 111-152.

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.
PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

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TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, FOR CONTINUED FUNDING UNDER THE
STRENGTHENING INSTITUTION PROGRAM OF THE HEALTH EDUCATION
ACT AS ENACTED THROUGH PUBLIC LAW 111-152

WHEREAS:
A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services
Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee. 2 N.N.C. §400. The
committee's responsibilities include overseeing the Department of Dine Education, and
reviewing and recommending resolutions on educational services provided to the Navajo
Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(6)(a) and (C)(1).
B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(7)(a), the Health, Education and Human Services
Committee represents the Navajo Nation "at local, state and federal levels, in
coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the Naabik'íyáti' Committee on
proposed legislation, funding and other actions affecting health, environmental health,
social services, education, veterans services, employment, training and labor."
C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is established as a standing committee of the Navajo
Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A). Among its duties and responsibilities, the
committee "review[s] and continually monitor[s] the programs and activities of federal
and state departments and ... assist[s] development of such programs designed to serve
the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relationships
between the Navajo Nation and such departments." 2 N.N.C. § 701(A)(7).

D. The Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP) of the federal Higher Education Act
provides funding to support institutions of higher education to help them become self-
sufficient and expand their capacity to serve low-income students by providing funds to
improve and strengthen the institution's academic quality, institutional management, and
fiscal stability. P.L. 111-152, Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010,
Title III, Part F (commonly referred to as the Higher Education Act). Institutions of
higher education, such as the Navajo Technical University within the Navajo Nation, rely
on funding provided through SIP. See attached Exhibit "A." resolution of the Board of
Regents, no. NTU-APR-1729-19, Navajo Technical University. For Navajo Technical
University, funding under the program is essential for purposes of increasing self-
sufficiency and providing innovative and critically needed services for students. Further,
funding is crucial for student retention and achieving completion rates meeting or
exceeding national averages, as well as strengthening institutional management and fiscal
stability. Id.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Navajo Nation supports the Board of Regents for the Navajo Technical
University in seeking from Congress and the President of the United States continued
funding under the Strengthening Institutions Program of the federal Higher Education
Act as enacted by Public Law 111-152. See Exhibit "A." hereof. The Navajo Nation
supports the board in seeking support for strengthening the essential program.