LEGISLATION NO: _0032-19_  

SPONSOR: Amber Kanazbah Crotty

TITLE: An Action Relating To Law And Order Committee; NAABIK’IYATI’ Committee; Supporting New Mexico House Bill 278 Titled “AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY”

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 10032-19

DATE: February 7, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK'IYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING NEW MEXICO HOUSE BILL 278 TITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY"

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is support New Mexico House Bill 278 titled "AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY"

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

Amber W. S. Cooty
Primary Sponsor

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING NEW MEXICO HOUSE BILL 278 TITLED "AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY"

WHEREAS:

A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik’íyáti’ Committee to coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. See 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(6). See also CO-45-12.

B. The Navajo Nation established the Law and Order Committee ("LOC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered LOC to review and recommend resolutions relating to public safety within the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 600 et seq. See also CO-45-12.

C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of New Mexico.
D. During the First Regular Session of 2019, New Mexico House Bill 278 was introduced to the 54th Legislature by Representatives Andrea Romero, Derrick Lente and Melanie Stansbury. See New Mexico HB 2570 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

E. House Bill 278 seeks to establish a task force to address missing and murdered Indigenous women comprised of the Secretary of Indian Affairs, Secretary of Public Safety, the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs, and appointed persons representing the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Mescalero Apache Tribe, the Navajo Nation and a member of a Pueblo. Id.

F. The task force is established to conduct a study to determine how the State of New Mexico can increase state resources for reporting and identifying missing and murdered Indigenous women, and other enumerated purposes. Id.

G. The Act also provides an appropriation of $100,000 for the creation and maintenance of the task force. Id.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports New Mexico House Bill 278 titled “AN ACT RELATING TO MISSING PERSONS; CREATING THE MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN TASK FORCE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY” attached hereto as Exhibit A.

B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council, President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation’s support of New Mexico House Bill 278.