TITLE: An Action Relating To Resources And Development Committee; The NAABIK’IYATI’ Committee And The Navajo Nation Council; Amending CO-50-13 To Authorize The Creation Of The Energy Office Within The Division Of Natural Resources

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING CO-50-13 TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE ENERGY OFFICE WITHIN THE DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will approve an amendment to CO-50-13 Exhibit A which would allow the Energy Office to be placed within the Division of Natural Resources.

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.
PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2019

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0273-19

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, THE
NAABIK’ÍYÁI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL:
AMENDING CO-50-13 TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE ENERGY
OFFICE WITHIN THE DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (A).

B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'íyati' Committee was a Navajo Nation Council Standing Committee. All proposed legislation that requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council, shall be assigned to the Naabik'íyati' Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A) (9), 700 (A).

C. The Resources and Development Committee (RDC) is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight committee for the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C) (1).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Nation Council adopted the Navajo Nation Energy Policy of 2013 ("Energy Policy") through Resolution CO-50-13 which is attached as Exhibit 1.
B. Exhibit A of CO-50-13, the Energy Policy, calls for the creation of an Energy Office that "should be separate and distinct from divisions..." See Exhibit I CO-50-13, Exhibit A, page 10, Section 13 (b) (Navajo Energy Office).
C. The Division of Natural Resources has developed a proposed plan of operation for the creation of the Energy Office to be placed within the Division of Natural Resources.
D. The Resources and Development Committee is authorized to approve plans of operation for the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. §501 (B) (2) (g). 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C) (1).
E. After the Navajo Nation Council approves this amendment to Section 13(b) of CO-50-13's Exhibit A, then the Resources and Development Committee may approve the plan of operation for the Energy Office to be placed within the Division of Natural Resources.
F. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to amend CO-50-13's Exhibit A, the Energy Policy, to place the Energy Office within the Division of Natural Resources.

SECTION THREE. AMENDING CO-50-13, THE NAVAJO NATION ENERGY POLICY OF 2013

The Navajo Nation hereby amends CO-50-13, Exhibit A. Section 13 (b) as follows:

(b) Structure. A Navajo Energy Office should be separate and distinct from all existing divisions, departments, programs, enterprises and any other Navajo Nation entities or political subdivisions developed within the Division of Natural Resources, and with appropriate staffing and budget.

SECTION FOUR. DIRECTING DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PRESENT ENERGY OFFICE PLAN OF OPERATION TO THE RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
The Navajo Nation hereby directs the Division of Natural Resources to present the Energy Office plan of operation legislation to the Resources and Development Committee for its oversight committee’s action.