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TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education and Human Services And NAABIK'IYATI' Committees; Supporting Arizona House Concurrent Resolution 2001 (AZ HCR2001) Titled "English Language Education"

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DATE: March 5, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK’ÍYÁTI’ COMMITTEES; SUPPORTING ARIZONA HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2001 (AZ HCR2001) TITLED “ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION”

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will provide Navajo Nation support for Arizona House Concurrent Resolution 2001.

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 STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Second Year, 2020
INTRODUCED BY

[Signature]

Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. CO416-20

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RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; SUPPORTING ARIZONA HOUSE
CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 2001 (AZ HCR2001) TITLED "ENGLISH
LANGUAGE EDUCATION"

WHEREAS:
A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee
as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Committee
to represent the Navajo Nation at the state level, in coordination with the President of
the Navajo Nation and Naabik'íyáti' Committee on proposed legislation, funding and
other actions affecting education. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400 (A) and 401 (B)(7)(a).
B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
Council standing committee and as such empowered the Committee to coordinate all
state programs, including education in public schools operating on the Navajo Nation,
and to coordinate all testimony relating to proposed state legislation impacting the
Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A) and 701 (A)(6).
C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of
Arizona.
D. Arizona House Concurrent Resolution 2001, HCR 2001, attached as Exhibit A, is a
ballot referral (referendum to repeal Arizona Proposition 203, commonly known as
Arizona’s “English-Only” law, which repealed Arizona’s existing bilingual education law and instead required English-only instruction in Arizona public and charter schools.

E. In addition to repealing Proposition 203, HCR 2001, seeks to ensure English language proficiency in all pupils whose primary or home language is other than English and to allow Arizona public schools to offer dual language immersion programs for children with a native language other than English. See UNDERSTANDING HCR2001, attached as Exhibit B.

F. HCR 2001 is in the best interests of Navajo students attending Arizona public and charter schools on the Navajo Nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports Arizona House Concurrent Resolution 2001, HCR 2001, titled “ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION,” 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 HCR 2001.