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## Work session scheduled for Navajo Council to consider DPI study on comprehensive government reform on Nov. 25-26

*Study is an innovative proposal that will begin movement toward comprehensive government reform*

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Navajo Council Speaker Lawrence T. Morgan has called for a work session to consider a report submitted by the Diné Policy Institute of Diné College. The work session will begin at 10 a.m. on Nov. 25 and will continue Nov. 26 at the Navajo Nation Council chamber.

Navajo council delegates are encouraged to attend the work session to learn more about the DPI report. The DPI report is titled "Navajo Nation Constitutional Feasibility and Government Reform Project," and it analyzes the feasibility of a constitutional government for the Navajo Nation.

The report was conducted over a period of one year by DPI and is based on literature review conducted by policy researchers. The report applies theoretical policy findings to a Navajo context for a constitutional government and their recommendations are supported with academic references.

The report includes political structures for lawmakers to consider and offers various ways of restructuring the existing governmental paradigm. The recommendations for the future are broken into four models: Approaches for an Alternative Model Government, The Bicameral Parliamentary Model, and Diné Political Philosophy and Decentralization Model. A primary emphasis of the report was the restructuring of the government and it should be conducted to embrace historic governing practices of the Diné.

The study can be downloaded on the Navajo Nation Council's website under the 'downloads' section at [www.navajonationcouncil.org](http://www.navajonationcouncil.org).

"This work session is an opportunity for members of the Navajo Nation Council to learn about the government reform options posed by the DPI report," Speaker Morgan said. "It is a dense report, and will take a number of work sessions to cover the entire thing. I encourage all delegates to attend and ask questions."

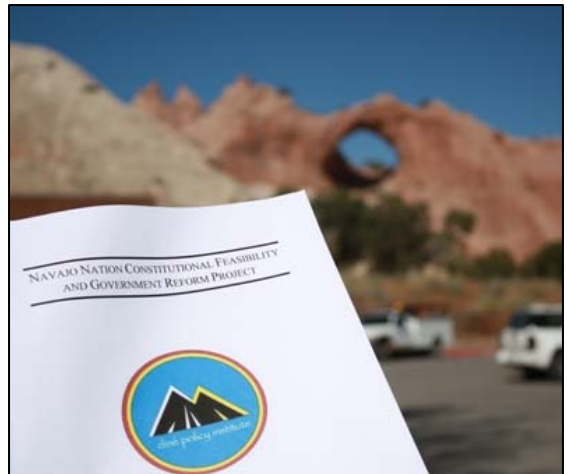


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