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## Delegate Shepherd seeks establishment of Title II Reform Sub-Committee

**WINDOW ROCK**— Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kin Dah Lichíí, Steamboat) on Friday introduced Legislation No. 0058-15, a bill that seeks to establish a Naabik'iyáti' Title II Reform Sub-committee.

According to the legislation, the sub-committee would be responsible for reviewing, evaluating, and recommending changes to portions of Title II of the Navajo Nation Code including the legislative process and the structures, schedules, and authorities of standing committees to provide an efficient delivery of services to the Navajo People.

“The purpose of establishing the sub-committee is to seek input from the new Council to advance and streamline our approach to accomplishing our legislative duties and to be more effective and efficient for the Navajo People,” said Delegate Shepherd.

Concerns and recommendations were discussed during the Council’s special session held on Tuesday, in which the Council confirmed membership to each of the standing committees including the Budget and Finance Committee, Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, Law and Order Committee, and Resources and Development Committee.

During the discussion, several delegates recommended the creation of a sub-committee to focus on the concerns over standing committees.

“The tasks of the 24-member Council are significant and in order to be more effective we must become better organized by enhancing our policies and procedures and above all we must work together to bring something good for the people,” Delegate Shepherd added.

If approved and signed into law, the sub-committee’s membership would be comprised of two members from each of the Council’s standing committees for a total of 10 members.

In accordance with the bill, members of the sub-committee would present draft recommendations to the Council, during the spring session in April, and a final version to be brought forth for consideration by the Council during the summer session in July.

The bill is subject to the five-day public comment period. Comments may be submitted by e-mail to [comments@navajo-nsn.gov](mailto:comments@navajo-nsn.gov) or mailed to the Office of Legislative Services, P.O. Box 3390, Window Rock, Arizona 86515. To view the legislation, please visit [navajonationcouncil.org](http://navajonationcouncil.org).

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