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Resources and Development Committee approves extension for Leupp Chapter to implement corrective action plan

TSE BONITO, N.M. – On Tuesday, the Resources and Development Committee considered Legislation No. 0282-17, which seeks to amend BFAP-10-15 to allow for an extension of the time period for Leupp Chapter to implement a corrective action plan.

In April 2015, the Budget and Finance Committee accepted an audit report and approved a corrective action plan. In March, the Office of the Auditor General conducted a follow-up review of the chapter's implementation of the CAP.

RDC member Council Delegate Walter Phelps (Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Leupp, Tolani Lake, Tside To ii), who sponsored the legislation, stated that the chapter has a new administration that can implement the plan.

“The audit was conducted in August 2014 with the previous chapter officials. The new chapter officials should have the chance to address the corrective action plan and avoid sanction,” said Delegate Phelps.

According to auditor general Elizabeth Begay, Leupp Chapter failed to implement the corrective action plan during the review period from June to November 2016. Of the 44 corrective measures, the chapter did not implemented 22 corrective measures, 17 corrective measures were implemented, and five measures had no activity.

“How long is the time extension? When will the next follow-up report be conducted?” asked RDC chair Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kin Dah Lichíí, Steamboat).

According to the legislation, the extension will give Leupp Chapter up to Jan. 12, 2018 to implement the corrective action plan and the general auditor will conduct a follow-up review after. If the chapter fails to implement the plan, sanctions would be imposed pursuant to Title 12 section 9 of the Navajo Nation Code.

The Resources and Development Committee issued a “do pass” recommendation with a vote of 5-0. The Budget and Finance Committee serves as the final authority for the bill.

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