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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0046-20

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



Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. 0046-20

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"

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'iyáti' 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'iyáti' 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

1 Arizona's "English-Only" law, which repealed Arizona's existing bilingual education
2 law and instead required English-only instruction in Arizona public and charter
3 schools.

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

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

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12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

13 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports Arizona House Concurrent Resolution 2001, HCR
14 2001, titled "ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDUCATION," attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

15 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,
16 President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation's
17 support of HCR 2001.