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TITLE: An Action Relating To Health Education And Human Services Committee And NAABIK'IYATI' Committee; Supporting Arizona Senate Bill 1355 Titled "An Act Requiring The Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System Administration To Seek Federal Authorization To Reimburse Indian And Tribal Health Providers"

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0114-19

DATE: May 2, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING ARIZONA SENATE BILL 1355 TITLED "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH PROVIDERS"

PURPOSE: If approved, this resolution will support Arizona Senate Bill 1355 titled "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH PROVIDERS."

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2019

3 INTRODUCED BY

4 Daniel E. In
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6 Primary Sponsor

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
12 COMMITTEE AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; SUPPORTING ARIZONA
13 SENATE BILL 1355 TITLED "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH
14 CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK
15 FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE INDIAN AND TRIBAL
16 HEALTH PROVIDERS"

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18 **WHEREAS:**

- 19 A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation
20 Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'iyáti' Committee to
21 coordinate all requests for information, appearances and testimony relating to
22 proposed county, state and federal legislation impacting the Navajo Nation. *See* 2
23 N.N.C. §§ 700 (A), 701 (A)(6). *See also* CO-45-12.
- 24 B. The Navajo Nation established the Health Education and Human Services Committee
25 ("HEHSC") as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered
26 HEHSC to review and recommend resolutions relating to health within the Navajo
27 Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 400 *et seq.* *See also* CO-45-12.
- 28 C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of
29 Arizona.
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1 D. During the First Regular Session of 2019, Arizona State Senator Heather Carter
2 introduced Senate Bill 1355 to the 54th Legislature. *See* Arizona SB 1355 attached
3 hereto as **Exhibit A**.

4 E. Arizona Senate Bill 1355 will require the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment
5 System ("AHCCCS") administration to seek federal authorization to reimburse the
6 Indian Health Services and tribal facilities to cover the cost of eligible adult dental
7 services. *Id. See also* **Exhibit B**.

8 F. The Fort Defiance Indian Hospital Board Inc., Board of Directors supports the
9 passage of SB 1355 and respectfully requests the Navajo Nation to support the
10 passage of Arizona SB 1355. *See* **Exhibit B**.

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12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

13 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports Arizona Senate Bill 1355 titled "AN ACT
14 REQUIRING THE ARIZONA HEALTH CARE COST CONTAINMENT SYSTEM
15 ADMINISTRATION TO SEEK FEDERAL AUTHORIZATION TO REIMBURSE
16 INDIAN AND TRIBAL HEALTH PROVIDERS" attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

17 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council,
18 President of the Navajo Nation, and their designees, to advocate the Navajo Nation's
19 support of Arizona Senate Bill 1355.