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TITLE: An Action Relating To Resources And Development Committee; The NAABIK'IYATI' Committee And The Navajo Nation Council; Amending CO-50-13 To Authorize The Creation Of The Energy Office Within The Division Of Natural Resources

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0273-19

DATE: September 12, 2019

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, THE NAABIK'ÍYÁI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING CO-50-13 TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF THE ENERGY OFFICE WITHIN THE DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will approve an amendment to CO-50-13 Exhibit A which would allow the Energy Office to be placed within the Division of Natural Resources.

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.

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1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
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12 NAABIK'ÍYÁI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL;
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14 OFFICE WITHIN THE DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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16 BE IT ENACTED:

17 **SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- 18 A. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C.
19 § 102 (A).
20 B. The Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyati' Committee was a Navajo
21 Nation Council Standing Committee. All proposed legislation that requires final
22 action by the Navajo Nation Council, shall be assigned to the Naabik'iyati'
23 Committee. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A) (9), 700 (A).
24 C. The Resources and Development Committee (RDC) is established as a standing
25 committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight committee for the Division
26 of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. § 501 (C) (1).

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28 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 29 A. The Navajo Nation Council adopted the Navajo Nation Energy Policy of 2013
30 ("Energy Policy") through Resolution CO-50-13 which is attached as **Exhibit 1**.

- 1 B. Exhibit A of CO-50-13, the Energy Policy, calls for the creation of an Energy
2 Office that "should be separate and distinct from divisions . . ." See, **Exhibit 1**
3 CO-50-13, Exhibit A, page 10, Section 13 (b) (Navajo Energy Office).
- 4 C. The Division of Natural Resources has developed a proposed plan of operation for
5 the creation of the Energy Office to be placed within the Division of Natural
6 Resources.
- 7 D. The Resources and Development Committee is authorized to approve plans of
8 operation for the Division of Natural Resources. 2 N.N.C. §501 (B) (2) (g), 2
9 N.N.C. § 501 (C) (1).
- 10 E. After the Navajo Nation Council approves this amendment to Section 13(b) of CO-
11 50-13's Exhibit A, then the Resources and Development Committee may approve
12 the plan of operation for the Energy Office to be placed within the Division of
13 Natural Resources.
- 14 F. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to amend CO-50-13's Exhibit A, the
15 Energy Policy, to place the Energy Office within the Division of Natural Resources.
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17 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING CO-50-13, THE NAVAJO NATION ENERGY**
18 **POLICY OF 2013**

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20 The Navajo Nation hereby amends CO-50-13, Exhibit A, Section 13 (b) as follows:

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22 (b) Structure. A Navajo Energy Office should be ~~separate and distinct from all~~
23 ~~existing divisions, departments, programs, enterprises and any other Navajo Nation~~
24 ~~entities or political subdivisions developed within the Division of Natural~~
25 Resources, and with appropriate staffing and budget.
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27 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTING DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO**
28 **PRESENT ENERGY OFFICE PLAN OF OPERATION TO THE RESOURCES**
29 **AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**
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The Navajo Nation hereby directs the Division of Natural Resources to present the Energy Office plan of operation legislation to the Resources and Development Committee for its oversight committee's action.