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Reports on Unfavorable Fixed Costs Reviewed by Budget and Finance Committee

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WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. — Last week, the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) of the 24th Navajo Nation Council began their Oversight Committee Hearings. The BFC heard from various departments and programs with main areas of focus on the Office of Management and Budget's budget performance summary reports, Director's budget overview, and BFC discussions and actions.

The Navajo Nation departments and programs in attendance for the Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 Budget requests were Division of Human Resources, Department of Justice, Judicial Branch, Office of Management & Budget, Office of the Controller, and Division of General Services.

For Legislation No. 0148-21, the topic of Fixed Costs for the departments and programs, the presentations were unfavorable by the BFC and Office of Legislative Counsel. The presentations warranted a complete understanding of the Fixed Costs' purpose with prepared, finalized documents complete and ready for review.

The BFC requested the various departments and programs submit their budgets and summaries beforehand for a fair, honest and thorough review.

"Fixed costs have become an issue, we are elaborating on line items, allowable and disallowable costs, reoccurring should not be practiced, and some costs listed are not considered fixed costs," said BFC Chair Jamie Henio (Alamo, Ramah, Tóhajiilee). "Program managers have been through this, processing for years the program budgets, in accordance to the BIM, and they should understand the process by now, this is unacceptable."

The oversight committee hearings will continue Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 8:00 A.M. (MDT).

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