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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee; Approving and Recommending to the Budget and Finance Committee the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for the Navajo Nation Public Defender and Related Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's Comprehensive Budget for Fiscal Year 2023**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**  
**Tracking No. 0138-22**

**DATE:** July 21, 2022

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION PUBLIC DEFENDER

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this resolution, if passed, is to approve and recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee the Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Budget for the Navajo Nation Public Defender.

**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 STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)



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10 AN ACTION  
11 RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING  
12 AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
13 THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION PUBLIC  
14 DEFENDER AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO  
15 NATION’S COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

20 A. The Law and Order Committee (“LOC”) is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation  
21 Council with oversight authority over the Judicial Branch. 2 N.N.C. §600(A); 2 N.N.C.  
22 §601(C)(1).

23 B. Each Oversight Committee, including the LOC, shall review and make recommendations  
24 regarding the programs under its oversight responsibility, regarding the Navajo Nation’s  
25 Comprehensive Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

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27 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

28 A. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. §840(A), the LOC held hearings and took relevant testimony  
29 regarding the FY2023 Budget for the Public Defender.

30 B. During these budget meetings, the LOC reviewed and considered the proposed FY2023

1 Budget for the Public Defender, as commented upon by members of the public.  
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3 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND**  
4 **FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 BUDGET**  
5 **FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AND RELATED MATTERS**

6 A. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves the FY2023 Budget for the Public Defender,  
7 as detailed in the “Fund Type Budget Summary” attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

8 B. The LOC hereby approves certain revisions to the Branch Chiefs’ proposed FY2023 Budget  
9 amount for the Public Defender, as shown in Columns D and E in the “General Fund  
10 Comparative Summary” attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

11 C. The LOC recommends the changes to the General Fund Budget described in **Exhibit C**.

12 D. The LOC recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, as  
13 listed in **Exhibit D**.

14 E. The LOC recommends that certain Unmet Needs for the Public Defender be included in the  
15 FY2023 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**.

16 F. The LOC hereby recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee approve the Public  
17 Defender’s proposed FY2023 Budget and all Committee recommendations, as set forth in  
18 **Exhibits A - E**.

19 G. As necessary and appropriate, the LOC hereby authorizes the LOC Chair and Vice-Chair to  
20 negotiate the LOC’s recommendations herein with the Budget and Finance Committee.  
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22 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

23 This Act shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. §189(A).  
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25 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

26 If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by  
27 a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the  
28 remainder of this Act shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.  
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