

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0222-22_

SPONSOR: Edison J. Wauneka

TITLE An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyáti' Committees; Approving and Supporting the Navajo Department of Health's Written Comments to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Annual Regional Tribal Consultation

Date posted: November 09, 2022 at 6:09 PM

Digital comments may be e-mailed to comments@navajo-nsn.gov

Written comments may be mailed to:

Executive Director
Office of Legislative Services
P.O. Box 3390
Window Rock, AZ 86515
(928) 871-7586

Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.

Please note: This digital copy is being provided for the benefit of the Navajo Nation chapters and public use. Any political use is prohibited. All written comments received become the property of the Navajo Nation and will be forwarded to the assigned Navajo Nation Council standing committee(s) and/or the Navajo Nation Council for review. Any tampering with public records are punishable by Navajo Nation law pursuant to 17 N.N.C. §374 *et. seq.*

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0222-22

DATE: November 3, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ANNUAL REGIONAL TRIBAL CONSULTATION

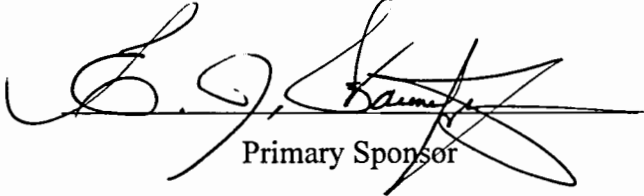
PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will support NNDOH written comments to the U.S. Department of HHS Annual Regional Tribal Consultation.

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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Johnson
Website Posting Time/Date: _____
Posting End Date: 11-14-22
Eligible for Action: 11-15-22

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL — Fourth Year, 2022

3 INTRODUCED BY

4 
5
6 Primary Sponsor

7
8 TRACKING NO. 0222-22

9
10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
12 NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEES; APPROVING AND SUPPORTING THE NAVAJO
13 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE U.S.
14 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ANNUAL REGIONAL
15 TRIBAL CONSULTATION

16
17 BE IT ENACTED:

18
19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the
21 Navajo Nation Council and is empowered to represent the Navajo Nation at local, state
22 and federal levels in coordination with the President of the Navajo Nation and the
23 Naabi'kiyati Committee on proposed legislation, funding and other actions affecting
24 health, environmental health, social services, education, veteran's services, employment,
25 training and labor. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(B)(7).
- 26 B. The Naabi'kiyati Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and
27 empowered to coordinate all federal, county, and state programs with other standing
28 committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most efficient
29 delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 701(A)(4).
- 30

1 **SECTION 2. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. On January 26, 2021, the President of the United States issued a Presidential
3 Memorandum on tribal consultation and strengthening Nation-to-Nation relationships
4 that requires U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to submit a detailed plan for
5 implementing Executive Order 13175, which charges all executive departments and
6 agencies to engage in regular, meaningful, and robust consultation with Tribal officials in
7 the development of federal policies that have Tribal implications.
- 8 B. Executive Order 13175 was issued on November 6, 2000, by the President of the United
9 States, which established regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration with
10 tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, to
11 strengthen the United States government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes,
12 and to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes.
- 13 C. The Navajo Department of Health (“NDOH”), with the support of the Office of the
14 President and Vice President, produced written comments for the U.S. Department of
15 Health and Human Services in response to the “Dear Tribal Leader Letter” regarding the
16 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Virtual Annual Regional Tribal
17 Consultation attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 18 D. NDOH’s written comments present the Navajo Nations priorities and concerns affecting
19 the delivery of health care and public health services on the Navajo Nation. The
20 comments outline the major issues and provide recommendations. **Exhibit B**.
- 21 E. The Navajo Nation 638 Tribal Organizations also produced written comments which
22 identify critical areas of concern and recommendations. **Exhibit C**.
- 23 F. NDOH’s written comments to HHS were reviewed by the Navajo Nation Department of
24 Justice and deemed legally sufficient. **Exhibit D**.

25
26 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

- 27 A. The Navajo Nation hereby supports Navajo Department of Health’s
28 written comments to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, which
29 identifies and provides recommendations to the current health issues and concerns that
30 affect the delivery of health care and public health services on the Navajo Nation.