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**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

Tracking No. 0116-23

DATE: May 23, 2023

**RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE'S PRIORITIES FOR THE FOUR-YEAR TERM OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**Purpose of this Legislation:**

to approve and establish the Priorities of the Budget and Finance Committee.

OLC No. 23-227-1

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2023

Introduced by:

  
(Prime Sponsor)

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**AN ACTION**  
**RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING**  
**AND ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE'S PRIORITIES FOR THE**  
**FOUR-YEAR TERM OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Budget & Finance Committee ("BFC") is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council that is authorized to review, and make recommendations concerning budgeting and management of all Navajo Nation funds. 2 N.N.C. §300(A), 2 N.N.C. §301(B)(2).
- B. The BFC also coordinates, oversees, and regulates the Navajo Nation's financial, investment, contracting, and audit policies. 2 N.N.C. §300(A), 2 N.N.C. §300(C)(1).
- C. The BFC is extensively involved in the Navajo Nation's annual Comprehensive Budget process. 12 N.N.C. §830 and §840.
- D. The BFC has authority over the Navajo Nation's Procurement Regulations, as delegated by the Navajo Nation Council in the Navajo Nation Procurement Act. 12 N.N.C. §320(A).

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- A. The BFC met on May 16, 2023 and the Committee members discussed and deliberated on the BFC's overall priorities for matters within the Committee's authority.

1 The Committee members agreed upon the following list of overall priorities, as shown in the  
2 attached **EXHIBIT 1**, titled: “25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council Budget and Finance Committee  
3 Priorities:”

- 4 1. procurement reform;
- 5 2. appropriation reform;
- 6 3. prioritize funding based on return on investment;
- 7 4. eliminate earmarks;
- 8 5. identify and act upon revenue streams.

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10 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND ESTABLISHING THE COMMITTEE’S**  
11 **PRIORITIES FOR THE FOUR-YEAR TERM OF THE 25<sup>th</sup>**  
12 **NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

13 A. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby approves and establishes the Committee’s  
14 priorities, as shown above and in the attached **EXHIBIT 1**, titled: “25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation  
15 Council Budget and Finance Committee Priorities.”

16 B. The **EXHIBIT 1** list of priorities shall remain in effect during the term of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo  
17 Nation Council unless and until the BFC rescinds or amends the list.

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19 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

20 This Action shall become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §301, and 2 N.N.C. §221(C).  
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