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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Tracking No. 0163-23

DATE: July 31, 2023

**RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE
COMMITTEE; RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. BFS-52-05 AND
APPROVING NEW PROCEDURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024
BUDGET MEETINGS**

Purpose of this Legislation:

to rescind BFS-52-05 (old budget hearing rules) and adopt new procedures for the FY2024 Budget Meetings.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - First Year, 2023

3 Introduced by:

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(Prime Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE;
12 RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. BFS-52-05 AND APPROVING
13 NEW PROCEDURES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET MEETINGS

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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

18 A. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council
19 with oversight authority over the Office of the Controller, the Office of Management and
20 Budget, the Office of the Auditor General, the Office of the Navajo Tax Commission, the
21 Insurance Services Department, the Retirement Services Department, and the Insurance
22 Commission. 2 N.N.C. §300(A), 2 N.N.C. §301(B)(13).

23 B. As the Oversight Committee for the above-named Navajo Nation Programs, the Budget and
24 Finance Committee will hold a meeting to review the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 budgets for
25 each of these Programs. The Budget and Finance Committee, as with each Oversight
26 Committee, will review the budgets for the Programs under its purview and will make
27 recommendations concerning the Program budgets, for including in the Navajo Nation's
28 FY2024 Comprehensive Budget. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

29 C. In Resolution No. BFS-52-05 approved in September 2005, the Budget and Finance
30 Committee adopted certain Rules for their budget meetings (termed "hearings" at that time).

1 For the FY2024 budget season, the Budget and Finance Committee is rescinding those 2005
2 Rules and adopting new Procedures for its budget meetings.

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4 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

5 A. The Budget and Finance Committee approved Resolution No. BFS-52-05 in September of
6 2005. A copy of BFS-52-05 is attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 1**. In BFS-52-05 the Budget and
7 Finance Committee adopted certain Rules for their budget meetings (termed “hearings” at
8 that time) conducted pursuant to its authority under 12 N.N.C. §840(A) as an Oversight
9 Committee for various Navajo Nation Programs.

10 B. In the interest of establishing uniform standing committee budget procedures for conducting
11 the budget meetings pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §840(A), Resolution No. BFS-52-05 should be
12 rescinded and new Procedures should be adopted for the Budget and Finance Committee’s
13 FY2024 budget meetings.

14 C. The Budget and Finance Committee has reviewed and considered the proposed
15 “OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SPECIAL BUDGET MEETINGS PROCEDURES -
16 FY2024 PROGRAM BUDGETS” (attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 2**) and finds that adherence
17 to such Procedures will effect a more efficient review and recommendation process regarding
18 the FY2024 Program budgets, and approval of such Procedures is in the best interest of the
19 Navajo Nation.

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21 **SECTION THREE. RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. BFS-52-05 AND APPROVING**
22 **NEW PROCEDURES FOR FY2024 BUDGET MEETINGS**

23 A. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby rescinds Resolution No. BFS-52-05 in its
24 entirety.

25 B. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby rescinds all other previously approved Budget
26 and Finance Committee resolutions, if any, pertaining to rules, procedures, or the like, for
27 budget hearings or budget meetings.

28 C. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby approves the “OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
29 SPECIAL BUDGET MEETINGS PROCEDURES - FY2024 PROGRAM BUDGETS”
30 attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 2**.

1 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

2 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 12 N.N.C. §840(A) and 2 N.N.C.
3 §189(A).

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