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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Law and Order Committee; Approving and Recommending to the Budget and Finance Committee the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Office of Hearing and Appeal and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

**Tracking No.** 0169-23

**DATE:** August 2, 2023

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEAL AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2024 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will approve and recommend to the Budget and Finance Committee the Proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeal.

**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.**

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

Introduced by:

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(Prime Sponsor)



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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND  
RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE  
FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF  
HEARINGS AND APPEALS AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED  
IN THE NAVAJO NATION’S FY2024 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee (“LOC”) is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeal (“OHA”). 2 N.N.C. §600(A); 2 N.N.C. §601(C)(1).
- B. Each Oversight Committee, including the Law and Order Committee, shall review and make recommendations regarding the programs under its oversight responsibility to the Navajo Nation’s Comprehensive Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. 12 N.N.C. §840(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §840(A), each Oversight Committee, including the Law and Order Committee, “shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the budget[s]” for the Programs they oversee. 12 N.N.C. §840(A) further

1 provides that Oversight Committee recommendations shall not exceed the base planning  
2 amounts established in the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual. The base planning amounts  
3 were established by the Budget and Finance Committee in the FY2024 Budget Instructions  
4 Manual (see Resolution No. BFJY-15-23).

5 B. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. §840(A), the Law and Order Committee held public meetings  
6 and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of Management and Budget regarding  
7 the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Office of Hearings and Appeal.

8 C. During these budget meetings, the Law and Order Committee reviewed and considered the  
9 proposed FY2024 Budget for the Office of Hearings and Appeal, as compared to the base  
10 planning amounts established in the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual and as  
11 recommended by the Office of Management and Budget.

12 D. The Law and Order Committee finds that approval of the proposed FY2024 Budget for the  
13 Office of Hearings and Appeal and inclusion of such Budget in the Navajo Nation's FY2024  
14 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation.

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16 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND**  
17 **FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF**  
18 **HEARINGS AND APPEAL AND RELATED MATTERS**

19 A. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves the FY2024 Budget for the Office of  
20 Hearings and Appeal, as detailed in the "Fund Type Budget Summary" attached hereto as  
21 **Exhibit A.**

22 B. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves certain revisions to the Branch Chiefs'  
23 proposed FY2024 Budget amount for the Office of Hearings and Appeal, as shown in  
24 Columns D and E in the "General Fund Comparative Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit**  
25 **B.**

26 C. The Law and Order Committee recommends the changes to the General Fund Budget  
27 described in **Exhibit C.**

28 D. The Law and Order Committee recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and  
29 Legislative Concerns, as listed in **Exhibit D.**

30 E. The Law and Order Committee recommends that certain Unmet Needs for the Office of

1 Hearings and Appeal be included in the FY2024 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in  
2 **Exhibit E.**

3 F. The Law and Order Committee hereby recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee  
4 approve the Office of Hearings and Appeal FY2024 Budget and all Committee  
5 recommendations, as set forth in **Exhibits A-E.**

6 G. As necessary and appropriate, the Law and Order Committee hereby authorizes the Chair  
7 and Vice-Chair to negotiate the Law and Order Committee recommendations herein with the  
8 Budget and Finance Committee.

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10 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

11 This Action shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. §189(A).  
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