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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 Judicial Branch and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0170-23

DATE: July 31, 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 JUDICIAL BRANCH 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 Judicial Branch.

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

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 AND
12 RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE
13 FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET FOR THE JUDICIAL BRANCH AND RELATED
14 MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED
15 IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2024 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

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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 Navajo Nation Judicial Branch ("Judicial Branch").
22 2 N.N.C. §600(A); 2 N.N.C. §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. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §840(A), each Oversight Committee, including the LOC, "shall
29 review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the
30 budget[s]" for the Programs they oversee. 12 N.N.C. §840(A) further provides that Oversight

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

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

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

12 D. The LOC finds that approval of the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Judicial Branch and
13 inclusion of such Budget in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget is in the
14 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 JUDICIAL**
18 **BRANCH AND RELATED MATTERS**

19 A. The LOC hereby approves the FY2024 Budget for the Judicial Branch, as detailed in the
20 "Fund Type Budget Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

21 B. The LOC hereby approves certain revisions to the Branch Chiefs' proposed FY2024 Budget
22 amount for the Judicial Branch, as shown in Columns D and E in the "General Fund
23 Comparative Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

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

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

27 E. The LOC recommends that certain Unmet Needs for the Judicial Branch be included in the
28 FY2024 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**.

29 F. The LOC hereby recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee approve the Judicial
30 Branch FY2024 Budget and all Committee recommendations, as set forth in **Exhibits A-E**.

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G. As necessary and appropriate, the LOC hereby authorizes the Chair and Vice-Chair to negotiate the LOC recommendations herein with the Budget and Finance Committee.

SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE

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