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TITLE: 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 Department of Justice and Related Matters, to be Included in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0172-23

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 NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 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 Department of Justice.

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
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2023

Introduced by:



(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 DEPARTMENT OF
JUSTICE 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 Department of Justice (“Department of Justice”). 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, regarding 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 LOC, “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 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 Department of Justice.

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

12 D. The LOC finds that approval of the proposed FY2024 Budget for the Department of Justice
13 and inclusion of such Budget in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget is in
14 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**
18 **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND RELATED MATTERS**

19 A. The LOC hereby approves the FY2024 Budget for the Department of Justice, as detailed in
20 the "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 Department of Justice, 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 Department of Justice be included
28 in the FY2024 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**.

29 F. The LOC hereby recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee approve the
30 Department of Justice FY2024 Budget and all Committee recommendations, as set forth in

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Exhibits A-E.

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).