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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Rescinding Resolutions ECMAR-12-91 and HSCMA-13-96; Approving Oversight Committee Budget Meeting Procedures**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0188-23

DATE: August 3, 2023

TITLE OF RESOLUTION:

**AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE;  
APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THE FIXED COST ALLOCATIONS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR CERTAIN NAVAJO NATION PROGRAMS**

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will approve and recommend the proposed Fiscal Year 2024 Fixed Cost allocations for 18 Navajo Nation Programs under the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative Branches, for including in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget.

NOTE: This summary does not address recommended revisions or amendments to the body of the legislation or the exhibits, that may be approved by the Budget and Finance Committee. OLC requests that each member of the Committee carefully review this legislation.

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

4 Introduced by:

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7 (Prime Sponsor)



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16 BE IT ENACTED:

18 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 19 A. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council.  
20 2 N.N.C. §300(A).
- 21 B. The Budget and Finance Committee has the responsibility to “protect the interests of the  
22 Navajo People through the prudent management of the financial reserves of the Navajo  
23 Nation and the use of funds available for expenditure by the Navajo Nation.” 2 N.N.C.  
24 §300(C)(4). Such funds include all funds used for appropriations in the Navajo Nation’s  
25 annual Comprehensive Budget.
- 26 C. The Budget and Finance Committee has the responsibility to “recommend to the Navajo  
27 Nation Council the budgeting, appropriation . . . and management of all funds.” 2 N.N.C.  
28 §301(B)(2). Such funds include all funds used for covering Fixed Cost allocations in the  
29 Navajo Nation’s annual Comprehensive Budget.
- 30 D. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. §840(A) the Budget and Finance Committee (“BFC”) reviews and

1 makes recommendations concerning the Navajo Nation’s annual Comprehensive Budget, in  
2 accordance with the budget instructions approved by BFC for each Fiscal Year.

3 E. BFC approved the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual on July 12, 2023 in Resolution No.  
4 BFJY-15-23. Also in BFJY-15-23, BFC approved the overall “Fixed Cost Programs FY2024  
5 General Fund and IDC Allocations” for certain Navajo Nation Programs (revised as of  
6 7/13/23). See Exhibit D-2 to BFJY-15-23 (copy of Exhibit D-2 is attached hereto as  
7 **EXHIBIT 1**).

8 F. Consistent with its approval of the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual and the Fixed Cost  
9 Allocations in Exhibit D-2 to BFJY-15-23, BFC also approves the detailed FY2024 Fixed  
10 Cost budgets for the following Navajo Nation Programs:

- 11 1. Office of the Controller;
- 12 2. Division of General Services;
- 13 3. Navajo-Hopi Land Commission;
- 14 4. Office of Management and Budget;
- 15 5. Division of Human Resources;
- 16 6. Judicial Branch;
- 17 7. Division of Natural Resources;
- 18 8. Office of the Navajo Tax Commission;
- 19 9. Human Rights Commission;
- 20 10. Navajo Utah Commission;
- 21 11. Division of Economic Development;
- 22 12. Department of Justice;
- 23 13. Division of Community Development (stipends);
- 24 14. Navajo Election Administration (elections);
- 25 15. District Grazing Committees (stipends);
- 26 16. Eastern Navajo Land Board (stipends);
- 27 17. Farm Boards (stipends);
- 28 18. Eastern Navajo Land Commission.

29 G. All Navajo Nation Programs named above are listed in Exhibit D-2 to BFJY-15-23 (the  
30 attached **EXHIBIT 1**).

1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. The Budget and Finance Committee held meetings and heard reports on the proposed Fixed  
3 Cost allocations for FY2024 for the various Navajo Nation Programs named in SECTION  
4 ONE (F) herein.
- 5 B. During these budget meetings, the Budget and Finance Committee reviewed and considered  
6 the proposed Fixed Cost allocations for FY2024 for said Programs, as compared to the base  
7 planning amounts established in the FY2024 Budget Instructions Manual and as  
8 recommended by the Office of Management and Budget.
- 9 C. The Budget and Finance Committee finds that approval of the proposed Fixed Cost  
10 allocations for FY2024 budget for said Programs, and inclusion of Fixed Cost allocations in  
11 the Navajo Nation’s FY2024 Comprehensive Budget, is in the best interest of the Navajo  
12 Nation.

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14 **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THE FIXED COST**  
15 **ALLOCATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 FOR CERTAIN**  
16 **NAVAJO NATION PROGRAMS**

- 17 A. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby approves the proposed Fixed Cost allocations  
18 for FY2024 for the various Navajo Nation Programs named in SECTION ONE (F) herein,  
19 as detailed in the “Fund Type Budget Summary” attached hereto as **EXHIBIT A**.
- 20 B. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby approves certain revisions (if any) to the  
21 proposed Fixed Cost allocations for FY2024 for the Programs named in SECTION ONE (F)  
22 herein, as shown in Columns (D) and (E) of the “General Fund Comparative Summary”  
23 attached as **EXHIBIT B**.
- 24 C. An explanation of the revisions (if any) to the dollar figures in Columns (D) and (E) of the  
25 General Fund Comparative Summary - EXHIBIT B, as approved by the Budget and Finance  
26 Committee, are shown in the “Recommended Changes to the General Fund Budget” attached  
27 hereto as **EXHIBIT C**.
- 28 D. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby approves certain Conditions of Appropriation  
29 and Legislative Concerns (if any) pertaining to the Programs named in SECTION ONE (F)  
30 herein, as listed in the attached **EXHIBIT D**.

1 E. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby approves certain Unmet Needs (if any) for the  
2 Programs named in SECTION ONE (F) herein, as listed in the attached **EXHIBIT E**.

3 F. The Budget and Finance Committee hereby recommends that proposed Fixed Cost  
4 allocations for FY2024 for the Programs named in SECTION ONE (F) herein, along with  
5 all revisions and additions thereto (if any), as detailed in the attached **EXHIBITS A-E**, be  
6 included in the Navajo Nation's FY2024 Comprehensive Budget to be approved by the  
7 Navajo Nation Council.

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9 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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