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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee; Approving a Budget Revision Request from the Department of Diné Education to Fund Oversight Activities for Projected Expenditures and Grants for Diné College and Navajo Technical University

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Tracking No. 0095-24

DATE: April 29, 2024

RE: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE; APPROVING A BUDGET REVISION REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION TO FUND OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR PROJECTED EXPENDITURES AND GRANTS FOR DINÉ COLLEGE AND NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY

PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION:

to approve a Budget Revision Request from NNOSFA to DODE, in the amount of \$1,700,000.

FINAL AUTHORITY and VOTE REQUIREMENT:

The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee has final authority. A 2/3 vote of the Committee is required to approve the resolution.

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1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - Second Year, 2024

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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10 AN ACTION
11 RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN
12 SERVICES COMMITTEE; APPROVING A BUDGET REVISION
13 REQUEST FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF DINÉ EDUCATION TO FUND
14 OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR PROJECTED EXPENDITURES AND
15 GRANTS FOR DINÉ COLLEGE AND NAVAJO TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 20 A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the
21 Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §400(A). Among other authorities, the Committee has
22 oversight over the Department of Diné Education and its subordinate offices including the
23 Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance. 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).
24 B. The Navajo Nation's FY2024 Budget Instruction Manual ("BIM") explains that a "budget
25 revision involves a change to an approved budget that deviates from the approved financial
26 plan." BIM, Section 12(C).
27 C. The FY2024 BIM requires Oversight Committee approval for any budget modification that
28 constitutes "an increase or decrease of \$50,000 or more to an existing business unit budget
29 under a previously approved budget." BIM, Section 12(C)(3).
30 D. The BIM requires Oversight Committee approval if the Budget Revision Request

1 “significantly affects or changes the intent of the original funding approval or budget.” BIM,
2 Section 12(D)(2).

3 E. The BIM also requires that all Budget Revision requests shall be reviewed by the Office of
4 Management and Budget (“OMB”), and the OMB Executive Director shall approve or
5 disapprove the request. BIM, Section 12(E).

6 F. According to 2 N.N.C. §185(A), a Navajo Nation program’s Budget Revision Request must
7 be approved by a 2/3 vote of the program’s Oversight Committee members.

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9 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

10 A. The Department of Diné Education is requesting a Budget Revision to transfer \$1,700,000
11 from the Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship & Financial Assistance (“ONNSFA”) to the
12 Department of Diné Education (“DODE”). The transferred funds will allow DODE to cover
13 its administrative costs to provided oversight of the projected expenditures and grants
14 pertaining to Diné College and Navajo Technical University. **EXHIBIT A.**

15 B. ONNSFA has submitted a completed and signed Budget Revision Request. **EXHIBIT B.**

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17 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

18 The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee hereby approves DODE’s Budget
19 Revision Request as shown in the attached **EXHIBIT B.**

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21 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

22 This Action shall become effective in accordance with 2 N.N.C. §221(C).

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24 **SECTION FIVE. SAVING CLAUSE**

25 If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by
26 a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the
27 remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.