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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee; Appointing Health, Education and Human Services Committee Members to the Indian Health Service National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup and the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee**

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0033-25

**DATE:** February 11, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE, APPOINTING HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE NATIONAL TRIBAL BUDGET FORMULATION WORKGROUP AND THE DIRECT SERVICE TRIBES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**PURPOSE:** If approved, this resolution will appoint three (3) Health, Education, and Human Services Committee members as alternative representative to the Indian Health Service National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup and the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee.

**Final Authority:** Health, Education and Human Services Committee

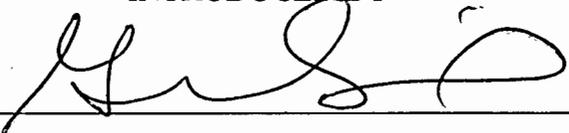
**Vote Required:** Simple Majority

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

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1                                    PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
2                                    25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL — Third Year, 2025

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10                                   AN ACTION  
11                                   RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES  
12                                   COMMITTEE, APPOINTING HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN  
13                                   SERVICES COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE  
14                                   NATIONAL TRIBAL BUDGET FORMULATION WORKGROUP AND THE  
15                                   DIRECT SERVICE TRIBES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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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 established as a standing  
21                                   committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The committee consists of six delegates of the  
22                                   Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 400(A)-(B).  
23                                   B. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee is empowered “[t]o establish  
24                                   Navajo Nation policy, promulgate rules, and regulations governing health, social  
25                                   services, education, human services, and general government services of the Navajo  
26                                   Nation and its tribal organizations, entities, and enterprises.” 2 N.N.C. § 401(B)(1).  
27                                   C. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) is empowered “[t]o  
28                                   ensure compliance and implementation of laws and policies of the Navajo Nation relating  
29                                   to health, social services, education, general government services and human services. 2  
30                                   N.N.C. § 401(B)(1).

1           **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2           A. The Indian Health Service (“IHS”) National Tribal Budget Formulation  
3           Workgroup consists of two tribal representatives from each of the 12 IHS Areas.  
4           The workgroup provides guidance to the IHS Headquarters budget formulation  
5           team throughout the budget formulation cycle for each fiscal year.
- 6           B. The Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee was established in 2005 to  
7           provide leadership that advises the IHS Director on the development of health  
8           policy and participates in IHS decision making that affects the delivery of health  
9           care.
- 10          C. On January 17, 202[5], Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren submitted a  
11          letter to the Indian Health Services, attached as **Exhibit A**, designating the Navajo  
12          Area Representatives for the IHS National Tribal Budget Formulation Workgroup  
13          and the Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee as follows:

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25 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

26 The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee acknowledges Navajo Nation  
27 President Dr. Buu Nygren as the primary representative and his designation of technical  
28 advisors as stated in **Exhibit A** and restated herein. The Health, Education, and Human  
29 Services Committee appoints the following committee members to serve as alternate  
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1 representatives for the IHS National Budget Formulation Meeting and the Direct Service

2 Tribes Advisory Committee:

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4 Alternative Representative: Delegate Germaine Simonson, Vice Chair, HEHSC

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6 Alt #1: Delegate Vince James, Chair, HEHSC

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8 Alt #2: Delegate Dr. Andy Nez, HEHSC

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