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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0136-25

DATE: June 13, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDING AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2026 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is for the HEHSC to recommend and approve the fiscal year 2026 budget for the Navajo Nation Division for Children and Family Services and have it be included in the Navajo Nation FY2026 Comprehensive Budget

FINAL AUTHORITY: Budget and Finance Committee

VOTING REQUIREMENT: Simple Majority

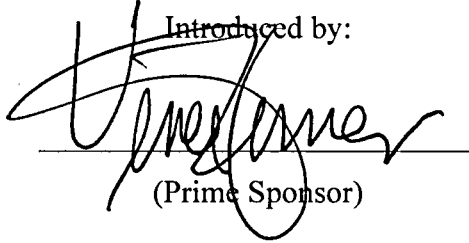
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Health Education & Human Services Committee
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Budget & Finance Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2026

Introduced by:


(Prime Sponsor)

Tracking No. 0136-25

AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; RECOMMENDING
AND APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE DIVISION FOR
CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND RELATED MATTERS, TO BE
INCLUDED IN THE NAVAJO NATION'S FY2026 COMPREHENSIVE BUDGET

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Division for Children and Family Services. 2 N.N.C. §400(A) and 2 N.N.C. §401(C)(1).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council authorized to make recommendations to the Council on the budgeting and management of Navajo Nation funds. 2 N.N.C. § 300(A), § 301(B)(2). The Budget and Finance Committee is specifically authorized to make recommendations to the Council regarding the Navajo Nation's annual Comprehensive Budget for each Fiscal Year. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 1 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance
2 Committee held budget meetings and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of
3 Management and Budget regarding the proposed FY2026 Budget for the Division for
4 Children and Family Services. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).
- 5 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Committee Report shall be
6 attached as **Exhibit G** and the Budget and Finance Committee, Committee Report shall
7 be attached as **Exhibit H**.
- 8 C. Per the Navajo Nation Appropriations Act, Oversight Committee budget
9 recommendations shall not exceed the base planning amounts. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).
- 10 D. The Budget and Finance Committee finds that approval of the proposed FY2026 Budget
11 for the Division for Children and Family Services and inclusion of such Budget in the
12 Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest of the Navajo
13 Nation.

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15 **SECTION THREE. HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**
16 **RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL**
17 **YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY**
18 **SERVICES AND RELATED MATTERS**

- 19 A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby recommends the FY2026
20 Budget for the Division for Children and Family Services, as detailed in the "Fund Type
21 Budget Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and in the Health, Education and
22 Human Services Committee's Report, to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 23 B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby approves certain
24 revisions, if any, to the proposed FY2026 Budget amount for the Division for Children
25 and Family Services, as shown in Columns D and E in the "General Fund Comparative
26 Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and in the Health, Education and Human
27 Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 28 C. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends the changes, if any,
29 to the General Fund Budget described in **Exhibit C**, and in the Health, Education and
30 Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

- 1 D. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends certain Conditions
2 of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, if any, as listed in **Exhibit D**, and in the
3 Health, Education and Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit**
4 **G**.
- 5 E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that certain Unmet
6 Needs, if any, for the Division for Children and Family Services be included in the
7 FY2026 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**, and in the Health, Education
8 and Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 9 F. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has been presented with the
10 External Funds Anticipated in FY2026, if any, as listed in **Exhibit F**.
- 11 G. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that the Budget and
12 Finance Committee approve the Division for Children and Family Services FY2026
13 Budget and all Committee recommendations as set forth in **Exhibits A-E and Exhibit**
14 **G**, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Committee Report.
- 15 H. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby authorizes the Chair and
16 the Vice-Chair to negotiate with the Budget and Finance Committee on these
17 recommendations.
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19 **SECTION FOUR. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVING THE**
20 **FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE DIVISION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY**
21 **SERVICES AND RELATED MATTERS**

22 The Budget and Finance Committee approves the Division for Children and Family Services
23 FY2026 Budget as set forth in **Exhibits A-E** and in the Budget and Finance Committee's,
24 Committee Report, **Exhibit H**, to serve as the BFC's recommendations to the Navajo Nation
25 Council for including in the FY2026 Comprehensive Budget.
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27 **SECTION FIVE. DIRECTIVES**

- 28 A. The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit G**, the Health, Education and
29 Human Services Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made to
30 this Action (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) that are approved by the Health,

1 Education and Human Services Committee and that serve as the Health, Education and
2 Human Services Committee's recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee.

3 B The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit H**, the Budget and Finance
4 Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made to this Action
5 (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) as approved by the BFC.
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7 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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