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Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the  
Navajo Nation Office of the Public Defender

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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0138-25

**DATE:** June 17, 2025

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

**PURPOSE:** This proposed resolution approves the Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of the Public Defender.

**FINAL AUTHORITY:** Budget and Finance Committee

**VOTE REQUIREMENT:** Simple Majority

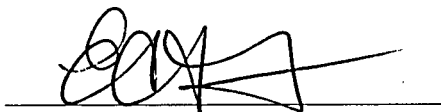
**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review the proposed resolution in detail.**

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Law & Order Committee  
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Budget & Finance Committee

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

Introduced by:



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AN ACTION  
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YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC  
DEFENDER

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Office of the Public Defender. 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. The Navajo Nation Office of the Public Defender prepared the following document in support of its Fiscal Year ("FY") 2026 Budget:
1. Fund Type Budget Summary, as provided in **Exhibit A**;

2. General Fund Comparative Summary, as provided in **Exhibit B**;
3. Changes to the General Fund Budget, as provided in **Exhibit C**;
4. Recommended Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, as provided in **Exhibit D**;
5. Recommended Unmet Needs, as provided in **Exhibit E**; and
6. Anticipated External Funds, as provided in **Exhibit F**. This exhibit is provided for information purposes only and as such is not subject to amendment since these are not Navajo Nation General Funds.

B. The Law and Order Committee Report, once prepared, will be attached as **Exhibit G**.

### **SECTION THREE. APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

- A. The Law and Order Committee approves the Navajo Nation Office of the Public Defender's Budget **Exhibits A-E**, as attached to this Resolution.
- B. The Law and Order Committee recommends the Navajo Nation Council include the amounts provided in **Exhibits A-E** into the Navajo Nation's Comprehensive Budget for FY 2026.

### **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVE**

The Law and Order Committee directs the Office of Legislative Services to attach the Budget and Finance Committee Report as **Exhibit G**.