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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Health, Education and Humans Services Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Recommending and Approving the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration and Related Matters, to be included in the Navajo Nation's FY 2026 Comprehensive Budget**

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## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0175-25

DATE: July 15, 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 NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION 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 Department of Veterans Administration 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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Eligible for Action: 7/21/25

Health Education & Human Services Committee  
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Budget & Finance Committee

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

Introduced by:

  
(Prime Sponsor)

Tracking No. 0175-25

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 NAVAJO  
NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION 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 Department of Veterans Administration. 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).

1     **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2     A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance  
3         Committee held budget meetings and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of  
4         Management and Budget regarding the proposed FY2026 Budget for the Navajo Nation  
5         Department of Veterans Administration. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).
- 6     B. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Committee Report shall be  
7         attached as **Exhibit G** and the Budget and Finance Committee, Committee Report shall  
8         be attached as **Exhibit H**.
- 9     C. Per the Navajo Nation Appropriations Act, Oversight Committee budget  
10        recommendations shall not exceed the base planning amounts. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).
- 11    D. The Budget and Finance Committee finds that approval of the proposed FY2026 Budget  
12        for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration and inclusion of such  
13        Budget in the Navajo Nation's FY2026 Comprehensive Budget is in the best interest of  
14        the Navajo Nation.
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16     **SECTION THREE. HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
17     **RECOMMENDING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL**  
18     **YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS**  
19     **ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED MATTERS**

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

Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

D. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and Legislative Concerns, if any, as listed in **Exhibit D**, and in the Health, Education and Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

E. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that certain Unmet Needs, if any, for the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration be included in the FY2026 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**, and in the Health, Education and Human Services Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

F. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee has been presented with the External Funds Anticipated in FY2026, if any, as listed in **Exhibit F**.

G. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee approve the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration FY2026 Budget and all Committee recommendations as set forth in **Exhibits A-E and Exhibit G**, the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, Committee Report.

H. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee hereby authorizes the Chair and the Vice-Chair to negotiate with the Budget and Finance Committee on these recommendations.

#### **SECTION FOUR. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND RELATED MATTERS**

The Budget and Finance Committee approves the Navajo Nation Department of Veterans Administration FY2026 Budget as set forth in **Exhibits A-E** and in the Budget and Finance Committee's, Committee Report, **Exhibit H**, to serve as the BFC's recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council for including in the FY2026 Comprehensive Budget.

#### **SECTION FIVE. DIRECTIVES**

A. The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit G**, the Health, Education and

1 Human Services Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made to  
2 this Action (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) that are approved by the Health,  
3 Education and Human Services Committee and that serve as the Health, Education and  
4 Human Services Committee's recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee.

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

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