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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0202-25

DATE: August 22, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. BFJY-55-25 TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE FOR HOLDING AN INVESTIGATORY HEARING CONCERNING THE NAVAJO NATION'S CONTRACTS FOR HOUSING AND RELATED MATTERS

PURPOSE: This proposed resolution, if adopted, will extend the deadline for the Budget and Finance Committee to hold an Investigatory Hearing concerning the Navajo Nation's contracts and related matters.

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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Johnson
Website Posting Time/Date: _____
Posting End Date: 08-27-25
Eligible for Action: 08-28-25

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

INTRODUCED BY:



(Prime Sponsor)

Tracking No. 0202-25

AN ACTION

**RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; AMENDING
RESOLUTION NO. BFJY-55-25 TO REMOVE THE DEADLINE FOR HOLDING
AN INVESTIGATORY HEARING CONCERNING THE NAVAJO NATION'S
CONTRACTS FOR HOUSING AND RELATED MATTERS**

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Budget and Finance Committee is a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the responsibility to protect the interests of the Navajo people through the prudent management of the financial reserves of the Navajo Nation and the use of funds available for expenditure by the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 300 (C)(4).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee has the responsibility to exercise oversight authority over the budget, finance, investment, contracting, accounting, and audit activities of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 300(C).
- C. The Budget and Finance Committee has been delegated the enumerated power, among other powers, to:
 1. Review and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(2);

2. Review the use of Navajo Nation funds received from all sources. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(3);
3. Coordinate and review all fiscal, financial and investment activities of the Navajo Nation and its enterprises, as well as other agencies, federal, state, regional and private, expending or seeking to expend funds within the Navajo Nation or for the benefit of the Navajo People. 2 N.N.C. § 30 (B)(5); and
4. Require reports from and to monitor the financial performance of all offices, divisions, departments, enterprises, authorities, committees, boards, commissions, or entities having oversight or control over fiscal matters or financial obligations to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(9).

D. The Budget and Finance Committee, through Resolution No. BFJY-55-25, attached as **Exhibit A**, authorized an Investigatory Hearing concerning the Navajo Nation's contracts for housing and related matters.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- A. Resolution No. BFJY-55-25, at Section Three (B), states that the "Budget and Finance Committee shall commence the investigatory hearing [concerning the Navajo Nation's contracts for housing and related matters] no later than August 31, 2025, . . ." **Exhibit A**,
- B. Given the time pressures currently facing the Budget and Finance Committee to adopt the 2026 Comprehensive Budget and the Independent Audit legislations, the August 31, 2025, date set in BFJY-55-25 is no longer feasible.
- C. The Budget and Finance Committee finds extending the August 31, 2025, date set in BFJY-55-25 shall ensure that the Investigatory Hearing is a full, fair, and transparent process.

SECTION THREE. BFJY-55-25 AMENDMENT

The Budget and Finance Committee hereby amends Resolution No. BFJY-55-25, Section Three (B) as follows:

The Budget and Finance Committee shall commence the investigatory hearing no

1 later than ~~August 31, 2025~~ _____, 2025, and shall adopt and publish
2 Hearing Rules at least five (5) days prior to the start of the hearing. The purpose
3 of the Hearing Rules is to ensure that the Investigatory Hearing is a full, fair, and
4 transparent process.
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6 **SECTION FOUR. SAVING CLAUSE**

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