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**TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee;
Temporarily Suspending the Delegation of Business Site Leasing Authority Granted
to the Shonto Community Governance; and Authorizing the Western Regional
Business Development Office and the Shonto Community Governance to Work
Together to Enter into a Two-Year Business Site Lease with the Navajo Hospitality
Enterprise for the Shonto Hotel**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0258-25

DATE: November 14, 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE DELEGATION OF BUSINESS SITE LEASING AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE SHONTO COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE WESTERN REGIONAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND THE SHONTO COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR BUSINESS SITE LEASE WITH THE NAVAJO HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISE FOR THE SHONTO HOTEL

PURPOSE: This purpose of this proposed resolution is to temporarily suspend the delegation of business site leasing authority granted to the Shonto Community Governance (Chapter) for a period of two years and to authorize the Western Regional Business Development Office to work with the Shonto Community Governance in negotiating with Navajo Hospitality Enterprise for a business site lease for the Shonto hotel.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development 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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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Third Year, 2025

INTRODUCED BY


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TRACKING NO. 0258-25

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE DELEGATION OF BUSINESS SITE
LEASING AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE SHONTO COMMUNITY
GOVERNANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE WESTERN REGIONAL BUSINESS
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND THE SHONTO COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE
TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR BUSINESS SITE LEASE
WITH THE NAVAJO HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISE FOR THE SHONTO HOTEL

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 500(A).
- B. The Resources and Development Committee has oversight authority over, including but not limited to, water, land, Chapter activities, economic and community development. 2 N.N.C. § 500(C).
- C. The Resources and Development Committee has the enumerated power to delegate business site leasing authority to governance certified Chapters and to rescind such delegation in accordance with established rules and regulations. 2 N.N.C. § 501(B)(2) and (3).

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2 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 3 A. Navajo Nation Council enacted the Local Governance Act (LGA) and codified it
4 under Title 26 of the Navajo Nation Code.
- 5 B. Shonto Chapter, also known as Shonto Community Governance, is an LGA Certified
6 Chapter that was delegated approval for business site leases by the Economic
7 Development Committee (predecessor to the Resources and Development
8 Committee—RDC) in 2008 through Resolution EDCY-40-08.
- 9 C. Chapters with delegated business site leasing authority are required to comply with
10 the Navajo Nation's Uniform Business Leasing Regulations of 2008.
- 11 D. The Business Site Lease Regulations approved by Resolution EDCF-11-08 at Section
12 203 (3.1) states: "The EDC [now RDC] may, at any time, based upon reasonable
13 findings of adverse actions to an interested party may rescind its delegation of
14 approval authority to the Local Government Unit, DED, Shopping Centers, or an
15 Entity."
- 16 E. The Resources and Development Committee through Legislation 0086-25 voted not
17 to rescind Shonto Community Governance business site leasing authority.
- 18 F. The Resources and Development Committee finds that five months have passed since
19 Legislation 0086-25 was voted down; however, the RDC is aware that Shonto
20 Community Governance is not ready to fully implement its business site leasing
21 delegated authority.
- 22 G. The Resources and Development Committee finds a temporary suspension of Shonto
23 Community Governance delegation of business site leasing authority for a period of
24 two years will give the Chapter the time to complete its construction of the business
25 site lease office and to obtain the staff for the office.
- 26 H. The Resources and Development Committee finds that temporary suspension is
27 necessary because the Shonto hotel is completely constructed and ready to be leased
28 to a hotel operator. The longer the Shonto hotel remains without a business site lessee,
29 the greater the chance of vandalism occurring to the building.
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1 **SECTION THREE. TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE DELEGATION OF**
2 **BUSINESS SITE LEASING AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE SHONTO**
3 **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE**

4 A. The Resources and Development Committee hereby temporarily suspends the delegation
5 of business site leasing authority granted to the Shonto Community Governance for a
6 period of two years starting from the certification of this resolution.

7 B. The Resources and Development Committee hereby authorizes that the two-year
8 suspension will end in less than two years if the Shonto Community Governance
9 establishes its business site office and staffs the office in less than two years.

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11 **SECTION FOUR. AUTHORIZING THE WESTERN REGIONAL BUSINESS**
12 **DEVELOPMENT OFFICE AND SHONTO COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE TO**
13 **WORK TOGETHER TO NEGOTIATE THE BUSINESS SITE LEASE WITH THE**
14 **NAVAJO HOSPITALITY ENTERPRISE FOR THE SHONTO HOTEL**

15 A. The Resources and Development Committee hereby authorizes the Western Regional
16 Business Development Office to work with the Shonto Community Governance in
17 negotiating with Navajo Hospitality Enterprise for a business site lease for the Shonto
18 hotel.

19 B. This business site lease will be issued by the Western Regional Business Development
20 Office. If at the end of two years the Shonto Community Governance has established
21 its business site office and has hired its staff, then the Shonto hotel lease shall be
22 novated to the Shonto Community Governance.