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Naabik'iyáti' Committee approves amendment to extend deadline for Sihasin Fund purchases for heavy equipment



Council Delegate Germaine Simonson sponsored Legislation No. 0003-26, extending the deadline for chapter heavy equipment purchases that utilize Sihasin funds.

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Thursday, the Naabik'iyáti' Committee voted unanimously to approve Legislation No. 0003-26, which amends Resolution NABIAP-24-24 to extend the deadline for chapter heavy equipment purchases funded through the Sihasin Fund.

Legislation sponsor, Council Delegate Germaine Simonson, said the amendment addresses delays in chapter-level purchases that resulted from government shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic. The amendment provides additional time for chapters to proceed with planned acquisitions that were postponed due to circumstances beyond their control.

Council Delegate Simonson noted that pandemic-related shutdowns significantly disrupted the purchasing process at the chapter level.

“The government shutdown contributed to delays that prevented chapters from expending their funds in a timely manner,” she said.

Resolution NABIAP-24-24 previously extended the purchasing deadline to December 31, 2025. Legislation No. 0003-26 further extends the deadline by one year, to December 31, 2026.

Delegate Simonson emphasized that the legislation establishes a reasonable and justified timeline for chapters to move forward with purchasing or amending their heavy equipment requests.

The amendment is intended to support chapters in fully expending their allocated Sihasin Fund resources to meet ongoing infrastructure and service needs.

The Naabik'íyáti' Committee voted 18 in favor and one opposed to approve Legislation No. 0003-26 on the consent agenda. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee serves as the final authority on the legislation.

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