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LEGISLATION NO: _0035-26_

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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving and Waiving Consideration for the Renewal of a Lease for Tuba City Unified School District for 89.23 Acres, more or less, Located within the To’Nanees’Dizi Local Government, Navajo Nation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0035-26

DATE: February 13, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND WAIVING CONSIDERATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A LEASE FOR TUBA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 89.23 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED WITHIN THE TO'NANEES'DIZI LOCAL GOVERNMENT, NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to approve a Lease for the Tuba City Unified School District. No consideration is to be assessed.

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.

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: At Mike III
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Eligible for Action: 2/23/26

1 PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
2 25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2026

3 Introduced by:

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6 (Prime Sponsor)

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8 Tracking No. 0035-26

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10 AN ACTION

11 RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
12 APPROVING AND WAIVING CONSIDERATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF A
13 LEASE FOR TUBA CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 89.23 ACRES,
14 MORE OR LESS, LOCATED WITHIN THE TO'NANEES'DIZI LOCAL
15 GOVERNMENT, NAVAJO NATION

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17 BE IT ENACTED:

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19 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

20 Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. Section §501 (B)(2), the Resources and Development Committee of
21 the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to grant final approval for all land withdrawals,
22 non-mineral leases, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, surface easements and bonding
23 requirements on Navajo Nation lands and unrestricted (fee) land. This authority shall
24 include subleases, modifications, assignments, leasehold encumbrances, transfers,
25 renewals, and terminations.

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27 SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

- 28 A. Tuba City Unified School District seeks renewal of its 89.23 acre lease in
29 To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government, Navajo Nation.
- 30 B. The lease is being entered into in accordance with the Navajo Nation's General Leasing
Regulations found at 16 N.N.C. § 2301 *et seq.* The lease is attached as **Exhibit A.**

1 C. The lease covers 89.23 acres, more or less, as described in the survey map and legal
2 description of the leased premises which are an exhibit to the lease and herein attached
3 as **Exhibit B**.

4 D. The term of the lease is fifty (50) years with an option for the lessee to renew for an
5 additional fifty (50) years year term.

6 E. The lease value was assessed by the Navajo Nation Minerals Department and was
7 determined to total \$2,017,311.80 for 20 years. The assessment is attached as **Exhibit**
8 **C**.

9 F. In accordance with 16 N.N.C. § 2334(F), Tuba City Unified School District is seeking
10 a waiver of the lease rental since the lease is for a school and related purposes. The
11 lease attached as **Exhibit A** provides:

12 *5. RENTAL.*

13 *In consideration of the foregoing and the covenants, agreements, terms and conditions*
14 *of this Lease, Lessee hereby covenants and agrees to pay Lessor, in lawful money of*
15 *the United States, an annual rental of: None. In accordance with the provisions of 16*
16 *N.N.C. § 2334(F) 25 and C.F.R. § 162.604(b)(2) & (3), only nominal rental is provided*
17 *for herein because this Lease is for educational purposes.*

18 G. The Cultural Resources Compliance Form is attached as **Exhibit D**. The Biological
19 Resources Compliance Form is attached **Exhibit E**. The General Land Development
20 Department's Environmental Compliance Determination is attached as **Exhibit F**.

21 H. The District III Grazing Chairperson's April 5, 2024 clearance memorandum is
22 attached as **Exhibit G**.

23 I. Supporting resolution #TND-04-09-2025 from the To'Nanees'Dizi Local Government
24 is attached as **Exhibit H**.

25 J. The School Lease of April 14, 1958 is attached as **Exhibit I**.

26 K. The proposed lease and supporting documentation have been reviewed through
27 Executive Official Review Document Number 023997, which is attached as **Exhibit J**.

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29 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

30 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
approves the lease, attached as **Exhibit A**, for the Tuba City Unified School District.

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No consideration is assessed. The location is more particularly described on the survey map attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to execute any and all documents necessary to affect the intent and purpose of this resolution.