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TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education, and Human Services and Budget and Finance Committees; Accepting a Performance Audit of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and Approving the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Proposed Corrective Action Plan

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. \$\$-)!&*

DATE: May 6, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; ACCEPTING A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would accept the Performance Audit conducted by the Office of the Auditor General for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration and approve the program's proposed Corrective Action Plan.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Budget and Finance 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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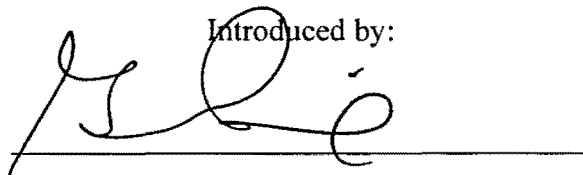
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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Fourth Year, 2026

Introduced by:



Primary Sponsor

Tracking No. 0095-26

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND HUMAN SERVICES AND
BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; ACCEPTING A
PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS
ADMINISTRATION AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED CORRECTIVE ACTION
PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education, and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the purpose of promulgating regulations, promoting accountability to policies, and providing legislative oversight on matters involving health, social service, education, and general governmental services and human services and veteran services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), (C)(1), and (C)(3), 401(B)(6)(A), and 401(C)(6).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the power to act as an Audit Committee of the Navajo Nation government and has final authority to review and approve audit reports issued by

1 the Auditor General, as well as proposed corrective action plans. 2 N.N.C. §§
2 300(A) and C(6) and 12 N.N.C. §§ 6(A) and 7(D).

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4 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 5 A. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. § 6, the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General
6 has provided a performance audit report of the Navajo Nation Veterans
7 Administration, Report No. 22-06, dated April 2022 (hereinafter referred to as
8 “Audit Report”) which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 9 B. The Auditor General’s summary of the findings in the Audit Report is explained in
10 a letter to the Executive Director of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration,
11 dated April 11, 2022, included in **Exhibit A**.
- 12 C. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration accepted the Auditor General’s final
13 draft of the Audit Report, in a memorandum dated April 6, 2022, and is included in
14 **Exhibit A**. *See Client Response Tab*.
- 15 D. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration provided a Corrective Action Plan
16 (“CAP”) to the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General, attached as **Exhibit**
17 **B**.

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19 **SECTION THREE. ACCEPTING THE AUDIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION**
20 **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION AND APPROVING THE NAVAJO NATION**
21 **VETERANS ADMINISTRATION’S PROPOSED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN**

- 22 A. The Navajo Nation hereby accepts and approves the Auditor General’s Audit
23 Report of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration, Report No. 22-06, attached
24 as **Exhibit A**.
- 25 B. The Navajo Nation hereby accepts and approves the CAP proposed by the Navajo
26 Nation Veterans Administration, attached as **Exhibit B**.

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28 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES**

- 29 A. A copy of the Audit Report and Navajo Nation Veterans Administration’s CAP, as
30 approved in this legislation, shall be provided to the Health, Education, and Human

1 Services Committee as part of its oversight responsibility over the Navajo Nation
2 Veterans Administration. 2 N.N.C. § 401(C)(3).

3 B. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall prepare and submit a written
4 status report on its progress at implementing all tasks set forth in its approved CAP.
5 In compliance with 12 N.N.C. § 7(F), the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration
6 shall submit said report to the Office of the Auditor General no later than six
7 months after the effective date of this Action.

8 C. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 7(F)(2), the Office of the Auditor General Shall receive
9 and review the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration's six-month status report
10 and shall prepare a memorandum explaining the Auditor General's opinion about
11 the success of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration's corrective efforts and
12 the programs compliance with its approved CAP during the noted six-month
13 period.

14 D. The Office of the Auditor General shall then promptly submit such memorandum
15 along with the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration's status report to the Health,
16 Education, and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance
17 Committee, in accordance with 12 N.N.C. § 7(F)(2).

18 E. Twelve months after the effective date of this Action, the Office of the Auditor
19 General shall conduct a follow-up review of the Navajo Nation Veterans
20 Administration to determine whether or not the program has successfully
21 implemented its approved CAP. *See* 12 N.N.C. § 7(G).

22 F. The Office of the Auditor General shall then promptly prepare its twelve-month
23 report on its findings resulting from the follow-up review. Such report shall include
24 the Auditor General's recommended actions to be taken, if any, by the Health,
25 Education, and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance
26 Committee. *See* 12 N.N.C. § 7(G).

27 G. The Auditor General's follow-up report shall be presented to the Health, Education,
28 and Human Services Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee. *See* 12
29 N.N.C. §§ 7(G) and 7(H).

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