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TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order Committee and Budget and Finance Committee; Approving and Recommending the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals and Related Matters

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0126-26

DATE: June 22, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS AND RELATED MATTERS

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would recommend to the Navajo Nation Council, the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals' budget for the Fiscal Year 2027 Comprehensive Budget.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Budget and Finance Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simply 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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Law & Order Committee
Thence
Budget & Finance Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL –Fourth Year, 2026

Introduced by:



(Prime Sponsor) 

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE AND BUDGET AND
FINANCE COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND RECOMMENDING THE FISCAL
YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND
APPEALS AND RELATED MATTERS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals. 2 N.N.C. § 600(A); 2 N.N.C. § 601 (B)(15) and (C)(1).
- B. The Law and Order Committee shall review and make recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee concerning the budget in accordance with the annual budget instructions. 12 N.N.C. § 840 (A).
- C. The Budget and Finance Committee is a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the power to review and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. §300(A) and 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(2).
- D. The Budget and Finance Committee shall review and make recommendations concerning the budget according to the annual budget instructions to the Navajo Nation

1 Council. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).

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3 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 4 A. The Law and Order Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee held budget
5 meetings and heard reports from Program staff and the Office of Management and
6 Budget regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2027 ("FY2027") Budget for the Navajo
7 Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).
- 8 B. The Law and Order Committee, Committee Report shall be attached as **Exhibit G** and
9 the Budget and Finance Committee, Committee Report shall be attached as **Exhibit H**.
- 10 C. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Appropriations Act, Oversight Committee budget
11 recommendations shall not exceed the base planning amounts. 12 N.N.C. § 840(A).

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13 **SECTION THREE. LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE RECOMMENDING TO**
14 **THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE THE FISCAL YEAR 2027**
15 **BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS**
16 **AND RELATED MATTERS**

- 17 A. The Law and Order Committee hereby recommends the FY2027 Budget for the Navajo
18 Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals, as detailed in the "Fund Type Budget
19 Summary" attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and in the Law and Order Committee's
20 Report, to be attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 21 B. The Law and Order Committee hereby approves certain revisions, if any, to the
22 proposed FY2027 Budget amount for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and
23 Appeals, as shown in Columns D and E in the "General Fund Comparative Summary"
24 attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, and in the Law and Order Committee's Report to be
25 attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 26 C. The Law and Order Committee recommends the changes, if any, to the General Fund
27 Budget described in **Exhibit C**, and in the Law and Order Committee's Report to be
28 attached as **Exhibit G**.
- 29 D. The Law and Order Committee recommends certain Conditions of Appropriation and
30 Legislative Concerns, if any, as listed in **Exhibit D**, and in the Law and Order

Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

E. The Law and Order Committee recommends that certain Unmet Needs, if any, for the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals be included in the FY2027 Comprehensive Budget, as explained in **Exhibit E**. and in the Law and Order Committee's Report to be attached as **Exhibit G**.

F. The Law and Order Committee has been presented with the External Funds Anticipated in FY2027, if any, as listed in **Exhibit F**.

G. The Law and Order Committee recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee approve the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals' FY2027 Budget and all Committee recommendations as set forth in **Exhibits A-E and Exhibit G**, the Law and Order Committee, Committee Report.

H. The Law and Order Committee hereby authorizes the Chair and the Vice-Chair to negotiate with the Budget and Finance Committee on these recommendations.

SECTION FOUR. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET FOR THE NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS AND RELATED MATTERS

The Budget and Finance Committee approves the Navajo Nation Office of Hearings and Appeals FY2027 Budget and all Committee recommendations as set forth in **Exhibits A-E** and in the Budget and Finance Committee's, Committee Report, **Exhibit H**, to serve as the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council for including in the FY2027 Comprehensive Budget.

SECTION FIVE. DIRECTIVES

A. The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit G**, the Law and Order Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made to this Action (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) that are approved by the Law and Order Committee and that serve as the Law and Order Committee's recommendations to the Budget and Finance Committee.

B. The Office of Legislative Services shall attach **Exhibit H**, the Budget and Finance

1 Committee's Committee Report, that reflects all amendment(s) made to this Action
2 (Exhibits and Budget Binder documents) as approved by the Budget and Finance
3 Committee.
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5 **SECTION SIX. EFFECTIVE DATE**

6 This Action shall become effective as provided in 2 N.N.C. § 189(A) and (B).
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