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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0129-26

DATE: June 17, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE, AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; OVERRIDING THE NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT'S VETO OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. CAP-31-26

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, would override the Navajo Nation President's Veto of Navajo Nation Council Resolution No. CAP-31-26.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Navajo Nation Council

VOTE REQUIRED: 2/3 Vote

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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Naabik'íyáti' Committee
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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Fourth Year, 2026

Introduced By:



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AN ACTION
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NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; OVERRIDING THE NAVAJO NATION
PRESIDENT'S VETO OF NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION
NO. CAP-31-26

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. All proposed resolutions enacting new laws or amending existing law are subject to veto by the President of the Navajo Nation Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(10) and (11) and override by the Navajo Nation Council pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(17).
- B. The Navajo Nation President shall have the power to veto legislation passed by the Navajo Nation Council subject to an override of the veto by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11).
- C. A vetoed resolution shall be first submitted to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee before consideration by the Council. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(17).

1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. Resolution CAP-31-26 was passed by a vote of fifteen (15) in favor and four (4)
3 opposed, by the Navajo Nation Council during a regular council session on April
4 22, 2026. The resolution was then certified on May 1, 2026, and transmitted to the
5 Navajo Nation President for consideration. The title of CAP-31-26 is "AN ACT
6 RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE, BUDGET AND
7 FINANCE COMMITTEE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE, AND NAVAJO
8 NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 1201" and is attached as **Exhibit**
9 **A.**
- 10 B. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1005 (C)(11), the Navajo Nation President vetoed CAP-31-
11 26 and provided a veto message on May 11, 2026, setting forth the reasons for the
12 veto. The President's veto letter is attached as **Exhibit B.**
- 13 C. The Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") serves a government-wide fiscal
14 and budgetary function distinct from executive departments that administer
15 programs and deliver services. As the central budget office of the Navajo Nation,
16 OMB is responsible for implementing budget laws, appropriations, and fiscal
17 policies enacted by the Navajo Nation Council.
- 18 D. OMB is not a programmatic executive department but is the Navajo Nation's
19 central budget office charged with implementing budgets enacted by the Navajo
20 Nation Council.
- 21 E. The Navajo Nation Council finds that the development and administration of the
22 Navajo Nation budget are inherently connected to the Council's statutory
23 responsibilities to appropriate funds and establish budgetary priorities for the
24 Navajo Nation.
- 25 F. The Navajo Nation Council further finds that providing general guidance to the
26 Director of OMB does not transfer executive authority to the Legislative Branch,
27 nor does it authorize the Council to administer programs, supervise executive
28 employees, or perform executive functions.
- 29 G. The Navajo Nation Council finds that the term "general guidance" is limited to
30 budgetary policy direction, legislative intent, fiscal priorities, and implementation

1 of laws enacted by the Navajo Nation Council and does not interfere with the day-
2 to-day administrative operations of the Executive Branch.

3 H. The Navajo Nation Council rejects any assertion that OMB functions solely as an
4 executive office because the Office's primary duties involve implementation of
5 budgets, appropriations, and fiscal policies enacted by the Navajo Nation Council
6 and applicable Navajo Nation laws.

7 I. The Navajo Nation Council finds that effective fiscal accountability requires the
8 Director of OMB to remain responsive to the legislative body that authorizes
9 expenditures, establishes budgetary policy, and exercises oversight of public funds.

10 J. The Navajo Nation Council further finds that permitting OMB exclusively under
11 executive direction risks undermining legislative intent, diminishing fiscal
12 oversight, and impairing the Council's ability to ensure that appropriated funds are
13 expended in accordance with Navajo Nation law.

14 K. The Navajo Nation Council recognizes the separation of powers among the
15 branches of the Navajo Nation government and finds that this legislation preserves
16 that principle by maintaining executive administration of programs while ensuring
17 that budget implementation remains consistent with legislative enactments and
18 appropriations.

19 L. The Navajo Nation Council finds that the President's veto message incorrectly
20 characterizes the resolution as an encroachment upon executive authority when the
21 resolution instead clarifies the accountability of OMB to the fiscal policies,
22 appropriations, and legislative directives lawfully enacted by the Navajo Nation
23 Council.

24 M. The Navajo Nation Council finds that this resolution does not transfer executive
25 authority to the Legislative Branch because the Director of OMB remains
26 responsible for the administration of the office and continues to report directly to
27 the President concerning operational and executive matters.

28 N. The Navajo Nation Council determines that requiring the Director of OMB to serve
29 under the general guidance of the Navajo Nation Council strengthens transparency,
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1 accountability, and adherence to legislative intent while preserving the
2 administrative responsibilities of the Executive Branch.

- 3 O. The Navajo Nation Council concludes that overriding the veto is necessary to
4 protect the Council's authority over appropriations and fiscal policy, ensure proper
5 oversight of public funds, and promote responsible and accountable government for
6 the benefit of the Navajo Nation and its people.

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8 **SECTION THREE. OVERRIDING VETO**

9 The Navajo Nation Council hereby overrides the Navajo Nation President's veto of CAP-
10 31-26.

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12 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

13 The override shall become effective upon certification of the Speaker of the Navajo
14 Nation Council, as provided for in 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(17) and 221 (A).