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**TITLE: An Action Relating to the Law and Order and Naabik'iyáti' Committees;
Amending Resolution NABIJN-28-25 Regarding the Chinle District Adult
Corrections Building No. B for Retroactive Lease Approval for FY 2022 and
Subsequent Lease Periods**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0139-26

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES; AMENDING RESOLUTION NABIJN-28-25 REGARDING THE CHINLE DISTRICT ADULT CORRECTIONS BUILDING NO. B FOR RETROACTIVE LEASE APPROVAL FOR FY 2022 AND SUBSEQUENT LEASE PERIODS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this proposed resolution is to amend NABIJN-28-25.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Naabik'íyáti' 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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Law & Order Committee
Thence
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

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

Introduced by:

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AN ACTION
RELATING TO THE LAW AND ORDER AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'
COMMITTEES; AMENDING RESOLUTION NABIJN-28-25 REGARDING
THE CHINLE DISTRICT ADULT CORRECTIONS BUILDING NO. B FOR
RETROACTIVE LEASE APPROVAL FOR FY 2022 AND SUBSEQUENT
LEASE PERIODS

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 600(A).
- B. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has authority to grant final approval for “agreements negotiated by justice systems entities, administrative legal tribunals and public safety programs with other federal...governmental agencies, subject to Naabik'iyáti' Committee approval when required by law.” 2 N.N.C. § 601 (B)(1)(a).
- C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 700(A).
- D. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee has the authority “[t]o authorize, review, approve and accept any and all contracts, grants and associated budgets with the United States,

1 its departments and agencies for the implementation of the Indian Self-
2 Determination and Education Assistance Act [ISDEAA], as amended upon the
3 recommendation of the standing committee which has oversight of the division,
4 department or program applying for the contract and/or grant.” 2 N.N.C. § 701
5 (A)(12).
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7 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 8 A. On June 19, 2025, Resolution NABIJN-28-25 was signed by the Navajo Nation
9 Speaker, which authorized the Navajo Nation President to submit a lease proposal
10 to the U.S. Department of Interior for the Chinle District Adult Correctional
11 Building No. B pursuant to Public Law 93-638.
- 12 B. The U.S. Department of the Interior requests the Naabik’iyáti’ Committee amend
13 Resolution NABIJN-28-25 to ensure the lease fully covers the property from the
14 initial request to final approval and going forward. U.S. Department of the Interior
15 letter dated Feb. 10, 2026, is attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 16 C. Resolution NABIJN-28-25 (without exhibits) is attached as **Exhibit B**.
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18 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING RESOLUTION NABIJN-28-25**

19 The Navajo Nation hereby amends NABIJN-28-25, at Section Three (B) as follows:

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- 22 B. The Navajo Nation authorizes the Navajo Nation President to negotiate and execute
23 said lease agreement and to take all measures necessary to implement said lease
24 agreement for retroactive to being in fiscal year 2022 2025 and subsequent lease
25 periods ~~for which funds are available~~.

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