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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0175-26

DATE: July 9, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; ACCEPTING THE INTERNAL AUDIT OF THE BAAHAALI CHAPTER AND APPROVING THE CHAPTER'S PROPOSED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would accept the Internal Audit conducted by the Office of the Auditor General for the Baahaali Chapter and approve the Chapter'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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Resources & Development Committee
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Budget & Finance Committee

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

Introduced By:


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AN ACTION
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AND FINANCE COMMITTEES; ACCEPTING THE INTERNAL AUDIT
OF THE BAAHAALI CHAPTER AND APPROVING THE CHAPTER'S
PROPOSED CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Resources and Development Committee is a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has legislative oversight for all 110 Navajo Nation Chapters. 2 N.N.C. §§ 500(A) and (C), and 501(C)(1).
- B. As the oversight authority for Chapter, the Resources and Development Committee reviews audit reports and proposed corrective action plans regarding Chapter financial matters. 12 N.N.C. § 7(E).
- C. 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 the Auditor General, as well as proposed corrective action plans. 2 N.N.C. §§ 300(A) and (C)(6) and 12 N.N.C. § 7(D).

1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. In accordance with 12 N.N.C. § 6, the Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General
3 provided an internal audit report to the Baahaali Chapter, Report No. 24-02. This
4 report is dated December 2023 (hereinafter referred to as “Audit Report”), and is
5 attached as **Exhibit A**. This Audit Report was prepared by the Office of the Auditor
6 General. The Auditor General’s summary of the findings in the Audit Report is
7 explained in a letter to the Baahaali Chapter President, dated December 29, 2023,
8 included in **Exhibit A**.
- 9 B. The Baahaali Chapter responded with a letter to the Auditor General regarding the
10 Audit Report. The Chapter’s response is dated December 19, 2023, and is included
11 in **Exhibit A**. *See* Tab Client Response.
- 12 C. In Resolution BHC-12-25-01, the Baahaali Chapter approves the Chapter’s
13 Corrective Action Plan (“CAP”) to address and resolve the findings in December of
14 2025, attached as **Exhibit B**.

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16 **SECTION THREE. ACCEPTING THE AUDIT OF THE BAAHAALI CHAPTER**
17 **AND APPROVING THE CHAPTER’S PROPOSED CORRECTIVE ACTION**
18 **PLAN**

- 19 A. The Navajo Nation accepts the Auditor General’s Internal Audit of the Baahaali
20 Chapter, Report No. 24-02, dated December 2023, attached as **Exhibit A**.
- 21 B. The Navajo Nation approves the Corrective Action Plan (“CAP”) proposed by the
22 Baahaali Chapter, attached as **Exhibit B**. This CAP is approved for use by the
23 Baahaali Chapter in addressing and resolving the findings explained in the Internal
24 Audit Report.
- 25 C. The Baahaali Chapter is expected to resolve the unfavorable findings in the Audit
26 Report immediately.

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28 **SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES**

- 29 A. The Baahaali Chapter shall prepare and submit a written status report on its
30 progress at implementing all tasks set forth in its approved CAP. In compliance

1 with 12 N.N.C. § 7(F), the Baahaali Chapter shall submit said report to the Office
2 of the Auditor General no later than six months after the effective date of this
3 Action.

4 B. Pursuant to 12 N.N.C. § 7(F)(2), the Office of the Auditor General shall receive
5 and review the Baahaali Chapter's six-month status report and shall prepare a
6 memorandum explaining the Auditor General's opinion about the success of the
7 Baahaali Chapter's corrective efforts and the Chapter's compliance with its
8 approved CAP during the noted six-month period.

9 C. The Office of the Auditor General shall then promptly submit such memorandum
10 along with the Baahaali Chapter's status report to the Resources and Development
11 Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee, in accordance with 12 N.N.C.
12 § 7(F)(2).

13 D. Twelve months after the effective date of this Action, the Office of the Auditor
14 General shall conduct a follow-up review of the Baahaali Chapter to determine
15 whether or not the Chapter has successfully implemented its approved CAP. *See* 12
16 N.N.C. § 7(G).

17 E. The Office of the Auditor General shall then promptly prepare its twelve-month
18 report on its findings resulting from the follow-up review. Such report shall include
19 the Auditor General's recommended sanctions, if any, to be imposed upon the
20 Baahaali Chapter for failing to sufficiently implement its CAP. *See* 12 N.N.C. §
21 7(G).

22 F. The Auditor General's follow-up report shall be presented to the Resources and
23 Development Committee and the Budget and Finance Committee. *See* 12 N.N.C.
24 §§ 7(G) and 7(H).