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TITLE: An Action Relating to Resources and Development Committee; Approving and Waiving Consideration for a Lease for Chinle Unified School District For 48.94 Acres, More or Less, Located within the Chinle Chapter, Navajo Nation

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0214-26

DATE: September 22, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; APPROVING AND WAIVING CONSIDERATION FOR A LEASE FOR CHINLE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 48.94 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED WITHIN THE CHINLE CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION

PURPOSE: The purpose of the resolution is to approve a Lease for 48.94 acres, more or less for the Chinle Unified School District. No consideration is to be assessed.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Resources and Development Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority

This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed legislation in detail.

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

Introduced By:

 Shawna Ann Claw

(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE;
APPROVING AND WAIVING CONSIDERATION FOR A LEASE FOR CHINLE
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 48.94 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED
WITHIN THE CHINLE CHAPTER, NAVAJO NATION

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. Section §501 (B)(2), the Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the authority to grant final approval for all land withdrawals, non-mineral leases, permits, licenses, rights-of-way, surface easements and bonding requirements on Navajo Nation lands and unrestricted (fee) land. This authority shall include subleases, modifications, assignments, leasehold encumbrances, transfers, renewals, and terminations.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. Chinle Unified School District seeks a 48.94 acre, more or less, lease in Chinle Chapter, Navajo Nation.

B. The lease is attached as Exhibit A.

1 C. The lease covers 48.94 acres, more or less, as described in the survey map and legal
2 description of the leased premises which are an exhibit to the lease and herein
3 attached as **Exhibit B**.

4 D. The term of the lease is fifty (50) years.

5 E. The lease value was assessed by the Navajo Nation Minerals Department and was
6 determined to total \$2,801,325.50 for 50 years. The assessment is attached as
7 **Exhibit C**.

8 F. Chinle Unified School District is seeking a waiver of the lease rental since the lease
9 is for a school and related purposes. The lease attached as **Exhibit A** provides:

10 *5. RENTAL.*

11 *In consideration of the foregoing and the covenants, agreements, terms and*
12 *conditions of this Lease, Lessee hereby covenants and agrees to pay Lessor, in*
13 *lawful money of the United States, an annual rental of: None. In accordance with*
14 *the provisions of 16 N.N.C. § 2334(F) only nominal rental is provided for herein*
15 *because this Lease is for educational purposes.*

16 G. The Chinle Chapter Grazing Official's August 23, 2023 clearance memorandum is
17 attached as **Exhibit D**.

18 H. The Cultural Resources Inventory Determination Form is attached as **Exhibit E**.

19 I. The Biological Resources Compliance Form is attached **Exhibit F**.

20 J. The Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency memorandum and the General
21 Land Development Department's Environmental Compliance Determination are
22 attached as **Exhibit G**.

23 K. Supporting resolution Chinle Chapter is attached as **Exhibit H**.

24 L. The proposed lease and supporting documentation have been reviewed through
25 Executive Official Review Document Number 022967 which is attached as **Exhibit**
26 **I**.

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28 **SECTION THREE. APPROVAL**

29 A. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
30 approves the lease, attached as **Exhibit A**. No consideration is assessed. The location
is more particularly described on the survey map attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

1 B. The Resources and Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby
2 authorizes the President of the Navajo Nation to execute any and all documents
3 necessary to affect the intent and purpose of this resolution.
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