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TITLE: **An Action Relating to the Budget and Finance Committee; Amending Resolution No. BFJY-55-25 to Extend the Deadline to Complete the Investigatory Hearing Concerning the Navajo Nation's Contracts for Housing and Related Matters to January 8, 2027**

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0269-26

DATE: November 12, 2026

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO THE BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE; AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. BFJY-55-25 TO EXTEND THE DEADLINE TO COMPLETE THE INVESTIGATORY HEARING CONCERNING THE NAVAJO NATION'S CONTRACTS FOR HOUSING AND RELATED MATTERS TO JANUARY 8, 2027

PURPOSE: This legislation, if approved, would amend Resolution No. BFJY-55-25 to extend the deadline to complete the Budget and Finance Committee's investigatory hearing concerning the Navajo Nation's contracts for housing and related matters to January 8, 2027.

FINAL AUTHORITY: Budget and Finance Committee

VOTE REQUIRED: Simple Majority Vote

This written summary does not address amendments as may be proposed before the Budget and Finance Committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Budget & Finance Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

25th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—Fourth Year, 2026

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with the responsibility to protect the interests of the Navajo People through the prudent management of the financial reserves of the Navajo Nation and the use of funds available for expenditure by the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 300(C)(4).

B. The Budget and Finance Committee has the responsibility to exercise oversight authority over the budget, finance, investment, contracting, accounting, and audit activities of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 300(C).

C. The Budget and Finance Committee is delegated enumerated powers, among other powers, to:

1. Review and recommend to the Navajo Nation Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment and management of all funds. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(2);

2. Review the use of Navajo Nation funds received from all sources. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(3);
3. Coordinate and review all fiscal, financial and investment activities of the Navajo Nation and its enterprises, as well as other agencies, federal, state, regional and private, expending or seeking to expend funds within the Navajo Nation or for the benefit of the Navajo People. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(5); and
4. Require reports from and to monitor the financial performance of all offices, divisions, departments, enterprises, authorities, committees, boards, commissions, or entities having oversight or control over fiscal matters or financial obligations to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(9).

D. Standing committees of the Navajo Nation Council "may, for the purpose of carrying out purposes and authorities, hold such hearings and shall have the power to subpoena the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of books, records, memoranda, papers and documents as deemed advisable." 2 N.N.C. § 185(C).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. Through Resolution No. BFJY-55-25, attached as **Exhibit A**, the Budget and Finance Committee authorized an Investigatory Hearing to determine whether the Navajo Nation's contracts for housing projects with ZenniHome, Indigenous Design Studio + Architects, and other vendors complied with Navajo Nation laws, regulations, rules, and policies.

B. As enacted, Section Three (B) of Resolution No. BFJY-55-25 required the Budget and Finance Committee to commence the Investigatory Hearing no later than August 31, 2025. Resolution No. BFAU-60-25, attached as **Exhibit B**, extended that date to December 31, 2025.

C. Resolution No. BFAP-07-26, attached as **Exhibit C**, extended that date to December 31, 2026, and rescinded Resolution No. BFAU-60-25.

D. The Budget and Finance Committee commenced the Investigatory Hearing on June 8, 2026, and needs additional time to complete it.

E. The Navajo People continue to want answers concerning the Navajo Nation's contracts for housing and related matters.

F. Because the Investigatory Hearing has already commenced, the Budget and Finance Committee finds it necessary to amend Section Three (B) of Resolution No. BFJY-55-25 to require that the Investigatory Hearing be completed no later than January 8, 2027, so that the Investigatory Hearing is a full, fair, and transparent process.

SECTION THREE. BFJY-55-25 AMENDMENT

The Budget and Finance Committee hereby amends Section Three (B) of Resolution No. BFJY-55-25, as amended by Resolution No. BFAP-07-26, as follows:

> The Budget and Finance Committee shall ~~commence~~ complete the Investigatory Hearing no later than ~~December 31, 2026~~ January 8, 2027, and shall adopt and publish Hearing Rules at least five (5) days prior to the start of the hearing. The purpose of the Hearing Rules is to ensure that the Investigatory Hearing is a full, fair, and transparent process.

SECTION FOUR. SAVING CLAUSE

If any portion of this Action is determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or by a District Court of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, the remainder of this Action shall be the law of the Navajo Nation.