

RESOLUTION OF THE
HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

23RD NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—FIRST YEAR, 2015

AN ACTION

RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE;
ESTABLISHING THE NAVAJO PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT ACT REFORM
SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

Section One. Findings

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee which has oversight authority over employment matters. 2 N.N.C. § 400 (A) (2012); 2 N.N.C. § 401(C) (6).
- B. As the result of issues and concerns brought forth by various Departments and Divisions, including the Navajo Nation Department of Justice, when it concerns implementation of the Navajo Preference in Employment Act (NPEA) as set forth in 15 N.N.C. § 601 et. seq., it is recommended that the Navajo Nation Code, Title Fifteen, receive a comprehensive evaluation. Dependent on the evaluation's outcome, recommended changes to the NPEA shall be provided to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee.
- C. HEHSC may establish the NPEA Reform subcommittee that consists of committee members which the committee selects. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012); *see also* CJA-03-13.
- D. The subcommittee shall exist until its assigned tasks are completed and report and recommendation made to the committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012); *see also* CJA-03-13.
- E. The same provisions which apply to committee meetings shall also apply to subcommittee meetings. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012); *see also* CJA-03-13.

Section Two. Navajo Preference in Employment Reform Subcommittee Establishment

- A. The Navajo Nation establishes the Navajo Preference in Employment Reform Subcommittee to review, evaluate, and recommend changes to the Navajo Nation Council, if any, regarding the following:
 - 1. Title 15, Section 601 et. seq., Navajo Preference in Employment Act.
- B. The NPEA Reform Subcommittee shall consist of three members from HEHSC, to be selected by HESHC Committee members.
- C. The NPEA Reform Subcommittee by majority vote shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve at the Subcommittee's pleasure; replacement shall be by majority vote.
- D. The NPEA Reform Subcommittee shall establish a regular meeting day(s) of the month.
- E. The NPEA Reform Subcommittee shall present draft recommendations to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee by the Navajo Nation Council's Winter Session in 2016.

Section Three. Subcommittee Term

The NPEA Reform Subcommittee shall exist until their assigned tasks are completed and shall report on the recommendations to the Health, Education and Human Services Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) see also CO-45-12.

Section Four. Appointment

The Health, Education and Human Services Committee selects the following members of HEHSC to serve on the NPEA Reform Subcommittee:

- A. Jonathan L. Hale
- B. Amber Kanazbah Crotty
- C. Norman M. Begay

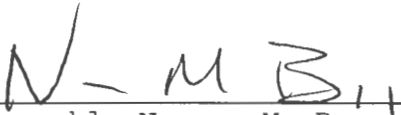
Section Five. Directives and Requests

- A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the NPEA Reform Subcommittee.
- B. The Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staffers to assist the NPEA Reform Subcommittee.
- C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the funds.

- D. The presence of an attorney from the Department of Justice is requested at each Subcommittee meeting as it the Subcommittee was formed - in part - based on a request given in the form of a report from the Department of Justice.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor and 0 opposed, this 07th day of October 2015.



Honorable Norman M. Begay, Vice-Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee

Main Motion

Motioned: Honorable Amber Kanazbah Crotty

Seconded: Honorable Herman Daniels, Jr.

Vice-Chairperson not voting