

**RESOLUTION OF THE  
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Of the 23rd Navajo Nation Council---First Year 2015**

**AN ACTION**

**RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WYNETTE R. ARVISO TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL A VACATED TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN OCTOBER 2016**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**Section One. Findings**

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §501 (B)(9), the Resources and Development Committee has authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to enterprise boards.
- B. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 2, there is established an enterprise of the Navajo Nation known as the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) whose general purpose, in according with 21 N.N.C. § 5(A)(1-6), is to operate, maintain and promote existing utility systems furnishing electric, gas, water, sewer utility services, generation, and telecommunications and information services for the benefit of residents of the Navajo Nation, including the establishment, ownership, operation and maintenance of electric generating, telecommunications and information services on or off the Navajo Reservation; and to provide utility generation, telecommunications and information services on a no-profit basis and at a reasonable cost to residents of the Navajo Nation consistent with the economical operation of the Enterprise.
- C. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §7(A)(1) the NTUA Management Board shall have the authority and responsibility for the management and operation of the Enterprise, among other powers and duties. See 21 N.N.C. §7(A)(2-13); 21 N.N.C. §7(B)(1-13); 2 N.N.C. §7(C).

- D. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(A) the management board shall consist of seven persons, all of whom were formerly appointed by the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, whose authority to confirm appointments to enterprise boards has since been delegated to the Resources and Development Committee pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §501(B)(9), *see also* CO-45-12.
- E. The Resources and Development Committee reappointed Belinda P. Eriacho to the NTUA Management Board on December 16, 2014 for a term to end in October 2016. See RDCD-93-14 Reappointing Belinda Eriacho attached as Exhibit A.
- F. Belinda P. Eriacho resigned her position June 22, 2015. See Letter of Resignation attached as Exhibit B.
- G. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(B)(1), four of the directors shall be members of the Navajo Nation who speak English with fluency and who have sufficient education and experience to qualify them for learning utility business practices and procedures and making sound judgments.
- H. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(C)(2), four of the directors shall be persons having not less than 10 years of experience in business management of substantial character and at least two of such persons shall have had such experience in management and operation of a utility business. See Letter of Interest and Resume attached as Exhibit C.
- I. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(C)(3), vacancies in the management board may be filled by the Resources and Development Committee for the unexpired term of the vacant office. Wynette R. Arviso will fill the unexpired term of Belinda Eriacho, whose term was set to expire at the annual board meeting in October of 2016.

## **Section Two. Approval**

The Navajo Nation Council's Resources and Development Committee find that Wynette R. Arviso meets the qualifications

required of Management Board of Directors as set forth in 21 N.N.C. §9(B)(1)-(2), and hereby confirms the appointment of Wynette R A. Arviso to serve on the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority's Management Board of Directors for a term to expire at the annual board meeting in October 2016 pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(C)(3).

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Navajo Nation Council Chambers, Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained this 11th day of August, 2015.

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Benjamin Bennett, Vice Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee  
Of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Motion: Honorable Leonard Tsosie  
Second: Honorable Walter Phelps  
Vote: 4-0 (Vice Chairman Not Voting)

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0278-15

**DATE:** July 27, 2015

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION; AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WYNETTE R. ARVISO TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL A VACATED TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN OCTOBER 2016

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will confirm the appointment by the Resources and Development Committee, who has the authority to grant final confirmation of appoints to enterprise broads pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 501(B)(9), of Wynette Arviso to the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority Management Board of Directors for a term expiring as of the annual board meeting in October 2016.

**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 resolution in detail.**

5-DAY BILL HOLD PERIOD: Lafanya Burbak  
Website Posting Time/Date: 10:00am 8/5/15  
Posting End Date: 8/10/15  
Eligible for Action: 8/11/15

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2015

INTRODUCED BY

ARTON JOE SHEPHERD  
(Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0278-15

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE; CONFIRMING  
THE APPOINTMENT OF WYNETTE R. ARVISO TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO  
TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO  
FILL A VACATED TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN OCTOBER 2016

**SECTION ONE. FINDINGS**

- A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 501(B)(9), the Resources and Development Committee has authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to enterprise boards.
- B. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 2, there is established an enterprise of the Navajo Nation known as the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) whose general purpose, in accordance with 21 N.N.C. § 5(A)(1-6), is to operate, maintain and promote existing utility systems furnishing electric, gas, water, sewer utility services, generation, and telecommunications and information services for the benefit of residents of the Navajo Nation, including the establishment, ownership, operation and maintenance of electric generating, telecommunications and information services on or off the Navajo Reservation; and to provide utility generation, telecommunications and information services on a non-profit basis and at a reasonable cost to residents of the Navajo Nation consistent with the economical operation of the Enterprise.

- 1 C. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 7(A)(1) the NTUA Management Board shall have the  
2 authority and responsibility for the management and operation of the Enterprise,  
3 among other powers and duties. See 21 N.N.C. § 7(A)(2-13); 21 N.N.C. § 7(B)(1-  
4 13); 21 N.N.C. § 7(C).
- 5 D. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 9(A) the management board shall consist of seven persons,  
6 all of whom were formerly appointed by the Government Services Committee of the  
7 Navajo Nation Council, whose authority to confirm appointments to enterprise boards  
8 has since been delegated to the Resources and Development Committee pursuant to 2  
9 N.N.C. § 501(B)(9), *see also* CO-45-12.
- 10 E. The Resources and Development Committee reappointed Belinda P. Eriacho to the  
11 NTUA Management Board on December 16, 2014 for a term to end in October 2016.  
12 *See* RDCD-93-14 Reappointing Belinda Eriacho attached as Exhibit A.
- 13 F. Belinda P. Eriacho resigned her position June 22, 2015. *See* Letter of Resignation  
14 attached as Exhibit B.
- 15 G. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 9(B)(1), four of the directors shall be members of the Navajo  
16 Nation who speak English with fluency and who have sufficient education and  
17 experience to qualify them for learning utility business practices and procedures and  
18 making sound judgments.
- 19 H. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 9(B)(2), four of the directors shall be persons having not less  
20 than 10 years of experience in business management of substantial character and at  
21 least two of such persons shall have had such experience in management and  
22 operation of a utility business. *See* Letter of Interest and Résumé attached as Exhibit  
23 C.
- 24 I. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 9(C)(3), vacancies in the management board may be filled by  
25 the Resources and Development Committee for the unexpired term of the vacant  
26 office. Wynette R. Arviso will fill the unexpired term of Belinda Eriacho, whose term  
27 was set to expire at the annual board meeting in October of 2016.  
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1       **SECTION TWO. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT**

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3       The Navajo Nation Council's Resources and Development Committee finds that Wynette

4       R. Arviso meets the qualifications required of Management Board of Directors as set forth

5       in 21 N.N.C. § 9(B)(1)-(2), and hereby confirms the appointment of Wynette R. Arviso to

6       serve on the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority's Management Board of Directors for a term

7       to expire at the annual board meeting in October 2016 pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 9(C)(3).

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RDCD-93-14

RESOLUTION OF THE  
RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE  
Of the 22nd Navajo Nation Council---Fourth Year 2014

AN ACTION

CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF BELINDA P. ERIACHO TO SERVE ON THE  
NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A  
THREE YEAR TERM THAT WILL EXPIRE IN OCTOBER 2016

Section One. Findings

A. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §501 (B)(9), the Resources and Development committee has authority to grant final confirmation of appointments to enterprise boards.

B. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §2, there is established an enterprise of the Navajo Nation known as the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) whose general purpose, in accordance with 21 N.N.C. §5(A)(1-6), is to operate, maintain and promote existing utility systems furnishing electric, gas, water, sewer utility services, generation, and telecommunications and information services for the benefit of residents of the Navajo Nation, including the establishment, ownership, operation and maintenance of electric generating, telecommunications and information services on or off the Navajo Reservation; and to provide utility generation, telecommunications and information services on a non-profit basis and at a reasonable cost to residents of the Navajo Nation consistent with the economical operations of the Enterprise.

C. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §7(A)(1) the NTUA Management Board shall have the authority and responsibility for the management and operation of the Enterprise, among other powers and duties. See 21 N.N.C. §7(A)(2-3); 21 N.N.C. §7(B)(1-13); 21 N.N.C. §7(C).

D. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(A) the management board shall consist of seven persons, all of whom were formerly appointed by the Government Services Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, whose authority to confirm appointments to enterprise boards has since been delegated to the Resources and Development Committee pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 500(B)(9), see also CO-45-12; the Government Services Committee previously appointed Ms. Belinda P. Eriacho to the NTUA Management Board for a three (3) year term on September 17, 2010. See GSCS-39-10 Appointing Belinda Eriacho, attached as Exhibit "A".

E. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(C)(1), directors appointed to the Management Board are eligible for reappointment.



F. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(B)(1), four of the directors shall be members of the Navajo Nation who speak English with fluency and who have sufficient education and experience to qualify them for learning utility business practices and procedures and making sound judgments. See Certificate of Indian Blood attached as Exhibit "B".

G. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. § 9(B)(2), four of the directors shall be persons having not less than 10 years of experience in business management of substantial character and at least two of such persons shall have had such experience in management and operation of a utility business. See Resume attached as Exhibit "C".

H. On August 23, 2013 the Management Board of NTUA passed Resolution NTUA-23-13 recommending the reappointment of Belinda P. Eriacho for a three (3) year term to commence at the annual meeting in October 2013. See NTUA-23-13 attached as Exhibit "D".

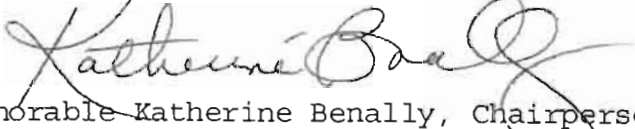
I. Pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(C)(3), vacancies in the management board may be filled for the unexpired term of the vacant office. Ms. Eriacho has been acting as a director in the interim from the end of her appointment in October 2013, until present. Therefore, pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(C)(2), the reappointment would be for a period of three (3) years and the term would expire with the annual board meeting in October of 2016.

## **Section Two. Approval of Appointment**

The Navajo Nation Council's Resources and Development Committee finds that Ms. Belinda P. Eriacho meets the qualifications required of Management Board of Directors as set forth in 21 N.N.C. § 9(B)(1-2) and hereby confirms the reappointment of Ms. Belinda P. Eriacho to serve on the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority's Management Board of Directors for a term of three (3) years, with the term expiring at the annual board meeting in October 2016 pursuant to 21 N.N.C. §9(C)(2)

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Resources and Development Committee of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting at Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 4 in favor, 0 oppose, 0 Abstain this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2014.

  
Honorable Katherine Benally, Chairperson  
Resources and Development Committee

Motion: Honorable Leonard H. Pete  
Second: Honorable Leonard Haskie



Original: Shammie B. cc: W Haase  
cc: RDC/ cc:   
cc: Legislative cc:

Tempe, Arizona 85283

June 22, 2015

Sidney Dietz, III, President, NTUA Management Board  
Walter Haase, General Manager  
P.O. Box 4590  
Window Rock, Arizona 86515

**Re: Resignation from the NTUA Management Board**

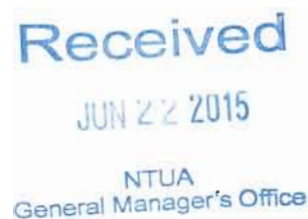
Mr. Dietz and Mr Hasse,

This letter serves my official letter of resignation from the NTUA Management Board, effective on the date that my position on the board is re-filled.

It has been a pleasure to serve on the NTUA Management Board. I want to thank my colleagues on the board and the staff at NTUA for their continued commitment to serve the Dine' people. There is no doubt in my mind that the members of the board and management will continue to provide outstanding leadership to this dynamic organization.

Respectfully,

*// Belinda P. Eriacho*



Wynette R. Arviso  
P.O. Box • Fort Wingate, NM 87316



September 04, 2014

Mr. Walter Haase, PE., General Manager  
P.O Box 170  
Fort Defiance, Arizona 86504

Dear Dr. Haase:

Please accept this letter as my application for consideration as a member of the NTUA Board. My heritage, background and education provide me with the qualifications and experience appropriate for the Board.

Over the past 26 years, I have provided professional services to governments, tribal, non-profit organizations and corporations in a wide-range of areas including engineering, project management, community development, organizational development, land planning, geospatial analysis, and similar technical work. While I have worked extensively with the Navajo Nation, I also have significant work experience with other tribal communities and national corporations.

I began my professional career as a Gas Engineer for NTUA and left to further my education. While pursuing a master's degree, I worked (full-time) for AT&T and 3M. Upon obtaining my degree, I returned to the Navajo Nation and formed my own consulting firm, JJ Clacs & Company.

At JJ Clacs, I integrate a full range of consulting services to help our clients. I have demonstrated organizational leadership skills, project management and effective communication while assessing and understanding needs, presenting potential solutions, and guiding others to achieve their goals. I speak and understand the Navajo language, which helps me incorporate cross-cultural skills and integrate strategies while balancing and defending the fundamental values of the Navajo culture.

My education includes a Bachelor of Science in Petroleum Engineering, a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering both from the University of Oklahoma. In studies beyond the master's, I completed the Master of Advanced Studies in Geographical Information Systems at Arizona State University.

In short, my cultural heritage, advanced education, and professional experience will allow me to be an effective board member. As an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, I look forward to serving my people and the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority in this capacity. Attached is my resume.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wynette R. Arviso".

Wynette R. Arviso

Received

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NTUA  
General Manager's Office

## Education and Professional Development

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**M.A.S. Geographic Information Systems, Arizona State University; Tempe, 2006**

**M.S. Industrial Engineering, University Of Oklahoma; Norman, 1996**

**B.S. Petroleum Engineering, University Of Oklahoma; Norman, 1986**

## Overview of Expertise

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For over 26 years, Wynette Arviso has provided leadership, engineering and technical advising and consulting in both public and private sectors. Ms Arviso has served as Principal in Charge and Project Manager providing expertise in project management, research and data analysis, needs assessments, mapping and plan development, short- and long-range planning, database development, geospatial analysis and Native American cultural integration.

Ms. Arviso has participated in and managed projects ranging from site suitability analysis, land use planning, economic strategic planning, socioeconomic studies, infrastructure analysis, feasibility studies and environmental assessments.

She has substantial involvement in identifying sites for potential development, much of which involved extensive community involvement. In addition to helping Navajo communities to develop their land use plans, Ms. Arviso has also conducted numerous site analyses for these plans using aerial and satellite ortho-rectification, photo interpretation, and GIS development and analysis.

Working with diverse organizations and peoples, Ms. Arviso has considerable experience in leading, tribal coordination and public involvement. She is skilled at idea generation, taking projects from inception through to successful completion. Simply, Ms. Arviso gets things done.

## Selected Recent Successful Projects

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Eastern Navajo Infrastructure Assessment (2012)

Multiple Land Use and Economic Development Chapter Planning Projects (2001-2012)

*Tribal Capacity Building in Community and Economic Development to New Mexico tribal communities (2009-2010)*

Red Mesa School District Land Withdrawal (2010)

New Mexico/Utah Chapters Inventories for Navajo Nation Broadband Integration Plan (2009)

P&M McKinley Coalmine Reuse Plan & Feasibility Study; Blackhat, New Mexico (2006)

Economic Development & Strategic Plan for Five Navajo Chapters; Navajo Nation, Arizona (2006)

Technical Assistant, Socioeconomic Study for Black Mesa/Kayenta Mines Permit Revision; Navajo Nation & Hopi Reservation, Arizona (2005)

Black Mesa/Kayenta Mines Land Use and Community Development Plan: Navajo Nation (2004)

## Professional Experience

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**Principal and Co-Founder, JJ Clacs & Company; Fort Wingate, New Mexico (1996-present):**

Co-founded in 1996 this woman-owned Navajo Nation-based consulting firm is dedicated to helping people, communities and organizations prosper and excel. The firm integrates a full range of consulting services to help clients achieve their short- and long-term planning goals.

**Advanced Quality Engineer, 3M Corporation; Weatherford, Oklahoma (1995-1996):**

Quality Engineer working closely with cross-functional teams to drive continuous process improvement, reducing operational inefficiencies, and optimizing process control limits/capabilities; conducted plant Process Safety Management (PSM) audits for a safer work environment. Sustained resource material--corporate quality manuals; gathered/analyzed data and prepared reports, charts, tables, and other visual aids. Lead the ISO 9002 internal audit team to ensure continuous re-certification. Maintained records and reviewed proposed regulations for impact. Assured material suppliers and associated packaging suppliers met specifications.

**Technical Associate, Safety Engineering, AT&T; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (1994-1995):**

Developed a simulation program to verify the design and economics of the installation of a new automated inventory retrieval system to support its purchase and installation. Coordinated safety and process improvement initiatives with teams from many departments; discovered and changed operational processes to make improvements and optimize according to control limits/capabilities; developed job safety guidelines and software programs to track safety reports resulting in better management and time savings.

**Gas Engineer, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority; Fort Defiance, Arizona (1986-1993):**

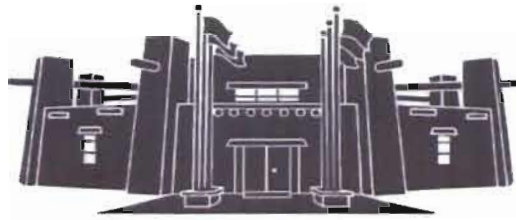
Managed and supervised the natural gas engineering department. Designed natural gas distribution system. Served as Project Engineer for natural gas system construction.

## Professional Affiliations

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- Institute of Industrial Engineers, Member
- Society of Quality Engineers, Member
- Southwest GIS Users Group, Member





## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

**FROM:**   
Erika Friedlander, Staff Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE:** July 27, 2015

**SUBJECT:** AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT  
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ARVISO TO SERVE ON THE NAVAJO TRIBAL UTILITY AUTHORITY  
MANAGEMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL A VACATED TERM  
THAT WILL EXPIRE IN OCTOBER 2016

Pursuant to your request, attached is the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law and review of the documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, it is subject to review by the courts in the event of a challenge.

Please review the proposed resolution to ensure it is drafted to your satisfaction. If this proposed resolution is acceptable to you, please sign it where it indicates "Prime Sponsor", and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services for the assignment of a tracking number and referral to the Speaker.

If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, or if you have further questions, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. You may contact me at (928) 871-7166. Thank you.

OLC No. 15-486-1

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SPONSOR: Alton Joe Shepherd

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*Date posted:* August 5, 2015 at 10:00AM

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Office of Legislative Services  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-7586

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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
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**LEGISLATION NO.: 0278-15**

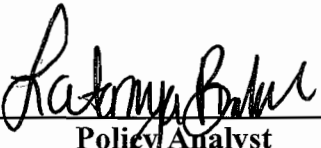
**SPONSOR: Honorable Alton Joe Shepherd**

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**Posted: August 5, 2015 at 10:00 AM**

**5 DAY Comment Period Ended: August 10, 2015**

**Digital Comments received: *No comments received.***

  
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Policy Analyst  
Office of Legislative Services

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