LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET
Tracking No. 0022-22

DATE: January 23, 2022

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 1033 TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM MANAGER TO ADMINISTER THE VETERANS HOUSING PROGRAM

PURPOSE: This resolution, if approved, will amend the Navajo Veteran Housing Program outlined at 2 N.N.C. § 1033. This legislation creates a housing program manager to administer the Navajo Veteran Housing Program.

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.

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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2022

INTRODUCED BY

Kee Allen Begay JR
(Prime Sponsor)

TRACKING NO. 0022-22

AN ACT

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITIES

A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has the power to review and recommend resolutions relating to veterans and veteran services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 400(A), 401(B)(6).

B. The Law and Order Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has the power to review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. §§ 600(A), 601(B) (14)

C. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council and has the power to review proposed legislation which requires final action by the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A), 164(A)(9).

D. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102(A).

E. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1036, amendments made to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Navajo Nation Council upon the recommendation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Navajo Veterans Housing Program was established by Resolution No. CJY-55-18, under the administration of the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration. 2 N.N.C. § 1033, as amended by CJY-55-18.

B. Resolution No. CJY-55-18 further established that the Veterans Housing Program Policies and Procedures shall be approved by the Health Education and Human Services Committee upon recommendation of the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council. 2 N.N.C. § 1033 (C), as amended by Resolution No. CJY-55-18.

C. Diné veterans have expressed the urgent need to expeditiously construct veteran homes and are concerned with the lack of progress made while the Veterans Housing Program is under the day-to-day administration of the Veterans Administration Executive Director who also oversees the entire Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.

D. The establishment of a Program Manager for the Veterans Housing Program will allow the Program to fully focus on building and renovating homes for Diné veterans and resolving related veterans housing issues.

E. Pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 1036, amendments made to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Navajo Nation Council upon the recommendation from the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

F. It is in the best interest of Diné veterans and the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration to establish a Program Manager to administer the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program.

SECTION THREE. AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 1033 TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM MANAGER TO ADMINISNTER THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS HOUSING PROGRAM

The Navajo Nation hereby amends the Navajo Housing Program as set forth below.

Title 2. Navajo Nation Government

Chapter 5. Executive Branch

Subchapter 1. Generally

. . .

Article 3. Navajo Nation Veterans Administration

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§ 1033. Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program

A. There ~~is hereby established a~~ Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program is established within the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration.

B. The Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program shall be administered by the Navajo Nation Veterans ~~Administration~~ Housing Program Manager.

C. Duties and Responsibilities of administering the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program shall ~~include administering the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Housing Program~~ be established in ~~P~~policies and ~~P~~procedures. ~~The Veterans Administration Housing Program Policies and Procedures shall be~~ as approved and amended by the Health, Education and Human Services Committee, upon the recommendation of the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.

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SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES

A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall present a revised Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Plan of Operation, including Organizational Chart, and revised Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Policies that reflect the amendments made herein to the Health Education and Human Services Committee within thirty (30) days of enactment of this legislation.

B. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration shall work with the Department of Personnel Management to develop and post a job announcement on the Department of

Personnel website for the Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program Manager position within forty-five (45) days of enactment of this legislation.

SECTION FIVE. EFFECTIVE DATE

This legislation and the Navajo Nation Code amendments enacted herein shall become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. § 221(B).

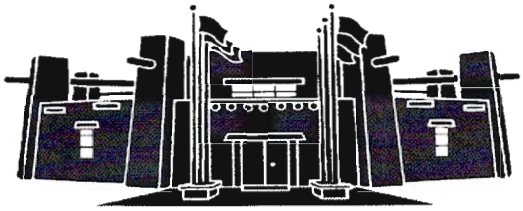
SECTION SIX. CODIFICATION

The provisions of this legislation which amend or adopt new sections of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such amended provisions in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

SECTION SEVEN. SAVINGS CLAUSE

Should any provisions of this legislation be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation, without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme Court, those portions of this legislation which are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the Navajo Nation.

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Honorable Seth Damon
Speaker
24th Navajo Nation Council

MEMORANDUM

TO : Kee Allen Begay, Jr., Sponsor
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM : Chad Abeyta, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE : January 23, 2022

RE : **AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 1033 TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM MANAGER TO ADMINISTER THE VETERANS HOUSING PROGRAM**

As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. The resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. Regarding substance, as with any legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. Please ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want.

If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment. If the proposed resolution is unacceptable to you, please contact me at the Office of Legislative Counsel and advise me of the changes you would like made to the proposed resolution. Ahéhee'.

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THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION

LEGISLATION NO: _0022-22__ **SPONSOR: Kee Allen Begay, Jr.**

TITLE: An Act Relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order, and Naabik'íyáti' Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §1033 to Establish a Program Manager to Administer the Veterans Housing Program

***Date posted*: January 27, 2022 at 6:32PM**

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5 DAY Comment Period Ended: February 1, 2022

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	**1.) Calvin Charlie** **2.) Northern Navajo Veterans' Organization**
Comments Opposing	**1.) Marie Zwierlein**
Comments/Recommendations	***None***

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Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

February 3, 2022; 9:00 AM
Date/Time

0022-22

Calvin Charlie <ccharlie4969@gmail.com>

Tue 2/1/2022 1:11 PM

To:comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Yá'át'ééh, from TeecNosPos King/Clark CVO we are in favor of the establishment of the Program Manager whose sole duty will be administering the housing program for veterans needing homes. Thus the Manager will devote his/her undivided attention getting homes built for veterans. Áhé'héé
Calvin Charlie, TeecNosPos CVO cmdr

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NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION
Commander: Elouise Brown
Co-Commander: Vern Lee
Vice Commander: Calvin Charley
Secretary: Vacant

Resolution of Northern Navajo Veterans Organization

NNVO-02-22

NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS LEGISLATION RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 1033 TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM MANAGER TO ADMINISTER THE VETERANS HOUSING PROGRAM

Whereas:

1. Pursuant to the Navajo Nation Veterans Act, Section One. Findings paragraph D. The purpose of this legislation is to establish a Veterans' administration under the Office of the President and Vice-President, which effectively and efficiently provides outreach, services and benefits to veterans; and

2. Pursuant to the same Act, Section One. Findings paragraph E. The legislation established Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council to recognize veterans and ensure participation in policies and data system development; and

3. Pursuant to the same Act, Section One. Findings paragraph M. There is a need to ensure that Navajo veterans have direct involvement in policy-making decisions regarding veteran's services and benefits; and

4. The **Northern Navajo Veterans Organization** is locally, regionally and Navajo Nation wide recognized to address concerns, issues and advocate for its veterans; and

5. The **Northern Navajo Veterans Organization supports** Navajo Nation Veterans Housing Program be established within the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration with Duties and Responsibilities of establishing Policies and Procedures; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

NORTHERN NAVAJO VETERANS' ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS LEGISLATION RELATING TO HEALTH EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, LAW AND ORDER, AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEES AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. § 1033 TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM MANAGER TO ADMINISTER THE VETERANS HOUSING PROGRAM

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The Northern Navajo Veterans Organization Hereby Certifies the Foregoing Resolution that was Considered at a Duly Call Meeting at San Juan College, Farmington, NM and that the same was approved and passed with a vote of 32 in Favor; 1 Opposed and 2 Abstain on the 14th of January 2022.

Motioned: Jerry Todacheenie
Seconded: Tommy Sandman

Commander, Elouise Brown

Legislation 22-22

Marie Zwierlein <maz016@hotmail.com>

Mon 1/31/2022 4:56 PM

To:comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Legislation 22-22

1. Since when is it a council members job to decide a Navajo Nation division, program, administration or departments organizational chart.
2. This legislation should be considered outside the realm of council for they are not the entity that decided what positions are needed, this is the job of the program, departments, division, administration who know the job duties, who have to write the PCQ's, the JVA's, and solicited funds for the position.
3. The Veterans housing program is administered by the NNVA thru law, again here is another example of the sponsor not taking the time to learn and understand the process and has not taken the time to sit down with the administration to find out if there is a need for this position. I can tell you there is not. The housing program already has a program supervisor which in this case will suffice.
4. Please tell the sponsor to make the effort to get informed before wasting your time on frivolous legislations and vote No to this and any other legislations that involve Veterans.

Marie Zwierlein
USMC Veterans/ Eastern Agency
maz016@hotmail.com
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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	**1.) Freda Johnson**
Comments Opposing	***None***
Comments/Recommendations	***None***

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Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

February 9, 2022; 3:00 PM
Date/Time

LEGISLATION NO: 0022-22 Comments

Johnson, Freda <fj588120@ohio.edu>

Mon 2/7/2022 12:54 PM

To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

Yatahey 24th Navajo Nation Council

I am submitting my comment to support Delegate Kee Allen Begaye Jr. as he recently sponsored - Legislation 0022-22 to support Navajo Veterans. I support this as the Housing Program for the Navajo Nation Veterans has failed and desperately needs accountability. This program has failed the Navajo Nation Veterans by neglecting Veteran needs. Studies have shown that Veterans in rural settings are being neglected. As the pandemic wages on, Navajo Veterans needs to be supported. This Housing Program needs to be administered properly with the support from Navajo Veterans.
We have an obligation to our Navajo Veterans. Sadly, many who were on the original list of needing homes have likely deceased. I have a positive outlook for the Navajo Veterans program, and I hope to see it thrive.

Freda Johnson
Navajo Veteran

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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	**1) Nazlini Chapter Government**
Comments Opposing	***None***
Comments/Recommendations	***None***

Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services

February 24, 2022; 5:44 PM
Date/Time

NAZLINI CHAPTER RESOLUTION
NAZL-FEB-22-027

SUPPORTING VETERANS RELATED LEGISLATIONS 0021-22, 0022-22 AND 0024-22 SPONSORED BY HONORABLE KEE ALLEN BEGAY JR. OF THE 24TH NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

WHEREAS:

1) Pursuant to N.N.C., Title 26, Section 101, and the Navajo Nation Council Resources and Development Committee Legislation #RDCF-0052-15 dated February 17, 2015, Nazlini Chapter Government was recognized as an LGA Certified Chapter and delegated with the responsibility and authority to make decisions over local chapter matters; AND

2) Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr., 24th Navajo Nation Council Delegate is sponsoring three (3) Navajo Veterans related legislations as follows; AND

0021-22	An Act relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order and Naabikiyati Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Selection Process for the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration Executive Director: and amending 2 N.N.C. §§ 1031, 1032, 1033, 1034, 1035, 1036 relating to the Navajo Nation Veterans Advisory Council.
0022-22	An Act relating to Health, Education and Human Services, Law and Order and Naabikiyati Committees and the Navajo Nation Council: Amending 2 N.N.C.§ 1033 to establish a program manager to administer the Veterans Housing Program.
0024-22	An Action relating to the resources and Development, Health, Education and Human Services, Budget and Finance, Law and Order and Naabikiyati Committees and the Navajo Nation Council; Amending the Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund at 12 N.N.C. § 1176 to create separate business unit numbers when funding Navajo Veterans Organizations.

3) Nazlini Chapter supports Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr.'s efforts to amend Navajo Nation laws that will benefit our Navajo Veterans and the services they are entitled to.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1) The Nazlini Chapter hereby supports Navajo Veterans related legislations 0021-22, 0022-22 and 0024-22 sponsored by Honorable Kee Allen Begay Jr. of the 24th Navajo Nation Council.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered and moved for adoption by Leo Mann Jr., seconded by Irvin R. Shirley and passed by a vote of 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained, this 16th day of February 2022.

Lee V. Bigwater, Chapter President

Joseph Dedman Jr., Chapter Vice President

JoAnn Dedman, Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Irvin R. Shirley, Grazing Representative