

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0053-14

**DATE:** February 12, 2016

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACT RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES, BUDGET AND FINANCE, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 12 N.N.C. §§ 1171 AND 1172, THE VETERANS TRUST FUND

**PURPOSE:** This resolution will amend 12 N.N.C. §§ 1171 and 1172, the Veterans Trust Fund.

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

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Navajo Nation Council

PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION

23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Second Year, 2016

INTRODUCED BY

  
(Prime Sponsor)

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AN ACT

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**BE IT ENACTED:**

**Section 1. Findings and Purpose**

1. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council with oversight authority over veterans matters, among other responsibilities.
2. The Budget and Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council "review[s] and recommend[s] to the Navajo Nation Council the budgeting, appropriation, investment and management of all funds." 2 N.N.C. § 301(B)(2).
3. The Law and Order Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council on proposed amendments to the Navajo Nation Code. 2 N.N.C. § 601(B)(14).
4. The Naabikiyati Committee of the Navajo Nation Council reviews proposed Navajo Nation Council resolutions. 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(9).
5. The Navajo Nation Council is the lawmaking body of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102.

6. The Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Funds was established for veterans programs, projects and services or activities, among other purposes. 12 N.N.C. §1172.

**Section 2. Amending 12 N.N.C. §§ 1171 and 1172, Veterans Trust Fund**

The Navajo Nation hereby approves the following amendments to 12 N.N.C. § 1171 as follows:

**Title 12. FISCAL MATTERS**

**Chapter 10. Navajo Nation Trust Funds**

**Subchapter 8. Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund**

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**§ 1171. Establishment**

The "Navajo Nation Veterans Trust Fund" hereinafter the "Trust Fund" is established with an initial appropriation of six million dollars (\$6,000,000) from revenues from the Undesignated Tribal Reserves. Each year, during the appropriation of the Navajo Nation Comprehensive Budget, the Navajo Nation Council shall budget a sum equal to at least 4% of any and all projected revenues of the Navajo Nation, including, but not limited to revenues received from taxes, oil and gas mining and minerals, timber, land rentals interest and dividends, gain on sale of securities and other revenue producing activities. One-half of that 4% shall be transferred to the Navajo Veteran's Trust Fund to be used as set forth herein. The remaining one-half of that 4% shall be administered by the Department of Navajo Veteran's Affairs (DNVA). Each of the five (5) DNVA Agency Offices shall be allocated an equal share of that amount to provide construction of up to ~~45~~ 10 homes, or purchase of modular homes, equitably in each of their respective agencies using all possible assistance program funds that such veterans may qualify for to construct as many homes as possible and provide minor home renovations and repairs for Navajo Veterans.

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1       **§ 1172. Purpose**

2           The purpose of the Trust Fund is to provide funding for veterans programs, projects  
3       and services or activities which may include, but not limited to program/project  
4       development, community/economic development, housing, training and employment  
5       opportunities, leveraging or matching funds for exemplary projects, protection and  
6       advocacy services, financial assistance of benefits and services, education and  
7       scholarship, ~~and~~ survivor's benefits for the surviving spouses of deceased veterans and to  
8       purchase modular homes for veterans. The Navajo Nation has a clear understanding and  
9       responsibility to its Navajo Nation veterans based on Navajo Nation Council Resolution  
10      CJ-5-40 which pledged its people the loyalty to the system which recognized minority  
11      rights and the Navajo way of life. Many more than 16,000 Navajo veterans have served  
12      their country in war or peacetime from World War I, World War II, Korean, Vietnam,  
13      Persian Gulf and to the present.

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17      **Section 3. Effective date**

18           The amendments enacted herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221(B).

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20      **Section 4. Codification**

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

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25      **Section 5. Savings Clause**

26           Should any provision of this Act be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation Supreme  
27      Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo Nation Supreme  
28      Court, those provisions of the Act which are not determined invalid shall remain the law of the  
29      Nation.





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SPONSOR: Jonathan Hale

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**SPONSOR: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale**

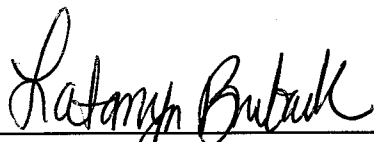
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<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Inclusive Comments</b>	<i>None</i>



**Policy Analyst  
Office of Legislative Services**

*2/22/16 8:14am*

**Date/Time**

**LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE  
23<sup>RD</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL**

**SECOND YEAR 2016**

**COMMITTEE REPORT**

Mr. Speaker,

The **LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE** to whom has been assigned:

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Has had it under consideration and report the same with a **DO PASS** with no amendment; thereafter referred to Health, Education and Human Services Committee

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Edmund Yazzie', written over a circular stamp.

Edmund Yazzie, Chairperson  
Law and Order Committee  
23<sup>rd</sup> Navajo Nation Council

Date: March 21, 2016

Main Motion: Honorable Raymond Smith, Jr.

Second : Honorable Jonathan Perry

Vote : 3-0