



## 23<sup>rd</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL LEGISLATION SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWAL

I, Jonathan L Hale, Primary  
Sponsor of proposed legislation hereby withdraw my  
sponsorship of the proposed legislation. The legislation  
tracking number is 0092-16.

If there are any co-sponsors, they may re-sponsor the same  
bill by beginning a new legislation.

SPONSOR SIGNATURE:

Jonathan L Hale

DATE:

4/5/16

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0092-16

**DATE:** March 17, 2016

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK' ÍYÁTTI; SUPPORTING NEW MEXICO HOUSE BILL 85 THAT PLACES A CAP ON THE REVENUE PERCENTAGE OF A TRIBAL-STATE CLASS III GAMING COMPACT AT THE SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATES

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will support New Mexico House Bill 85. This Bill will have no effect on the existing Navajo Nation gaming compact with the State of New Mexico.

**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: Ratanya Barbell

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Eligible for Action: 3/24/16

Resources & Development Committee

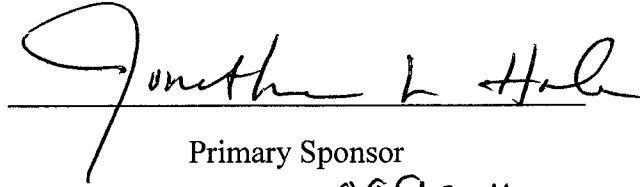
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Naa'bik'íyáti' Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

23<sup>RD</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL—SECOND YEAR, 2016

INTRODUCED BY



Primary Sponsor

TRACKING NO. 0092-16

AN ACTION

RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING  
NEW MEXICO HOUSE BILL 85 THAT PLACES A CAP ON THE REVENUE  
PERCENTAGE OF A TRIBAL-STATE CLASS III GAMING COMPACT AT THE SAME  
PERCENTAGE AS THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATES

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Resources and Development (RDC) as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered RDC to review and recommend resolutions regarding gaming. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 500 (A), 500 (C) (2012); *see also* CO-45-12.
- B. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered Naabik'íyáti' Committee to coordinate all state programs, including those of the state of New Mexico. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 700 (A), 701 (A)(4) (2012); *see also* CO-45-12.
- C. The Navajo Nation has a government-to-government relationship with the State of New Mexico.
- D. New Mexico House Bill 85 (HB 85) would cap the percentage of tribal gaming revenue shared with the state under any new tribal gaming compacts at the corporate income tax rate. This would not apply to the existing compacts, only to newly negotiated compacts. This bill would not prohibit the gaming tribes with existing compacts from requesting new negotiations. *See text attached as Exhibit "A".*

1 E. It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation to support the enactment of New Mexico  
2 HB 85.  
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4 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 5 A. The Navajo Nation supports New Mexico HB 85, *An Act Relating to Compact*  
6 *Negotiations; Capping the Revenue-Sharing Percentage of a Tribal-State Class III*  
7 *Gaming Compact at the Same Percentage as the Corporate Income Tax Rates.*  
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9 B. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the Navajo Nation President, the Navajo Nation  
10 Speaker, the Navajo Nation Chief Justice and their designees, to advocate for New  
11 Mexico HB 85, and state the official position of the Navajo Nation.  
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HOUSE BILL 85

52ND LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2016

INTRODUCED BY

Patricia Roybal Caballero

AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPACT NEGOTIATIONS; CAPPING THE REVENUE-SHARING  
PERCENTAGE OF A TRIBAL-STATE CLASS III GAMING COMPACT AT THE  
SAME PERCENTAGE AS THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 11-13A-1 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1999,  
Chapter 252, Section 1) is amended to read:

"11-13A-1. SHORT TITLE.--~~[This act]~~ Chapter 11, Article  
13A NMSA 1978 may be cited as the "Compact Negotiation Act".

SECTION 2. A new section of the Compact Negotiation Act  
is enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] REVENUE-SHARING CAP.--The governor shall  
not submit to the committee, and the legislature shall not  
approve, a compact or amendment that provides for a  
revenue-sharing percentage paid by a tribe to the state that

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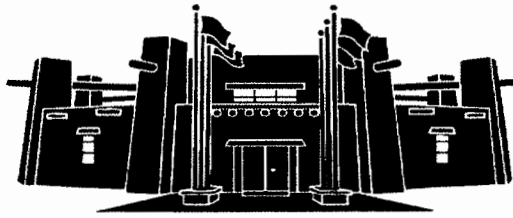
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1 exceeds the corporate income tax rates pursuant to Section  
2 7-2A-5 NMSA 1978."

3 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
4 provisions of this act is July 1, 2016.

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Jonathan Hale  
Navajo Tribal Council

**FROM:**

  
Stacy Allison, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

**DATE:** March 17, 2016

**SUBJECT:** AN ACTION RELATING TO RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT AND  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI; SUPPORTING NEW MEXICIO HOUSE BILL 85 THAT  
PLACES A CAP ON THE REVENUE PERCENTAGE OF A TRIBAL-  
STATE CLASS III GAMING COMPACT AT THE SAME PERCENTAGE  
AS THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATES

Pursuant to your request, attached is the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet. Based on existing law, 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.

The Office of Legislative Council confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) reviews based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§ 301, 401, 501, 601 and 701. Nevertheless, "the Speaker of the Navajo Nation council shall introduce [the proposed resolution] into the legislative process by assigning it to the respective oversight committee(s) of the Navajo Nation Council having authority over the matters for proper consideration." 2 N.N.C. § 164(A)(5).

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.

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SPONSOR: Jonathan Hale

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A Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact At The Same Percentage As The Corporate  
Income Tax Rates**

**Date posted: March 18, 2016 at 4:28pm**

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**Written comments may be mailed to:**

**Executive Director  
Office of Legislative Services  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-7590**

**Comments may be made in the form of chapter resolutions, letters, position papers, etc. Please include your name, position title, address for written comments; a valid e-mail address is required. Anonymous comments will not be included in the Legislation packet.**

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**THE NAVAJO NATION  
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**SPONSOR: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale**

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**Posted: March 18, 2016 at 4:28pm**

**5 DAY Comment Period Ended: March 23, 2016**

**Digital Comments received:**

<b>Comments Supporting</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Comments Opposing</b>	<i>None</i>
<b>Inclusive Comments</b>	<b>1. Lorenzo Curley</b>



**Executive Director  
Office of Legislative Services**

3/24/2016 - 9:10 AM

**Date/Time**

## legislation0092-16

Lorenzo Curley <lcurley@nndoj.org>

Wed 3/23/2016 1:40 PM

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

Comment to legislation 0092-16. Navajo Nation pays State of New Mexico a tax on gaming revenue that by misnomer is called compact percentage rate. This legislation will rightly deem the compact percentage payment to NM from NN a Tax by using corporate tax rate as baseline indicator.

If the corporate tax rate is lower than compact rate by all means renegotiate the annual payments NN remits to State of NM..