

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0094-24

**DATE:** April 25, 2024

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION:** AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; UPDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE TITLE II REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, would update the appointment of the LOC representatives to the Naabik'iyati' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee.

**Final Authority:** Law and Order Committee

**Vote Required:** Simple Majority

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

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PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2024

INTRODUCED BY



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AN ACTION  
RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; UPDATING THE  
APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE  
REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE TITLE II  
REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

A. The Law and Order Committee is established as a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §600(A).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS

A. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee through Resolution NABIMY-15-23, on May 30, 2023. **Exhibit A.**

B. The Title II Reform Subcommittee is to be composed of two members from each Navajo Nation Standing Committee, selected by the Standing Committee's members, and provided to the Speaker of the Navajo Nation a written copy of their selection. *See Exhibit A, Section Two (B).*

1 C. The LOC passed LOCJY-04-23 on July 2023, selecting Hon Eugenia Charles-Newton  
2 and Hon. Cherilyn Yazzie to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee Title II Reform  
3 Subcommittee. **Exhibit B.**  
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5 **SECTION THREE. UPDATED APPOINTMENT OF LAW AND ORDER**  
6 **COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE**  
7 **TITLE II REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE**

8 A. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council hereby appoint Hon.  
9 Nathan Notah and Hon. Cherilyn Yazzie to the Naabik'íyáti' Committee Title II Reform  
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RESOLUTION OF THE  
 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE  
 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- First Year, 2023



AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE  
 25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' TITLE TWO REFORM  
 SUBCOMMITTEE

BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. FINDINGS

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'iyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee with oversight over the Legislative Branch and the responsibility and purpose "to provide for the compilation and publication of all Navajo Nation laws, rules, and regulations". 2 N.N.C. § 700 (A) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- B. As the result of issues and concerns encountered by the 22<sup>nd</sup> Navajo Nation Council related to the change in Delegate membership from 88 to 24 and those issues and concerns carrying over to the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Councils, it is recommended that the Navajo Nation Code, Title Two, as it relates to legislative matters, receive a comprehensive evaluation and dependent on the evaluation's outcome, recommended changes be provided to the Navajo Nation Council.
- C. The Naabik'iyáti' Committee is authorized to establish the Title Two Reform subcommittee that consists of committee members which the committee selects. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.
- D. The Navajo Nation Council gave Naabik'iyáti' Committee the authority to delegate its authority as appropriate for efficiency and streamlining of government process to appropriate entities. 2 N.N.C. § 701(B) (2012) *see also* CO-45-12.

SECTION TWO. NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' TITLE TWO REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE  
 ESTABLISHMENT

- A. The 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council establishes the Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee to review, evaluate, and recommend changes to the Navajo Nation Council, if any, regarding the following:

1. Title 2, Section 164 legislative process;
  2. Navajo Nation Council and Standing Committee Rules of Order;
  3. Matters concerning standing committee structure and authority: increasing or decreasing the number of committees from the current four standing committee structure to address the needs of the Navajo Nation; addressing the quorum requirements of committees; setting committee meeting schedules to allow time to respond to constituent concerns; evaluating restrictions on Delegates to be on only one committee in light of potential increase in number of committees; evaluating recommendation delegation to programs and divisions; and other recommendations to the committee structure and authority that would provide an efficient delivery of services to the Navajo People; and
  4. Internal administrative and legislative process issues and concerns.
- B. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall consist of two (2) members from each Navajo Nation standing committee for a total of ten (10) members. Each Navajo Nation standing committee shall select two (2) of their members to be on the Subcommittee; and, on selection of the members, the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson of the respective committees shall provide the Speaker of the Navajo Nation written notice of their committee's selections.
- C. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson by majority vote at their first meeting. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve at the Subcommittee's pleasure; replacement shall be by majority vote.
- D. The Chairperson shall e-mail the Subcommittee's minutes, journals and on-going Title Two drafts to all 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council members.
- E. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall establish a regular meeting day(s) of the month.
- F. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall present draft recommendations to the Navajo Nation Council by the 2023 Fall Session and shall present a final version for

consideration by the 2024 Winter Session of the Navajo Nation Council.

**SECTION THREE. SUBCOMMITTEE TERM**

The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall exist until their assigned tasks are completed and shall report on the recommendations to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 186 (2012) see also CO-45-12.

**SECTION FOUR. DIRECTIVES**

- A. The Speaker's Chief of Staff shall assign one policy analyst to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.
- B. The Office of Legislative Services' Executive Director shall assign two Office of Legislative Services staff to assist the Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee.
- C. The Speaker shall determine a Subcommittee budget and identify the respective funds.
- D. The Naabik'iyáti' Title Two Reform Subcommittee shall hold a work session two weeks prior to the Navajo Nation Council's 2023 Fall Session to update the Delegates on the Subcommittee's work.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 15 in Favor, and 03 Opposed, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023.

  
Honorable Crystalyne Curley, Chairwoman  
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

5/30/23

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Date

Motion: Honorable Brenda Jesus  
Second: Honorable Seth Damon

Chairwoman Crystalyne Curley not voting



RESOLUTION OF THE  
LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE OF THE  
25<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL - FIRST YEAR, 2023

AN ACTION

RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE; APPOINTING THE LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE TITLE II REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

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SECTION THREE. APPOINTMENT OF LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE TITLE II REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE

- A. The Law and Order Committee of the Navajo Nation Council Nation hereby appoints Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton and Hon. Cherilyn Yazzie to the Naabik'iyáti' Committee Title II Reform Subcommittee.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Law and Order Committee of the 25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 03 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 10th day of July 2023.



Honorable Cheryl Yazzie, Vice-Chairwoman  
Law and Order Committee

Motioned: Honorable Herman M. Daniels, Jr.  
Second : Honorable Eugenia Charles-Newton

## **Chief Legislative Counsel**

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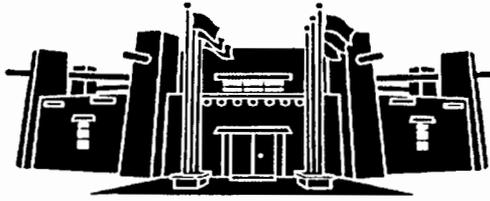
**From:** Eugenia Charles-Newton  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 2, 2024 10:16 AM  
**To:** Chief Legislative Counsel  
**Cc:** Crystalyne Curley  
**Subject:** Legislation Request: Amend Title 2 Subcommittee Assignment  
**Attachments:** DROP LEG--TITLE 2.pdf

Please see attached legislation that needs to be amended to remove my name and include Nathan Notah.

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Eugenia Charles-Newton  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council, Shiprock  
Chairwoman, Law and Order Committee  
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Honorable Crystalyne Curley  
Speaker  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Hon. Eugenia Charles-Newton, Council Delegate  
25<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM:   
Loya M. Honaghaahnii Henderson, Attorney  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: April 25, 2024

SUBJECT: **AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER COMMITTEE;  
UPDATING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW AND ORDER  
COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'  
COMMITTEE TITLE II REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE**

I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government however, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) 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 ensure that this particular resolution request is precisely what you want. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

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SPONSOR: Eugenia Charles-Newton

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Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Comments/Recommendations	<i>None</i>



Legislative Secretary II  
Office of Legislative Services

May 01, 2024; 8:16 AM

Date/Time