

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0204-18

DATE: June 13, 2018

SUBJECT AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEES; OPPOSING THE PROPOSED PLANS OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO ELIMINATE FUNDING FOR NUMEROUS EDUCATION RELATED PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM

PURPOSE: The purpose of this legislation is to oppose the budget cuts proposed by the Trump Administration in the area of Education.

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 review the proposed resolution in detail.

INTRODUCED BY

(Prime Sponsor)

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GRANT PROGRAM

Whereas:

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee (HEHSC) is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. The Committee is empowered to review and recommend resolutions regarding certain matters, including health, education and social services. 2 N.N.C. §§ 164 (A)(9), 400 (A), 401 (B)(6)(a) (2012); see also C0-45-12.
- B. The Naabik'íyáti' Committee is a standing committee of the Navajo Nation Council. Among other duties and responsibilities, it "coordinate[s] all federal, county and state programs with other standing committees and branches of the Navajo Nation government to provide the most efficient delivery of services to the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. §701(A)(4).

- 1 C. The Trump Administration is proposing budget cuts to Post-Secondary programs in
2 the amount of \$42 million including elimination of all funds in Scholarship and Adult
3 Education. See Exhibit A.
- 4 D. The Navajo Nation receives approximately \$11 million of scholarship and adult
5 education funds, the rest being distributed to other tribes.
- 6 E. Twenty-eight (28) positions within the Navajo Scholarship Office would be
7 eliminated under these proposed budget cuts. The Navajo Nation would have to fully
8 fund any continuation of the scholarship Office under these reductions.
- 9 F. Other proposed cuts and eliminations include Special Higher Education Scholarships
10 at \$2,972,000; Science Post Graduate Scholarship Funds at \$2,433,000; Johnson
11 O'Malley at \$14,678 TPA funding. See Exhibit A.
- 12 G. The Navajo Nation finds it to be in the best interest of the students and families of the
13 Nation to oppose these proposed cuts in education as found at Exhibit A.
- 14 H. The Navajo Nation finds it to be in the best interest of the Diné to direct that the
15 President of the Navajo Nation, the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and the
16 Navajo Nation Washington Office coordinate their efforts in opposing the
17 implementation of these proposed budget cuts.

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19 **Therefore Be It Resolved**

- 20 A. The Navajo Nation hereby opposes the proposed budget cuts by the Trump
21 administration in these areas of education as found at Exhibit A.
- 22 B. The Navajo Nation hereby directs the President of the Navajo Nation, the Speaker of
23 the Navajo Nation Council and the Navajo Nation Washington Office to coordinate
24 their efforts in opposing the implementation of these proposed budget cuts.
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Fwd: Trump Administration Proposes to Eliminate 638 Funding for Scholarships



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Fri 5/4/2018 2:16 PM

From: Mariah J. Lizer <mjlizer@navajo-nsn.gov>;

2 attachments

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Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: FW: Trump Administration Proposes to Eliminate 638 Funding for Scholarships

Fyi.

Tommy Lewis, Ed. D.
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-----Original Message-----

From: atuie-request@list.arizona.edu <atuie-request@list.arizona.edu> On Behalf Of Carolyn Calvin
Sent: Friday, May 4, 2018 1:30 PM
To: ATUIE@list.arizona.edu
Subject: [atuie] Trump Administration Proposes to Eliminate 638 Funding for Scholarships

The Office of Navajo Nation Scholarship and Financial Assistance distributed the attached press release today. Please forward to appropriate officials. It is about the Trump administration's proposal to eliminate funding for several education-related programs including the Higher Education Grant Program.

- Thousands of undergraduate scholarships would be lost as federal funds are the primary source for these awards.

- Twenty-eight positions within the Navajo scholarship office would be eliminated as P.L. 93-638 funds are used for personnel and operating costs.
- The Navajo Nation would have to fully fund any effort to continue the scholarship office and serve the thousands of students who apply for scholarships annually.
- Also, thousands of students would be without aid from Johnson O Malley programs.
- Major cuts also are proposed for tribal colleges and universities.

The ONNSFA budget is within Post-Secondary Programs. (I've attached a table summarizing the Trump administration's proposed budget.) Overall, proposed cuts to Post-Secondary programs are \$42,606,000 with elimination of all funds in Scholarship and Adult Education. Cuts to Scholarship and Adult Education amount to \$34,547,000. The Navajo Nation receives about \$11 million of scholarship and adult education funds and the rest goes to other tribes. Other budget eliminations include: Special Higher Education Scholarships -\$2,972,000. The American Indian Graduate Center administers these funds; and Science Post Graduate Scholarship Funds -\$2,433,000 and Johnson O'Malley \$14,678 TPA funding.


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Jonathan Hale
Navajo Nation Council

FROM: 
Edward A. McCool, Principal Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: June 13, 2018

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As requested, 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. 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.

The Office of Legislative Counsel confirms the appropriate standing committee(s) based on the standing committees powers outlined in 2 N.N.C. §§500, 501. 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).

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.

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INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0204-18_____ SPONSOR: Jonathan Hale

TITLE: An Action Relating to Health, Education and Human Services and Naabik'iyati' Committees; Opposing the Proposed Plans of the Trump Administration to Eliminate Funding for numerous education related programs including the Higher Education Grant Program

Date posted: June 18, 2018 at 11:49am

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5 DAY Comment Period Ended: June 23, 2018

Digital Comments received:

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



**Office Assistant
Office of Legislative Services**

6/25/2018 9:26am

Date/Time

Committee Report

THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL to whom has been assigned;

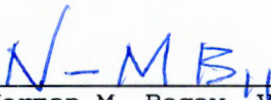
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Sponsor: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale

Has had under consideration and report the same with the recommendation that Legislation 0204-18 PASS with no amendment and no directive; and therefore referred the same to the NAABIK' IYATI' COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Respectfully Submitted,



Norman M. Begay, Vice-Chairperson
Health, Education and Human Services Committee

June 25, 2018 - Main Motion

Motion by: Honorable Nathaniel Brown

Seconded by: Honorable Nelson BeGaye

Vote: 3 in favor; 0 Opposed; Vice-Chairperson Not Voting

Absent (excused): Steven Begay; Amber Kanazbah Crotty

Yeas: Nathaniel Brown; Nelson BeGaye; Jonathan L. Hale

Nays: None