

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0272-20

DATE: October 26, 2020

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION, HUMAN SERVICES AND BUDGET AND FINANCE AND COMMITTEES; DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2021

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to direct the Office of the Auditor General to include the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration in its Fiscal Year 2020 audit plan.

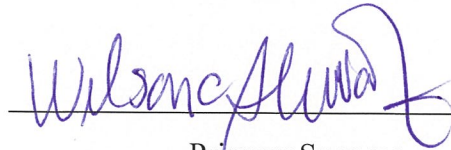
This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committees. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each Council Delegate to review each proposed resolution in detail.

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Eligible for Action: 11-8-20

Health Education & Human Services Committee
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Budget and Finance Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- SECOND YEAR, 2020

INTRODUCED BY


Primary Sponsor

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- A. The Health, Education and Human Services Committee is empowered to oversee veterans' services. 2 N.N.C. § 401 (C)(6).
- B. The Budget and Finance Committee exercises oversight of the Office of the Auditor General and acts as an Audit Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 301 (B)(13).
- C. The Auditor General is authorized and directed to be responsive to the requests of management for specific information, review or audit of any aspect of Navajo Nation and chapter organization. 12 N.N.C. § 4 (D).

SECTION TWO. FINDINGS.

- A. The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration ("NNVA") is a program in the Executive Branch that provides services to Navajo Nation veterans. The services

1 provided by NNVA include offering financial assistance and housing assistance to
2 veterans in need.

3 B. A performance audit of NNVA is necessary to identify potential issues or deficiencies
4 within the operation of NNVA.

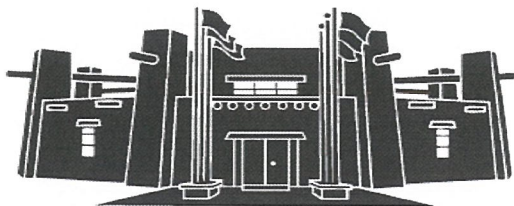
5 C. The Navajo Nation Office of the Auditor General is responsible for conducting audits
6 on for Navajo Nation government divisions, departments, programs, or offices, or for
7 outsourcing audits through the Navajo Nation's procurement process.

8 D. A performance audit of the NNVA has been requested to include the time period from
9 2016-2020.

10 E. The Budget and Finance Committee determines that conducting a performance
11 audit of the NNVA is necessary at this time.

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13 **SECTION THREE. DIRECTIVE THE OFFCIE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

14 A. The Navajo Nation Budget and Finance Committee directs the Auditor General to
15 include the Navajo Nation Veterans Administration in its Fiscal Year 2021 Audit Plan
16 schedule.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Wilson Stewart, Jr.
24th Navajo Nation Council

FROM: Kristen Lowell
Kristen Lowell, Principal Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: October 26, 2020

SUBJECT: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION, HUMAN SERVICES AND BUDGET AND FINANCE AND COMMITTEES; DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE NAVAJO NATION VETERANS ADMINISTRATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2021

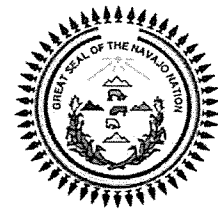
As requested, I have prepared the above-referenced proposed resolution and associated legislative summary sheet pursuant to your request for legislative drafting. Based on existing law and review of documents submitted, the resolution as drafted is legally sufficient. As with any action of government 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. §§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).

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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LEGISLATION NO: _0272-20__

SPONSOR: Wilson C. Stewart, Jr.

TITLE: An Action Relating To Health, Education And Human Services And Budget And Finance And Committees; Directing The Office Of The Auditor General To Conduct A Performance Audit Of The Navajo Nation Veterans Administration In Fiscal Year 2021

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Posted: November 02, 2020 at 4:21 PM

5 DAY Comment Period Ended: November 07, 2020

Digital Comments received:

Comments Supporting	<i>None</i>
Comments Opposing	<i>None</i>
Comments/Recommendations	1) Oliver B. Whaley, Navajo Nation EPA


**Legislative Tracking Secretary
Office of Legislative Services**

11/09/20 7:10 AM

Date/Time

Comments re 0272-20
Oliver B. Whaley
Thu 11/5/2020 11:32 AM
To: comments <comments@navajo-nsn.gov>;

0277-20	An Action Relating to Budget and Finance Committee; Amending BFJA-04-20, Titled, "Approving the Policies of the Navajo Nation Office of the Controller;" Amending the Travel Policies of the Navajo Nation Office of the Controller	Raymond Smith, Jr.
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Comments:

Exhibits A and B should be attached to the legislation so that people can compare the differences and only then be actually able to provide meaningful comments.

BFJA-04-20 not only changed decades long travel policies for Council Delegates, but also for all Navajo Nation employees. These changes were not done amiss to tribal council because they passed the resolution!

However, because they now see that the policy changes in BFJA-04-20 are not fair for anybody, it appears they want to carve out an exception for themselves.

If tribal council doesn't agree with BFJA-04-20, then they should revisit that legislation and those policies for all Navajo Nation Employees and not just themselves.

At the very least, our Navajo Nation employees deserve the same treatment.



Oliver B. Whaley

Executive Director

Navajo Nation EPA