

LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET

Tracking No. 0170-18

DATE: May 15, 2018

TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES AND NAABIK'ÍYÁTI'; SUPPORTING S.B. 1239, A BILL INTRODUCED IN THE ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE ENTITLED "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES"

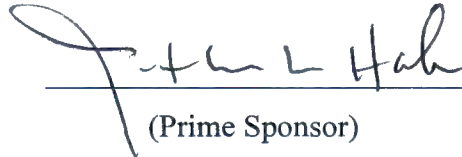
PURPOSE: This resolution supports S.B. 1239, a bill introduced in the Arizona State Legislature entitled "An Act Appropriating Monies To The Department Of Veterans' Services."

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.

5-DAY BILL/HOLD PERIOD: 5/15/18
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Eligible for Action: 5/21/2018

Health, Education & Human Services Committee
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Naa'bik'iyáti' Committee

PROPOSED STANDING COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Fourth Year, 2018
INTRODUCED BY


(Prime Sponsor) 

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MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES"

WHEREAS:

1. Navajo Nation veterans have served honorably in the military service of the United States.
2. There are approximately 10,128 living Navajo veterans.
3. The Navajo Nation continues to support all veterans. Within the Navajo Nation, many Navajo veterans are in need of services and assistance.
4. The state of Arizona introduced S.B. 1239, *"An Act Appropriating Monies to the Department of Veterans' Services."* The purpose is to appropriate \$2,200,000 and hire veteran service officers to provide services in rural native communities in the state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The Navajo Nation supports Arizona state S.B. 1239, *"An Act Appropriating Monies to the Department of Veterans' Services."* Such proposed legislation is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."



REFERENCE TITLE: tribal nations; veterans' services; appropriation

**State of Arizona
Senate
Fifty-third Legislature
Second Regular Session
2018**

SB 1239

Introduced by

Senators Peshlakai: Bowie, Bradley, Cajero Bedford, Contreras, Dalessandro, Farley, Hobbs, Mendez, Meza, Miranda, Quezada; Representatives Andrade, Descheenie, Espinoza, Gabaldon, Gonzales, Saldade, Salman

AN ACT

APPROPRIATING MONIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Appropriation; department of veterans' services; veteran service officers; intent; exemption

A. The sum of \$2,200,000 and 20 FTE positions are appropriated from the state general fund in fiscal year 2018-2019 to the department of veterans' services for the purpose of hiring veteran service officers to provide services in rural tribal nations in this state that have communities that are located one hundred miles or more from the nearest United States department of veterans affairs service center.

B. It is the intent of the Legislature that the monies appropriated pursuant to subsection A of this section are collected and identified from revenues collected on Indian

reservations in this state pursuant to section 42-5029, subsection A, paragraph 3, Arizona Revised Statutes.

C. The appropriation made in subsection A of this section is exempt from the provisions of section 35-190, Arizona Revised Statutes, relating to lapsing of appropriations.



ARIZONA STATE SENATE
Fifty-Third Legislature, Second Regular Session

FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1239

tribal nations; veterans' services; appropriation

Purpose

Appropriates \$2,200,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2019, to the Arizona Department of Veteran's Services for officers to serve rural tribal nations.

Background

The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) provides direct services to veterans through the administration of 19 veterans benefits offices throughout Arizona. The ADVS supports incapacitated veterans or their spouses, and assists veterans and their families with presenting, providing and establishing claims, privileges, rights and benefits. The ADVS also assists veterans and their families by: 1) providing information regarding benefits; 2) conducting administrative review; 3) collecting information; 4) adopting rules; 5) entering agreements; 6) evaluating and approving educational programs; and 7) establishing application processes for the Arizona military gold star medal (A.R.S. § 41-603).

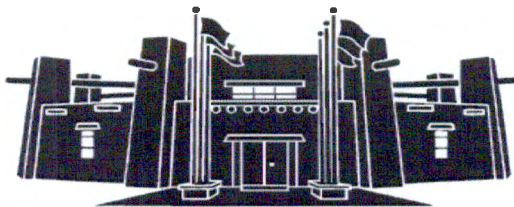
According to the JLBC Baseline Book estimate, \$6,115,800 was appropriated to ADVS from the state General Fund (GF) in FY 2018.

S.B. 1239 appropriates \$2,200,000 from the state GF to ADVS in FY 2019.

Provisions

1. Appropriates \$2,200,000 and 20 FTE positions from the state GF to ADVS in FY 2019, for officers to service rural tribal nations with communities located 100 miles or further from the nearest United States Department of Veteran Affairs service center.
2. Exempts the appropriation from lapsing.
3. Contains a legislative intent clause.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

Prepared by Senate Research
February 8, 2018
GH/JP/lb



MEMORANDUM

To : Hon. Jonathan Hale, Council Delegate
Navajo Nation Council

From : 
Ron Haven, Attorney
Office of Legislative Counsel

Date : May 15, 2018

Re : AN ACTION RELATING TO HEALTH, EDUCATION AND HUMAN
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VETERANS' SERVICES"

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 drafted is legally sufficient. However, as with all legislation, it can be subject to review by the courts in the event of proper challenge. You are encouraged to review the proposed resolution to ensure that it is drafted to your satisfaction.

If you are satisfied with the proposed resolution, please sign it as "sponsor" and submit it to the Office of Legislative Services where it will be given a tracking number and sent to the Office of the Speaker for assignment.

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. Ahéhee'.

OLC # 18-106-1

THE NAVAJO NATION
LEGISLATIVE BRANCH
INTERNET PUBLIC REVIEW PUBLICATION



LEGISLATION NO: _0170-18_____ SPONSOR: Jonathan Hale

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5 DAY Comment Period Ended: May 20, 2018

Digital Comments received:

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



**Legislative Secretary II
Office of Legislative Services**

5/21/2018 8:18am

Date/Time

HEHSC COMMITTEE REPORT

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

LEGISLATION NO. 0170-18

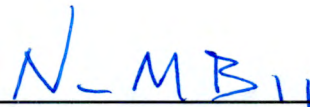
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(NOTE: ELIGIBLE FOR COMMITTEE ACTION MAY 21, 2018) SPONSOR:
HONORABLE JONATHAN L. HALE

Sponsor: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale

Has had under consideration and report the same with the
recommendation that Legislation 0170-18 PASS with no amendment and no
directive; and therefore referred the same to the NAABIK'YATI'
COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL

Respectfully Submitted,



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

Dated: May 29, 2018

Main Motion:

Motion by: Honorable Jonathan L. Hale

Seconded by: Honorable Nathaniel Brown

Vote: 5 in favor; 0 Opposed; Vice-Chairperson N.M. Begay Not Voting

Yeas: J.L. Hale; S. Begay; N. BeGaye; N. Brown; A.K. Crotty

Nays:

Absent (excused): None