

RESOLUTION OF THE
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE
23rd NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2018

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"

WHEREAS:

- A. Navajo Nation veterans have served honorably in the military service of the United States.
- B. There are approximately 10,128 living Navajo veterans.
- C. The Navajo Nation continues to support all veterans. Within the Navajo Nation, many Navajo veterans are in need of services and assistance.
- D. 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"**.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'íyáti' Committee of the 23rd 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 11 in Favor, and 00 Opposed, on this 09th day of August 2018.


Seth Damon, Chairman Pro Tem
Naabik'íyáti' Committee

Motioned: Honorable Nathaniel Brown
Second : Honorable Leonard Pete

Chairman Pro Tem Seth Damon not voting

Pursuant to § 700 (D), A quorum of the committee shall be satisfied by the presence of two (2) members of each Standing Committee or a majority of delegates of the Navajo Nation Council.



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, Saldate, 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
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NAVAJO NATION

RCS# 1215

2018 Summer Session

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Amd# to Amd#	Legislation 0170-18: Supporting	PASSED
MOT Brown	S.B. 1239, A Bill Introduced in	
SEC Pete	the Arizona State Legislature	
	Entitled "An Act Appropriating..	

Yea : 11

Nay : 0

Excused : 4

Not Voting : 9

Yea : 11

Begay, K
Begay, NM
Begay, S

BeGaye, N
Bennett
Brown

Jack
Perry
Pete

Tso
Witherspoon

Nay : 0

Excused : 4

Daniels

Filfred

Smith

Yazzie

Not Voting : 9

Bates
Chee
Crotty

Damon
Hale

Phelps
Shepherd

Slim
Tsosie