

**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY SHEET**

Tracking No. 0254-20

**DATE:** October 9, 2020

**TITLE OF RESOLUTION: AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER,  
NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 851-  
858, NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION**

**PURPOSE:** This resolution, if approved, will amend the statutory plan of operation for the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission set forth in the Navajo Nation Code at 2 N.N.C. §§ 851-858.

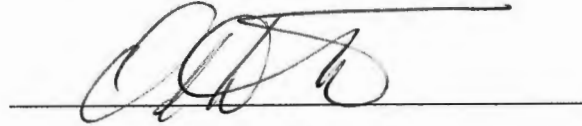
**This written summary does not address recommended amendments as may be provided by the standing committee. The Office of Legislative Counsel requests each committee member to review the proposed resolution in detail.**

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Law & Order Committee  
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Naabik'iyáti' Committee  
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Navajo Nation Council

1 PROPOSED NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
2 24<sup>th</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – Second Year, 2020

3 INTRODUCED BY

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8 TRACKING NO. 0254-20

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10 AN ACTION  
11 RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND NAVAJO NATION  
12 COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 851-858, NAVAJO-HOPI LAND  
13 COMMISSION

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15 BE IT ENACTED:

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17 SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY

- 18 A. The Law and Order Committee is a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation  
19 Council with authority to "review and make recommendations to the Navajo Nation  
20 Council on proposed amendments to and enactments in the Navajo Nation Code." 2  
21 N.N.C. §601(B)(14).
- 22 B. The Naa'bik'íyáti' Committee is a Standing Committee of the Navajo Nation Council,  
23 2 N.N.C. § 700(A), and all proposed legislations requiring final action by the Navajo  
24 Nation Council are assigned to the Committee. 2 N.N.C. § 164 (A)(9).
- 25 D. The Naa'bik'íyáti' Committee is specifically empowered as the oversight committee  
26 for commissions under the Legislative Branch of the Navajo Nation, including the  
27 Navajo-Hopi Land Commission. 2 N.N.C. § 701 (5).
- 28 C. The Navajo Nation Council is the governing body of the Navajo Nation with the  
29 authority to enact positive law of the Navajo Nation. 2 N.N.C. § 102 (A) and 164 (A).
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1 **SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

- 2 A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission within the  
3 Legislative Branch as a commission of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 851 (A).  
4 B. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Plan of Operations has not been comprehensively  
5 updated since 1989.  
6 C. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission recommends that its Plan of Operation, codified  
7 at 2 N.N.C. §§ 851-858, be amended as set forth in NHLCD-10-19, attached as  
8 **Exhibit A.**

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10 **SECTION THREE. AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 851-858**

11 The Navajo Nation hereby amends Title 2, Chapter 3, Subchapter 11, Article 1 of the  
12 Navajo Nation Code as follows:

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15 Title 2. Navajo Nation Government  
16 Chapter 3. Legislative Branch  
17 Subchapter 11. Boards and Commissions  
18 Article 1. Navajo-Hopi Land Commission  
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20 **§ 851. Establishment; purposes**

- 21 A. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission (“Commission”) is hereby established within  
22 the Legislative Branch.  
23 B. It is the purpose of the Commission to:  
24 1. Monitor, collect, and update information on any and all land use ~~conflicts~~  
25 issues between the Navajo Nation, and the Hopi Tribe, Southern Paiute Tribe  
26 and any claimants in and to lands within the area described in the Act of June  
27 14, 1934 (48 Stat. 960).  
28 2. Initiate the acquisition, and ~~Speak~~ and act for the Navajo Nation with respect  
29 to the land selection and land exchange provisions of P.L. 96-305.  
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- 1           3. Speak and act on behalf of the Navajo Nation and advocate at the local,  
2           regional, and national levels on issues related to Navajo Partitioned Lands  
3           (NPL), Hopi Partitioned Lands (HPL) (on behalf of Navajo families living on  
4           HPL), Former Bennett Freeze Area (Navajo-Hopi land issues), Nahata Dziil,  
5           lands acquired using P.L. 96-305, and the Southern Paiute Tribe.
- 6           4. Establish Rehabilitation Trust Fund and Escrow Fund program budget  
7           policies.
- 8           5. Speak and act for the Navajo Nation on any and all matters relating to the  
9           well-being of impacted communities.

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11 **§ 852. Membership; selection; Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson; term of office;**  
12 **ex-officio members**

13           A. The Commission shall consist of nine (9) regular voting members and two (2) ex-  
14           officio members who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation  
15           Council with the approval of the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the Navajo Nation  
16           Council. ~~The Commission shall have the authority to establish subcommittees as~~  
17           ~~deemed appropriate to provide advisory input from citizens, professionals, federal~~  
18           ~~and other non-elected sources.~~

19           B. The Commission shall consist of:

- 20           1. Nine voting members of the Navajo Nation Council representing areas  
21           affected by the Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute ~~from each of the following areas:~~
  - 22           a. To' Nanees Dizi
  - 23           b. Nahata Dziil
  - 24           c. Teesto, Whitecone
  - 25           d. Coppermine, K'aibii'to, Tonalea, Bodaway/Gap
  - 26           e. Tsah Bii Kin, Shonto
  - 27           f. Jeddito
  - 28           g. Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Leupp, Tolani Lake
  - 29           h. Hard Rock, Forest Lake, Pinon, Blck Mesa, Whippoorwill
  - 30           i. Tachee/Blue Gap, Low Mountain

1 2. All members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Speaker of the  
2 Navajo Nation Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Naabik'iyáti'  
3 Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

4 3. ~~The Agency Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, of Tuba City Agency~~  
5 ~~and Crownpoint Agency~~ Navajo Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian  
6 Affairs, Office of Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office, Office of  
7 Legislative Counsel, Navajo Land Department and Navajo Nation tribal  
8 employees, when called upon, shall provide technical assistance input to the  
9 Commission.

10 C. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission shall be selected by  
11 the Commission.

12 D. Commission members shall serve a term of office coinciding with the term of  
13 office of members of the Navajo Nation Council and until their successors are  
14 appointed.

15 E. The President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation shall serve as ex-officio  
16 members of the Commission.

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18 **§ 853. Powers**

19 A. General. The Commission shall have all powers necessary and proper to carry out the  
20 purposes set forth in 2 N.N.C. § 851.

21 B. Enumerated Powers. The Commission is hereby authorized and directed:

22 1. To advise the President of the Navajo Nation concerning all matters relating  
23 to land use conflicts between the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe, and  
24 any claimants in and to lands within the areas described in the Act of June  
25 14, 1934 (48 Stat. 960).

26 2. To speak and act ~~for~~ on behalf of the Navajo Nation with respect to the land  
27 selection and land exchange provisions of P.L. 96-305 by making such  
28 selections and approving or disapproving any proposed exchanges, subject  
29 to the limitations set forth in resolution CN-69-80.  
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- 1           3. Shall provide direction to and appoint two members to the Joint  
2           Commission as specified in the Intergovernmental Compact between the  
3           Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe.
- 4           4. Provide for the compensation of the Commission members for meeting  
5           attendance per the rate set in the meeting policies.
- 6           5. To advise and meet with communities that are directly affected by the land  
7           dispute between the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe.
- 8           6. To act and speak on all matters and recommend legislation relating to  
9           Navajo Partitioned Lands (NPL), Hopi Partitioned Lands (HPL) (on behalf  
10           of Navajo families living on HPL), Former Bennett Freeze Area (Navajo-  
11           Hopi land issues), Nahata Dziil, lands acquired using P.L. 96-305, and the  
12           Southern Paiute Tribe.
- 13           7. Shall initiate and recommend grazing, homesite leasing, housing  
14           development, rights-of-way and other land development policies and refer  
15           to appropriate Standing Committees for approval.
- 16           8. Approve energy development and set rental rates on lands that were  
17           converted to trust lands with respect to the land selection and land  
18           exchange provisions of P.L. 96-305.
- 19           9. Develop policies and monitor the Rehabilitation Trust Fund and Escrow  
20           funds.
- 21           10. To serve as the oversight commission for the functions of the Navajo-Hopi  
22           Land Commission Office.
- 23           11. Negotiate and meet with Hopi Tribe and Southern Paiute Tribe on matters  
24           under the Commission's authorities.
- 25           12. Navajo projects initiated by the Office of Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation  
26           will be transferred to the Commission upon the eventual phase out, if any,  
27           of the Office.

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29   **§ 854. Meetings**  
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1 Meetings shall be held on the first and third Thursday of each month or on the call of the  
2 Chairperson of the Commission, the President of the Navajo Nation, or upon written  
3 request of any five (5) members of the Commission. At any meeting, a quorum shall  
4 consist of ~~six (6)~~ five (5) members.

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6 **§ 855. Procedure**

7 ~~Until such time as the Navajo Nation Council adopts procedures and rules for the conduct~~  
8 ~~of Commission business, the~~ The Commission is empowered to develop its own  
9 procedure for the conduct of meetings, provided that all formal substantive action shall be  
10 taken by written resolution duly certified by the presiding officers, or memorialized by  
11 written memorandum setting forth the action taken and signed by the presiding officer  
12 and filed with the ~~Central~~ Records Management Department of the Navajo Nation.  
13 ~~Minutes~~ Journals shall be kept of all meetings and shall be officially recorded by the  
14 Office of Legislative Services.

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16 **§ 856. Staff**

- 17 A. There shall be a Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office under the direction of the  
18 President of the Navajo Nation. The President of the Navajo Nation shall appoint a  
19 ~~staff assistant~~ an Executive Director who shall head the Land Commission Office  
20 who shall serve at the pleasure of the President of the Navajo Nation.  
21 B. The Commission shall utilize the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Office in  
22 performing its assigned functions.

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24 **§ 857. Reports**

25 The Commission shall report quarterly and in writing to the Navajo Nation Council  
26 concerning matters relating to the land use conflict and agreements with the Hopi Tribe.

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28 **§ 858. Subcommittees**

29 The Commission is authorized ~~and directed to establish at least one Citizen's Advisory~~  
30 ~~Subcommittee to provide advice and assistance to the Commission. The members of the~~

1 ~~Citizen's Advisory Committee shall be non-elected private citizens who reside in or near~~  
2 ~~the lands affected by P.L. 96-305 and such other private citizens as the Commission and~~  
3 ~~the President of the Navajo Nation may deem appropriate. to establish subcommittees as~~  
4 ~~deemed appropriate to provide advisory input from citizens, professionals, federal and~~  
5 ~~other non-elected sources.~~

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7 **SECTION FOUR. EFFECTIVE DATE**

8 This action of the Navajo Nation Council herein shall be effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §  
9 221(B). Further, the "President's authority to sign into law or veto legislation shall be  
10 deemed waived if not exercised within ten calendar days after certification of the  
11 legislation by the Speaker or Speaker Pro Tem and the legislation shall be deemed  
12 enacted and become effective pursuant to 2 N.N.C. §221." 2 N.N.C. § 1005(C)(12).

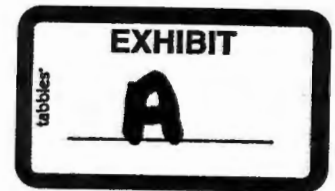
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14 **SECTION FIVE. CODIFICATION**

15 The provisions of these amendments of the Navajo Nation Code shall be codified by the  
16 Office of Legislative Counsel. The Office of Legislative Counsel shall incorporate such  
17 amendments in the next codification of the Navajo Nation Code.

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19 **SECTION SIX. SAVINGS CLAUSE**

20 Should any provision of these amendments be determined invalid by the Navajo Nation  
21 Supreme Court, or the District Courts of the Navajo Nation without appeal to the Navajo  
22 Nation Supreme Court, those amendments that are not determined invalid shall remain  
23 the law of the Nation.





**RESOLUTION OF THE  
NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION  
OF THE NAABIK'IYATI COMMITTEE**

**24<sup>TH</sup> NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL – First Year, 2019**

**AN ACTION**

**THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION SUPPORTS AND RECOMMENDS TO THE  
NAABIK'IYATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL THE  
AMENDMENTS TO THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION PLAN OF OPERATION**

**BE IT ENACTED:**

**SECTION ONE. AUTHORITY**

- A. The Navajo Nation Council established the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission within the Legislative Branch as a commission of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. § 851 (A) (2009).
- B. The Navajo Nation Council further established the members to be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee now the Naabi'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. 2 N.N.C. §852 (B) (2)
- C. The Navajo Nation Council established the purpose of the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission to:
1. Monitor, collect, and update information on any and all land use conflicts between the Navajo Nation and the Hopi Tribe, and any claimants in and to lands described in the Act of June 14, 1934 (48 Stat. 960). 2 N.N.C. §851(B)(1)
  2. Speak and act for the Navajo Nation with respect to the land selection and land exchange provisions of P.L. 96-305. 2 N.N.C. §851(B)(2)

**SECTION TWO. FINDINGS**

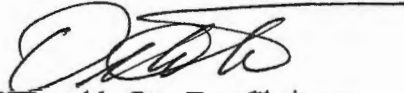
- A. The Plan of Operation for the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission was last generally updated on December 15, 1989. CD -68-89
- B. The amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission is in the best interest of the families impacted by the Navajo and Hopi Indian Land Settlement Act and the Navajo-Hopi Indian Relocation Amendment Act of 1980, Public Law 96-305.

**SECTION THREE. AMENDMENTS TO THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION PLAN OF OPERATION**

The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Hereby Supports and Recommends to the Naabik'iyati' Committee and the Navajo Nation Council the Amendments to the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission Plan of Operation

**CERTIFICATION**

I, hereby, certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Navajo-Hopi Land Commission of the Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting held at Nahata Dziil (Sanders), Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of **4** in favor and **0** opposed, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019.



Honorable Otto Tso, Chairman  
Navajo Hopi Land Commission

Motion:       Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair  
Second:       Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.

Chairman Otto Tso not voting

## 11. Boards and Commissions Article

### 1. Navajo-Hopi Land Commission

#### United States Code

Navajo and Hopi tribes, settlement of rights and interests, see 25 U.S.C. §640d et seq.

#### § 851. Establishment; purposes

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1. Monitor, collect, and update information on any and all land use ~~conflicts~~ issues between the Navajo Nation, ~~and~~ the Hopi Tribe, Southern Piute Tribe and any claimants in and to lands within the area described in the Act of June 14, 1934 (48 Stat. 960).

2. Initiate the acquisition, and speak and act for the Navajo Nation with respect to the land selection and land exchange provisions of P.L. 96-305.

3. Speak and act on behalf of the Navajo Nation and advocate at the local, regional, and national levels on issues related to Navajo partitioned lands (NPL), Hopi Partitioned lands (HPL) (on behalf of Navajo families living on HPL), Former Bennett Freeze Area (Navajo-Hopi land issues), Nahata Dziil, acquired lands using P.L.96-305, and Southern Piute Tribe.

4. Establish Rehabilitation Trust Fund and Escrow Fund program budget policies.

5. Speak and act for the Navajo Nation on any and all matters relating to the well-being of impacted communities.

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A. The Commission shall consist of nine regular voting members and two ex-officio members who shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council with the approval of the Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council. ~~The Commission shall have the authority to establish subcommittees as deemed appropriate to provide advisory input from citizens, professionals,~~

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B. The Commission shall consist of:

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2. All members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and shall serve at the pleasure of the Naabik'iyati' Committee of the Navajo Nation Council.

3. The Navajo Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Navajo Hopi Indian Relocation Office, Navajo Department of Justice, Navajo Hopi Land Commission Office, Office of Legislative Counsel, Navajo Land Department, Agency Superintendent, Bureau of Indian Affairs, of Tuba City Agency and Crownpoint Agency and Navajo Nation tribal employees, when called upon, shall provide technical input assistance to the Commission.

C. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Commission shall be selected by the Commission.

D. Commission members shall serve a term of office coinciding with the term of office of members of the Navajo Nation Council and until their successors are appointed.

E. The President and Vice-President of the Navajo Nation shall serve as ex-officio members of the Commission.

#### § 853. Powers

A. General. The Commission shall have all powers necessary and proper to carry out the purposes set forth in 2 N.N.C. § 851.

B. Enumerated Powers. The Commission is hereby authorized and directed:

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The Commission shall have the authority to establish subcommittees as deemed appropriate to provide advisory input from citizens, professionals, federal and other non-elected sources.

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#### History

CD-68-89, December 15, 1989. The Navajo-Hopi Land Commission was moved from the Executive Branch

(2 N.N.C. § 330 1) and placed within the Legislative Branch.

ACAP-49-83, April 4, 1983. The name of the Commission was changed from "Navajo-Hopi Land Dispute Commission" to "Navajo-Hopi Land Commission." Also, a "purpose" section was added CAU-70-72, August 7, 1972.

CD-68-89, December 15, 1989. Amended generally. ACAP-49-83, April 4, 1983.

**Cross References**

GSCF-10-91, January 9, 1991. CN-69-80, November 7, 1980.

CD-68-89, December 15, 1989.

**VOTE TALLY SHEET**

NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION

DATE: December 5, 2019

Regular Meeting

RESOLUTION: THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSISON SUPPORTS AND RECOMMENDS TO THE NAABIK'YATI' COMMITTEE AND THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL THE AMENDMENTS TO THE NAVAJO-HOPI LAND COMMISSION PLAN OF OPERATION

Main Motion:

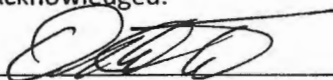
Motion: Honorable Jimmy Yellowhair

Second: Honorable Thomas Walker, Jr.

Vote: 4-0-1 Chairperson Otto Tso not voting

Commissioner	Yay	Nay
Hon. Elmer Begay		
Hon. Kee Allen Begay		
Hon. Paul Begay		
Hon. Herman Daniels	X	
Hon. Vince R. James		
Hon. Raymond Smith, Jr.	X	
Hon. Otto Tso		
Hon. Thomas Walker, Jr.	X	
Hon. Jimmy Yellowhair	X	

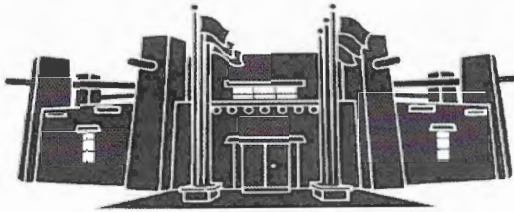
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 Otto Tso, Chairperson  
 Navajo-Hopi Land Commission

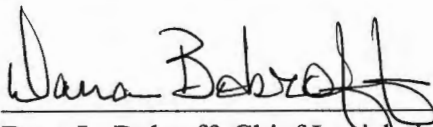
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 Martha Ellison, Legislative Advisor  
 Navajo-Hopi Land Commission  
 Office of Legislative Services





**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Otto Tso  
24<sup>th</sup> Navajo Nation Council

FROM:   
Dana L. Bobroff, Chief Legislative Counsel  
Office of Legislative Counsel

DATE: October 9, 2020

SUBJECT: **AN ACTION RELATING TO LAW AND ORDER, NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' AND  
NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL; AMENDING 2 N.N.C. §§ 851-858, NAVAJO-  
HOPI LAND COMMISSION**

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 his 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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LEGISLATION NO: \_0254-20\_

SPONSOR: Otto Tso

**TITLE: An Action Relating To Law And Order, Naabik'iyáti' And Navajo Nation Council; Amending 2 N.N.C. §§ 851 - 858, Navajo-Hopi Land Commission**

***Date posted:*** October 9, 2020 at 5:12 PM

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Written comments may be mailed to:

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Office of Legislative Services  
P.O. Box 3390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
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