

Legislation 0207-26 – Amendment for Del. Brenda Jesus

1. In Section 3.B, the **OVERALL FY2027 OPERATING BUDGET**, the funding appropriation from the BFC Resolution BFAP-09-26 in the amount of **\$12,213,738** shall be removed as follows:

Department of Information Technology	\$2,213,738.00
Judicial Branch – Probate Quiet Titles	\$1,300,000.00
Office of the Auditor General – Training	\$1,200,000.00
Office of the Prosecutor – White Collar Crime Unit	\$2,000,000.00
Northern Arizona Victim Witness Services/Program/Division for Children and Family Services	\$2,000,000.00
Utah Navajo Health System / Department of Health	\$1,500,000.00
Navajo Technical University – Data Institute	\$1,000,000.00
Dept. of Public Safety, Police Department/Missing and Murdered Unit	\$500,000.00
Office of the Prosecutor Victim Witness Advocates	\$300,000.00
Four Corners K-9 Search and Rescue/Dept. of Public Safety, Department of Emergency Management	\$200,000.00

2. On page 6, line 5, delete ~~\$13,763,738~~ and replace with \$12,213,738
3. On Page 8, line 26, the **\$12,213,738** removed from the BFC Resolution BFAP-09-26 shall be incorporated into the **OVERALL FY2027 OPERATING BUDGET** as a new **Section 3.B.10**, as follows:

10. OPERATING BUDGET RESTORATION AND FUNDING PRIORITIES

The **\$12,213,738** removed from the BFC Resolution BFAP-09-26 shall not increase the overall FY2027 Operating Budget and shall instead constitute a reallocation of amounts previously included in the BFC Resolution BFAP-09-26. The reallocated amount shall be incorporated into the FY2027 Operating Budget and made available for the following purposes:

- A. Restoration of the Department of Justice Fixed Cost Litigation Fund, Business Unit N01000, in the amount of **\$5,000,000.00**.
- B. Restoration of the Division of Natural Resources NGS Transmission Costs, Business Unit 118027, in the amount of **\$1,370,100.00**.
- C. Restoration of personnel salary and fringe benefit funding for the President of the Navajo Nation’s political appointees, including Division Directors, Deputy Division Directors, the Attorney General, the Deputy Attorney General, and Executive Staff; and

D. Funding of operating budget deficiencies for Navajo Nation programs and departments identified and prioritized by the Navajo Nation Council.

4. Directives to the Office of Management and Budget. The Office of Management and Budget shall amend **Exhibits A through E**, as applicable, to reflect the removal of the \$12,213,738 from the Public Input Priority and the incorporation of the \$12,213,738 Personnel and Program Operating Budget Restoration Fund into the Overall FY2027 Operating Budget. The amended exhibits shall conform to the changes approved by this amendment.
5. After the newly inserted **Section 3.B.10**, insert **Section 3.B.11**, the authorized use of the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance as follows:

11. UNRESERVED, UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby authorizes the use of the Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance (“UUFB”) as a funding source for the Navajo Nation’s FY2027 Comprehensive Budget.
- B. Waiver of 12 N.N.C. § 820(E) and (F). The Navajo Nation Council hereby waives 12 N.N.C. § 820(E) and § 820(F) to the extent necessary to allow UUFB funds to be used for the FY2027 Comprehensive Budget, including recurring government operating expenses, personnel salaries and fringe benefits, and operating budget deficiencies.
- C. Waiver of 12 N.N.C. § 820(J) and (L). The Navajo Nation Council hereby waives 12 N.N.C. § 820(J) and § 820(L), including the requirement that the Controller designate recurring and nonrecurring revenues and purposes, to the extent necessary to authorize and implement the use of UUFB funds for the recurring government expenditures, operations, personnel salaries and fringe benefits, and operating budget deficiencies approved in the FY2027 Comprehensive Budget.
- D. Waiver of 12 N.N.C. § 820(B) and (M). The Navajo Nation Council hereby waives 12 N.N.C. § 820(B) and § 820(M), to the extent necessary to authorize the UUFB appropriations included in the FY2027 Comprehensive Budget without requiring each UUFB funding request to be separately submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for a budget impact analysis.
- E. Lapse of UUFB Appropriations. The UUFB funds appropriated under the FY2027 Comprehensive Budget shall remain available for the

authorized purposes through September 30, 2027. Any portion of the UUFB appropriations that remains unexpended as of September 30, 2027 shall lapse and revert to the UUFB.

- F. The waivers authorized under this Section shall apply only to the UUFB appropriations and authorized uses included in the FY2027 Comprehensive Budget and shall not constitute a waiver of any other requirement of Title 12 of the Navajo Nation Code not expressly identified in this Section.

6. On page 1, line 15 after “**N.N.C. §§**” insert **820(B), 820(E), 820(F), 820(J), 820(L), 820(M).**
7. Renumber or re-letter succeeding paragraph, sections, and exhibits, as necessary and appropriated. The Office of Legislative Services and Office of Legislative Counsel are authorized to make technical edits, including recalculating totals, to this legislation and its exhibits to implement the Navajo Nation Council’s intent. This amendment superseded inconsistent language in any other amendment(s), which shall be confirmed to this amendment.