



# DINÉ COLLEGE

THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE NAVAJO

## Office of Legislative Affairs and Special Projects

### Board Report November 2024

The Office of Legislative and Special Projects is responsible for proactively anticipating the legislative policy goals of the Commission and working to facilitate those goals with Members of Congress and staff.

#### Navajo Nation Higher Education Grant

##### DC/NN Grant Agreement

- FY 21-22 - Total: \$2,361,643.22 received 10/31/24
- FY 23- 24 Q1, Q2, Q3, 4Q Amount Outstanding- Total: \$4,700,00.00 as of 11/1/24
  - May have to request supplemental funds for FY23-24 - Drafting letter for OMB, OOC & HEHSC

#### Reauthorization Diné Higher Education Grant Fund legislation 2025

- Draft legislation to re-authorize the legislation for 20 years- forward funding and requesting all DC, NTU, ONNSFA get \$10 million each

#### Workforce Transformation Grant

- Grant amount \$611,000 received 10/31/24
- Continuing funding includes \$425,000 -currently working on submitting proper documents

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#### O&M Federal Funding & Reauthorization Diné College Act

Discussed reauthorization of a bill with \$70-75 million in funding for 10 years- cut go strategy for a successful introduction, going after unspent COVID funds, may mean less opposition.

- Draft of DC Act sent back (Oct 11) to Legislative Counsel—awaiting response
- Efforts are ongoing to secure a republican sponsor- aiming for “hill” hearing or a field hearing hosted by Diné College in Tsaile, AZ - to be introduced by December 2024
- This reauthorization may not be introduced this year, this movement has a large reliance on the outcome of the elections.

# ELECTIONS

## **PRESIDENTIAL**

Donald Trump-Republican

## **ARIZONA CONGRESS**

Ruben Gallego, Senate (Democrat)

Eli Crane, Representative (AZ CD-02) Republican

Yassamin Ansari, (AZ CD-03) Democrat

David Schweikert, (AZ CD-01) Republican

Andy Biggs, (AZ CD-5) Republican

Juan Ciscomani, (AZ CD-6) Republican

Rual Grijalva, (AZ CD-7) Democrat

Abraham Hamadeh, (AZ CD-8) Republican

Paul Gosar, (AZ CD-9) Republican

## **ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE**

Senator Theresa Hatathlie,

Representative Myron Tsosie

Representative Peshlakai

Senate Majority Leadership:

President Petersen

Majority Leader Shamp

Majority Whip Carroll

Senate Minority Leadership:

Minority Leader Sundareshan

Assistant Minority Leader Bravo

Minority Whip Gabaldon

House Minority Leadership:

Minority Leader De los Santos

Assistant Minority Leader Gutierrez

Co-whips Crews and Travers

## **NEW MEXICO CONGRESS**

Martin Heinrich, Senator (Democrat)

Teresa Legar Fernandez, Representative (NM CD-3)

Melanie Stansbury, Representative (NM CD-1)

Gabriel Vasquez, Representative (NM CD-2)

Ben Lujan, Senator (not up for re-election until 2026)

## **NEW MEXICO STATE LEGISLATURE**

Joseph Hernandez will replace Representative Allison (Shiprock, San Juan County, District 4)



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## 2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS AND OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

### NAVAJO NATION 2025

Jan 20-24<sup>th</sup>- Winter Session

Apr 14-18<sup>th</sup>- Spring Session

Jul 14-18<sup>th</sup>- Summer Session

Oct 20-24<sup>th</sup>- Fall Session October

### 119<sup>th</sup> CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE DATES, 1<sup>st</sup> Session 2025

Sep 9<sup>th</sup>- 118<sup>th</sup> Congressional Legislature Reconvene 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

Dec 20<sup>th</sup>- Target Adjournment

*Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025- First session begins TBD*

Feb 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> - AIHEC Annual Legislative Summit

### NEW MEXICO REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2025

Dec 13<sup>th</sup>- Capital Outlay submission is due

Jan 2-17<sup>th</sup>- Legislation may be profiled

Jan 21<sup>st</sup> - Opening day (noon)

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> - American Indian Day at the Capitol

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> - Capital Outlay Reauthorization submission is due

Feb 20<sup>th</sup> - Deadline for introduction

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> - Session ends (noon)

Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> - April 12<sup>th</sup>- Governor's Office Post-Session Deliberations

Apr 11<sup>th</sup> – Legislation not acted upon by the governor is pocket vetoed

May 15<sup>th</sup> - 2025 Interim Session Begins: Interim Committees Work Sessions

Jun 20<sup>th</sup>- Effective date of legislation not a general appropriation bill or a bill carrying an emergency clause or other specified date

Jun 30<sup>th</sup> - NM FY25 Ends

Jul 1<sup>st</sup>- NM FY26 Starts

### AZ FIRST REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION 2025

Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024- The General Effective Date for the Fifty-sixth Legislature – Second Regular Session

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>- 2025 State Legislative 1<sup>st</sup> Session begins

Jan 9<sup>th</sup>- House 7-bill Introduction Limit Begins (5pm)

Jan 14<sup>th</sup> - Senate Bill request deadline

Jan 15<sup>th</sup>- 30th Annual Indian Nations and Tribes Legislative Day at the State Capitol

Jan 27<sup>th</sup>- Senate Bill introduction deadline (5pm)

Feb 7<sup>th</sup>- House bill request deadline (5pm)

For more information, contact: Crystal Carr Cook at [ccree@dinecollege.edu](mailto:ccree@dinecollege.edu)

Feb 10<sup>th</sup>- House Bill introduction deadline (5pm)

Apr 11<sup>th</sup>- Last day for consideration of bills in Conference Committees

Apr 19<sup>th</sup>- Adjournment Sine Die

### UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE 2024-25

Nov 15<sup>th</sup>- Last day for a legislator (House and Senate) to designate priority bill request number one

Nov 15<sup>th</sup>- 63, Last day for a legislator (Senate) to designate priority bill request number two

Nov 20<sup>th</sup>- Last day of interim

Nov 26<sup>th</sup>- First day a legislator-elect may file legislation after the election

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>- Last day for governmental entities to request bills without floor approval

Dec 5<sup>th</sup>- Last day for a legislator to designate priority bill request number two (House) or number three (Senate)

Dec 18<sup>th</sup>- Last day for Executive Appropriations Committee to set initial budget matters

Jan 21<sup>st</sup>- 2025 First day of the annual General Session

Jan 31<sup>st</sup>- Last day to request bills or appropriations without floor approval (by noon on the 11th day)

Feb 25<sup>th</sup>- Last day for the Legislature to present a bill to the governor, where the governor is required to act on the bill before the end of the session

Mar 7<sup>th</sup>- Last day of the annual General Session

Mar 27<sup>th</sup>- Last day the governor may sign or veto bills

May 7<sup>th</sup>- First day for a legislator to open a bill file or submit a request for appropriation for the next General Session (60 days after the Legislature adjourns its annual General Session sine die)