



HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

Governing Body of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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ADOPTION OF HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, GENERAL FUND, GAMING COMMISSION AND HEALTH INSURANCE BUDGET BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

RESOLUTION 06-21-22 C

- WHEREAS,** on November 1, 1994, the United States Secretary of the Interior approved a new Constitution for the Ho-Chunk Nation, formerly known as the Wisconsin Winnebago Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Ho-Chunk Nation ("Nation") is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, pursuant to the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(a) of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution ("Constitution") gives the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature ("Legislature") the power to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(b) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to establish Executive Departments, and to delegate legislative powers to the Executive branch to be administered by such Departments, in accordance with the law; any Department established by the Legislature shall be administered by the Executive; the Legislature reserves the power to review any action taken by virtue of such delegated power; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(c) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to constitute a Board of Directors for each Department, except the President shall name the Executive Director, subject to confirmation by the Legislature; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual budget; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(f) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to set the salaries, terms and conditions of employment for all governmental personnel; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(l) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact laws to manage, lease, permit, or otherwise deal with the Nation's lands, interests in lands or other assets; and

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- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 2(x) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power to enact any other laws, ordinances, resolutions, and statutes necessary to exercise its legislative powers delegated by the General Council pursuant to Article III including but not limited to the foregoing list of powers; and
- WHEREAS,** Article V, Section 13 of the Constitution states that the Legislature shall enact an annual budget, which shall include an appropriation of operating funds for each branch of the government; further, that the Legislature shall not appropriate funds which have not been authorized by law, and no item shall be included in the budget if it is not authorized by law; and
- WHEREAS,** the Legislature first adopted the Nation’s *Appropriation and Budget Process Act* (“Budget Act”) (2 HCC §4) by Resolution 6/22/00F; and
- WHEREAS,** Section 5.h of the Budget Act requires the Legislature to adopt or modify annual appropriations bill(s) for the Nation; and
- WHEREAS,** for historical context, the Legislature had been in the unprecedented situation of having to consider, and approve, Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget funds for the Nation as it was in the midst of a world-wide pandemic (known as the novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19), which caused the closure of the Nation’s casinos, impacted the Nation’s government, and Tribal Members; and
- WHEREAS,** starting in February and March of 2020, the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) was responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) which spread throughout the United States and Indian Country as a world-wide pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** on January 31, 2020, United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States in response to the presence of COVID-19 within the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, the U.S. President issued a proclamation declaring that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency, and March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency, and on March 24, 2020, Governor Tony Evers issued Emergency Order #12, titled Safer at Home Order; and
- WHEREAS,** through the adoption of Resolution 3-12-20A and Executive Administrative Order March 13, 2020-1, the Legislature and President of the Nation declared a state of emergency concerning the tribal and national response to the coronavirus (known as COVID-19), and set in place measures to protect the Nation, its Members and employees, including travel restrictions and adherence to certain federal recommendations and guidance to protect against the spread of such virus; and

WHEREAS, Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon White Eagle issued Administrative Order March 17, 2020-1, which closed the Nation's casinos to the public, effective no later than March 20, 2020, due to the public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Nation's casinos later re-opened, thus starting the process of providing gaming revenue to the Nation again; and

WHEREAS, since the onset of the pandemic, the Legislative Finance Committee (now Commission), and Legislature, has been in the unprecedented situation of having to consider budgets, and approve such funds, when the Nation's gaming operations had been closed, a Declaration of Emergency remains in place, and the Nation is still recovering, thus leaving the Nation in an uncertain time to project future revenues; and

WHEREAS, the public health concerns about COVID-19 have improved in the United States, and for the Ho-Chunk Nation, in light of precautions such as mask-wearing, social distancing, and the availability of vaccinations, so much so that various jurisdictions have lifted mask mandates for the general public; and

WHEREAS, although the Nation is still under a Declaration of Emergency, the Nation's Gaming Operations have remained open and steadily improved performance and, accordingly, their projections of gaming revenue into Fiscal Year 2022-23; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Budget Act, the Legislature set spending limits for the Branches of Government through the adoption of Resolution 2-15-22A, aiming to keep costs down and avoid deficits, in light of the continued Declaration of Emergency and presence of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Commission convened several Special Meetings from February to May 2022, to consider all budgets, obtain information, and provide input to the President and all Branches of Government, resulting in the adoption of various recommendations to approve budgets for the Nation, which have been referred to the Legislature for possible inclusion in final Budget Appropriation Bills; and

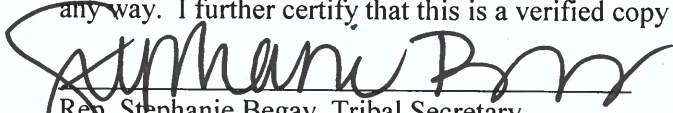
WHEREAS, the Legislature considered the recommendations of the Finance Commission and determined to make the annual budget appropriation as set forth below;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and the Budget Act, hereby adopts the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Bill for the Legislative Branch (Office), General Fund, Health Insurance, and Gaming Commission, including the appropriations set forth therein pursuant to its terms and conditions and consistent with the budget report that was provided to the Finance Commission and Legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the administration of the approved budget, the Nation's Budget Act and Finance Ordinance apply, including the provisions regarding reporting, Budget Modifications and the requirement that no funds transfer from Treasury Department 670 or 680 accounts without appropriate approval.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as Tribal Secretary of Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the Legislature of the Ho-Chunk Nation, composed of **13 members** of whom **12** constituting a quorum were present at a meeting duly called and convened and held that on the **21st day of June, 2022**, adopted the foregoing resolution at said meeting by an affirmative vote of **12 members, 0 opposed, and 0 abstaining**, pursuant to the Article V, Section 2(a) and (x) of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 1, 1994, and that the foregoing resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way. I further certify that this is a verified copy of said resolution.


Rep. Stephanie Begay, Tribal Secretary

06.21.22
Date

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE

[Legislative Bill 6.21.22 C]
Adopted by *Resolution 6-21-22 C*

A Bill

Making appropriations for the **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH, GENERAL FUND, GAMING COMMISSION and TRIBAL HEALTH INSURANCE** of the Ho-Chunk Nation, pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Appropriations and Budget Process Act (2 HCC §4), for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023, and for other purposes.

1 **WHEREAS**, in Article IV, Section 2 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution
2 (“Constitution”), the General Council of the Ho-Chunk Nation delegated to the Legislative branch
3 of the Ho-Chunk Nation the authority to make laws and appropriate funds in accordance with
4 Article V of the Constitution; and

5 **WHEREAS**, in Article IV, Section 2 of the Constitution, the General Council authorized
6 the Executive branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation to enforce the laws and administer funds in
7 accordance with Article VI of the Constitution; and

8 **WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 2(a) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power
9 to make laws, including codes, ordinances, resolutions and statutes; and

10 **WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 2(d) of the Constitution grants the Legislature the power
11 to authorize expenditures by law and appropriate funds to the various Departments in an annual
12 budget; and

13 **WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 2(x) of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature to enact
14 any other laws, ordinances, resolutions and statutes necessary to exercise its legislative powers
15 delegated by the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council pursuant to Article III of the Constitution;

16 **WHEREAS**, Article V, Section 13 of the Constitution authorizes the Legislature to enact
17 an annual budget, which shall include an appropriation of annual funds for each branch of the
18 government, and no item shall be included in the budget if it is not authorized by law; and

19 **WHEREAS**, Section 5 of the *Appropriations and Budget Process Act* of the Nation (2
20 HCC §4) requires the Legislature to adopt annual appropriations bills for the Nation;

21 **WHEREAS**, since February and March of 2020, the United States Center for Disease
22 Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has been responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused
23 by a novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) which has now spread throughout the United States and
24 Indian Country as a world-wide pandemic; and

25 **WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, United States Department of Health and Human
26 Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared a public health emergency for the United States in
27 response to the presence of COVID-19 within the United States; and

28 **WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-
29 19 outbreak a pandemic; and

30 **WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020 President Donald Trump issued a proclamation
31 declaring that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency, and
32 March 12, 2020, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency, and on
33 March 24, 2020, Governor Tony Evers issued Emergency Order #12, titled Safer at Home Order;
34 and

35 **WHEREAS**, through the adoption of Resolution 3-12-20A and Executive Administrative
36 Order March 13, 2020-1, the Legislature and President of the Nation declared a state of emergency
37 concerning the tribal and national response to the coronavirus (known as COVID-19), and set in
38 place measures to protect the Nation, its Members and employees, including travel restrictions and
39 adherence to certain federal recommendations and guidance to protect against the spread of such
40 virus; and

41 **WHEREAS**, Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon White Eagle issued Administrative
42 Order March 17, 2020-1, which closed the Nation’s casinos to the public, effective no later than
43 March 20, 2020, due to the public health emergency; and

44 **WHEREAS**, the Nation’s casinos re-opened in late-June and early-July 2020, thus
45 starting the process of providing gaming revenue to the Nation again; and

46 **WHEREAS**, for background and recent historical context, the Legislature faced the
47 unprecedented situation of having to consider budgets for Fiscal Year 2020-21, and approve such
48 funds, when the Nation’s gaming operations had been closed due to a world-wide pandemic, and

49 Declaration of Emergency, thereby depriving the Nation of revenues, and leaving the Nation in an
50 uncertain time to project future revenues; and

51 **WHEREAS**, the public health concerns about COVID-19 have improved in the United
52 States, and for the Ho-Chunk Nation, in light of precautions such as mask-wearing, social
53 distancing, and the availability of vaccinations, so much so that various jurisdictions have lifted
54 mask mandates for the general public; and

55 **WHEREAS**, the recovery from the pandemic continues, and the Nation is still under a
56 Declaration of Emergency, the Nation’s Gaming Operations have remained open and steadily
57 improved performance in uncertain times; and

58 **WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Budget Act, the Legislature set spending limits for the
59 Branches of Government through the adoption of Resolution 2-15-22A, aiming to keep costs down
60 and avoid deficits, in light of the continued Declaration of Emergency and presence of COVID-
61 19; and

62 **WHEREAS**, the Finance Commission held multiple meetings from February 2022 up to
63 May 2022, and budget hearings for all Branches of Government, in order to allow staff to present
64 their budgets and provide input to the Finance Commission; during this time, the Finance
65 Commission and Legislature also adopted Spending limits for all Branches of government; and
66 the Finance Commission adopted various recommendations to approve budgets for the Nation,
67 which have been referred to the Legislature for inclusion in final Budget Appropriation Bills; and

68 *Therefore, be it enacted by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature:* That the following sums are
69 appropriated for the Legislative Branch, General Fund, and for Tribal Health Insurance of the Ho-
70 Chunk Nation, pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation *Appropriations and Budget Process Act* (2 HCC
71 §4) (“Budget Act”) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 as follows:

72 **SECTION 1 - STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS**

73 Each of the appropriations to the Legislative Branch are made as an individual
74 appropriation, consistent with, and only for the purposes noted for the line items as described in
75 each budget line item and Summary Account, as defined in the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Chart of
76 Accounts, or as similarly described within the Nation’s Lawson accounting program. (The Chart
77 of Accounts is a listing, maintained by the Department of Treasury, of the accounts the Nation

78 uses to define each class of items for which money is spent or received.) Pursuant to Section 3.c
79 of the Budget Act, funds appropriated under the Act may only be used for the specific purpose for
80 which they have been appropriated. Such appropriations are made with the understanding that the
81 Nation’s Treasury Department is transitioning to a new accounting software system for the entire
82 Nation, such that flexibility is the desired goal, while also ensuring the financial integrity and
83 accountability of the Nation’s budgeted funds. The appropriations made herein may be added to
84 the applicable accounting software main account level, but they are also made consistent with the
85 intent expressed by the Finance Commission at the applicable Special Finance Commission
86 meeting(s). If a budget modification is necessary, the process outlined at Section 6 of the Budget
87 Act and Section 8.f of the Ho-Chunk Nation *Finance Ordinance* (5 HCC §5) is available. The
88 Budget Act, or any other applicable laws of the Nation, may be amended as necessary to
89 accommodate the interests of the Nation and its operations.

90 The appropriations made by the Legislature herein are made with the following conditions
91 and understanding:

92 (a) that Fiscal Year 2022-23 travel expenses for all training, including mileage, per
93 diem, lodging, and registration for the Legislative Branch will be restricted, with the exception of
94 those necessary for employee-required certifications, continuing licensure, CEU's; and

95 (b) that for the Fiscal Year 2022-23 budgets, the compensation of a Department Interim
96 Director shall be set at the base wage for that position until confirmed under the Nation’s
97 *Confirmation Process of Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Act* (2 HCC §9) unless the
98 Interim Director was the immediate prior office holder, served as the confirmed Executive Director
99 in the immediate prior Presidential Administration and is being put forth as a nominee; provided,
100 however, that such provision is subject to the terms of the Nation’s law and any existing contract
101 (unless nullified by its terms).

102 The total Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget appropriation for the Legislative Branch (Office) is
103 \$2,816,686. The total Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget appropriation for the General Fund is
104 \$90,042,667. The total Fiscal Year 2021-22 budget appropriation for the Nation’s Health
105 Insurance is \$32,400,000. The specific appropriations for each are as follows:

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109 **TITLE I**
110 **LEGISLATIVE BRANCH (OFFICE)**
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112 For necessary expenses in support of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch Fiscal Year
113 2022-23 budget, as considered at the Special Finance Commission meetings and full Legislature:

114 (a) \$2,816,686 is appropriated for the Legislative Branch (Office) budget. This
115 appropriation is made pursuant to the supporting budgetary detailed report provided for the
116 Legislature, and reflects a continued reduction of staffing, compared to prior fiscal years, as a way
117 to control costs. This appropriation also includes: \$1,000 for Meeting Expense, \$38,500 for
118 Mileage Non-Training, and \$24,000 for Lodging Non-Training.

119 MANDATORY SPENDING

120 Of the appropriations above made for the Legislative Branch, the following are deemed to
121 be Mandatory Spending items (as that term is defined in Section 4.n of the Budget Act): funds for
122 the positions of Legislators and the Vice President.

123 DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

124 Those items not appropriated as Mandatory Spending are deemed Discretionary Spending
125 pursuant to Section 4.f of the Budget Act, and are appropriated as such within this Bill and
126 consistent with the report that accompanies the Finance Commission's final recommendations.

127 **TITLE 2**
128 **GENERAL FUND**

129 For operating income and necessary expenses in support of the Ho-Chunk Nation General
130 Fund Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget, and as considered and recommended at the Special Finance
131 Commission meetings and full Legislature:

132 (a) General Fund Revenue: \$7,534,400 is appropriated for the General Fund Revenue
133 budget as net income;

134 (b) Expenditures: \$89,947,961 is appropriated for the Nation's General Fund
135 Expenditures. Note: This appropriation does not include funding for the Researcher/Project
136 Coordinator. Otherwise, examples of funds included within the total expenditure herewith are
137 estimated for, but are not limited to: Charitable Contributions, Elder Tax Assistance, limited
138 funding for the General Welfare Economic Support program, Elder Assistance, Youth Assistance,
139 Building and Property Insurance, Real Estate Taxes, Professional Service Fees, Money Manager
140 Fees, loan principal /interest, Meeting Expense, Community Events, Special Projects, contingency

141 funding for tribal government positions, services and programs, and budget appropriations for
142 nine-month budgets upon expiration of continuing budget resolutions.

143 MANDATORY SPENDING

144 Of the appropriations above made for the General Fund, the following are deemed to be
145 Mandatory Spending items (as that term is defined in Section 4.n of the Budget Act): funds for
146 Bank Charges, the Memorial Relief Fund, Interest Expense, Elder Tax Assistance, Money
147 Manager Fees, Building and Property Insurance, Real Estate Taxes, Audit Fees, Contracted
148 Services, the Benevolence Fund, Burial Grants, Government to Government Services, Wastewater
149 Treatment Operations, Loan Principal, and Beloit Land Contract Expenses (subject to contract).

150 In total, **\$816,364.69** is appropriated for Mandatory Obligations within the General Fund,
151 as detailed in the supporting budgetary detailed report provided for the Finance Commission and
152 Legislature.

153 DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

154 Those items not appropriated as Mandatory Spending are deemed Discretionary Spending
155 pursuant to Section 4.f of the Budget Act, and are appropriated as such within this Bill and
156 consistent with the report that accompanies the Finance Commission’s final recommendations.

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158 **TITLE 3**

159 **TRIBAL HEALTH INSURANCE**

160 For necessary expenses in support of the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Insurance Fiscal Year
161 2022-23 budget, and as considered and recommended at the Special Finance Commission meetings
162 and full Legislature:

163 (a) \$32,400,000 is appropriated as a net loss for the Health Insurance budget. This
164 amount includes all revenue and expenses related to the Nation’s Health, Dental, Vision, Stop
165 Loss, COBRA, Workers Compensation Claims, Employee Assistance, Prescription Claims, Elder
166 Insurance, and Administrative Expenses for Elders and Employees.

167 Note: As indicated at previous Special Legislative Finance Commission (and former
168 Committee) meetings, the Legislature’s Fiscal Year 2022-23 appropriations for the Nation’s
169 insurance make it an urgent priority to authorize the Nation’s consultant, Gallagher, to renegotiate
170 with the Nation’s preferred provider organizations (PPO) to ensure Medicare-like rates are
171 implemented, as this will produce savings with the Nation’s high health care costs.

172 MANDATORY SPENDING

173 Of the appropriations above made for the Nation’s Health Insurance Budget, those directly
174 related to employees of the Nation are deemed to be Mandatory Spending items (as that term is
175 defined in Section 4.n of the Budget Act).

176 DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

177 Those items not appropriated as Mandatory Spending are deemed Discretionary Spending
178 pursuant to Section 4.f of the Budget Act, and are appropriated as such within this Bill and
179 consistent with the report that accompanies the Finance Commission’s final recommendations.

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181 **TITLE 4**

182 **GAMING COMMISSION**

183 For necessary expenses in support of the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commission Fiscal
184 Year 2022-23 budget, and as considered and recommended at the Special Finance Commission
185 and full Legislative meeting:

186 (a) a portion of the budget for the Gaming Commission is subject to the
187 adoption of a Continuing Budget Resolution, due to appropriations that are contingent;

188 (b) with the approval of Surveillance budgets as a component part of the
189 Gaming Commission, the following amounts are approved for Fiscal Year 2022-23:

190 i. \$3,393,190 is appropriated for Surveillance at Ho-Chunk Gaming
191 Wisconsin Dells, which includes funds for the lease of equipment, loan principal and
192 interest payments; this appropriation also includes the addition of one Surveillance Agent
193 payroll and fringe benefits (\$65,346) to the budget, since it was inadvertently omitted in
194 the original budget submission;

195 ii. \$1,437,293 is appropriated for Surveillance at Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa,
196 which includes funds for the lease of equipment, loan principal and interest payments;

197 iii. \$1,958,790 is appropriated for Surveillance at Ho-Chunk Gaming Black
198 River Falls, which includes funds for the lease of equipment, loan principal and interest
199 payments;

200 iv. \$1,422,221 is appropriated for Surveillance at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison,
201 which includes funds for the lease of equipment, loan principal and interest payments;

202 v. \$1,560,938 is appropriated for Surveillance at Ho-Chunk Gaming
203 Wittenberg, which includes funds for the lease of equipment, loan principal and interest
204 payments;

205 MANDATORY SPENDING

206 Certain staffing and operation of each Surveillance Department (due to Minimum
207 Internal Controls Standards agreed upon within the Gaming Compact of the Ho-Chunk
208 Nation with the State of Wisconsin), and the interest expense and loan principal approved
209 for the lease of equipment.

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211 **SECTION 2 - ADJUSTMENTS TO DISCRETIONARY SPENDING.**

212 The Legislature, pursuant to the Budget Act and Resolution 2-15-22A, set spending limits
213 for the Legislative Branch, General Fund, Gaming Commission, and Health Insurance Fiscal Year
214 2022-23 Budgets. If expenses by, or for, the Legislative Branch, General Fund, Gaming
215 Commission, or Health Insurance, exceed such discretionary spending limits, notification shall be
216 made to the Legislative Finance Commission, along with a justification for excess spending. The
217 Budget Act applies to the administration of the appropriations made herewith, and specifically the
218 budget modification process. In the administration of the funds appropriated, no funds shall be
219 transferred from 670 and 680 Treasury Accounts without approval, as required by the Budget Act.
220 While the total funds appropriated within this Bill may or may not be higher than the set spending
221 limit, the Finance Commission will be notified if the limit is reached.

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223 **SECTION 3 – REPORTING, REVIEW AND AUDIT**

224 Pursuant to the Nation’s Budget Act, Section 5.i, the Legislature reserves the power to
225 review action taken by the Executive Branch, Judicial Branch, and General Council Branch during
226 the implementation of the fiscal year budget approved by the Legislature. The Legislature or its
227 standing commission(s) shall conduct a periodic review of all budgets to determine whether funds
228 are being expended according to the annual budget adopted by the Legislature. Such review may
229 include random reviews of enterprise or departmental budgets. With this Budget Bill, the
230 applicable Branch, and officials, with spending and oversight for the above Fiscal Year 2022-23
231 Budgets shall report to the Legislature, or such Legislative Commission as requested by the Vice

232 President, a budget summary update detailing the use and compliance with the Fiscal Year 2022-
233 23 budget by December 31, 2022.

234 All appropriations within this Bill are made by law on the basis that the Legislature reserves
235 the power to review action taken by the branches of government that receive such funds. As part
236 of the power to review, the Legislature shall also have the authority to audit the use of such
237 appropriated funds for consistency with tribal law and the purposes for which such appropriations
238 are made.

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240 **SECTION 4 – TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.**

241 Any technical corrections (*i.e.*, grammar, punctuation, explanatory phrasing, dates,
242 formatting) to this Bill for funding in Fiscal Year 2022-23 may be made after enactment, provided
243 such correction does not alter the appropriations recommended and Legislative Finance
244 Commission Presiding Officers are notified of such correction. Any other changes beyond those
245 that are technical must be approved by the Legislative Finance Commission.

246 **SECTION 5 – COMPLIANCE WITH & CONFLICT OF LAWS.**

247 During the implementation of this budget, all laws of the Nation must be followed. This
248 includes, among others, the *Employment Relations Act* (“ERA”), as may be amended from time to
249 time. As to conflicts of law, if any conflict arises between the terms of this Bill and the Nation’s
250 Budget Act, the Budget Act shall supersede and govern the use and administration of such funds.

251 **SECTION 6 – EFFECTIVE DATE.**

252 This Bill shall take effect on the date of enactment by Resolution of the Legislature. Any
253 adjustments to funding shall be effective pursuant to the processes of the Legislature and Finance
254 Commission, and do not require an amendment or restatement of this Bill.

Legislative History:

Meetings convened to consider and recommend approval of the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Ho-Chunk
Nation Budget Bills: Legislative Special Finance Commission meetings on March 3, 9, 23, 29,
2022; April 6, 20, 26, 28, 2022; May 4 and 12, 2022. Final approval of the budget
recommendations given by the full Legislature by adoption of the Ho-Chunk Nation Budget Bills
on June 21, 2022 by legislative resolution.