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Resources and Development Committee approves extension for Leupp Chapter to implement corrective action plan

TSE BONITO, N.M. – On Tuesday, the Resources and Development Committee considered Legislation No. 0282-17, which seeks to amend BFAP-10-15 to allow for an extension of the time period for Leupp Chapter to implement a corrective action plan.

In April 2015, the Budget and Finance Committee accepted an audit report and approved a corrective action plan. In March, the Office of the Auditor General conducted a follow-up review of the chapter’s implementation of the CAP.

RDC member Council Delegate Walter Phelps (Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Leupp, Tolani Lake, Tsidi To ii), who sponsored the legislation, stated that the chapter has a new administration that can implement the plan.

“How long is the time extension? When will the next follow-up report be conducted?” asked RDC chair Council Delegate Alton Joe Shepherd (Jeddito, Cornfields, Ganado, Kin Dah Lichií, Steamboat).

According to the legislation, the extension will give Leupp Chapter up to Jan. 12, 2018 to implement the corrective action plan and the general auditor will conduct a follow-up review after. If the chapter fails to implement the plan, sanctions would be imposed pursuant to Title 12 section 9 of the Navajo Nation Code.

The Resources and Development Committee issued a “do pass” recommendation with a vote of 5-0. The Budget and Finance Committee serves as the final authority for the bill.

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