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President Uses Line Item Veto to Cut $270,000 from Council Legislation

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Ben Shelly exercised his line item veto power today to cut more than $270,000 from legislation passed during the Navajo Nation Council’s Winter Session.

However, about $1.4 million was left untouched by the President.

The President vetoed $235,681 of funding for the Green Economy Commission and $37,150 for office supplies for the Speaker’s Office.

President Shelly wrote why he vetoed the funding for the Green Economy Commission.

He stated that the legislation that created the Green Economy Commission doesn’t set any guidance about how the commission would work with the executive branch, which has the same goals of the Green Economy Commission.

“My administration has committed to the health of the People, a more environmentally aware government, and establishing more jobs for the People. These objectives are the same administrative responsibilities established by the Green Commission, in order to prevent duplication and promote efficient and financial utilization of the Nation’s resources,” President Shelly wrote in a memorandum to Navajo Nation Council Speaker Johnny Naize.

President Shelly also invited the Speaker, Green Economy commissioners and Council Delegates to talk about how the Legislative Branch could work with the Executive Branch to establish a green economy.

“The coordination between the Legislative and Executive Branch will ensure a successful campaign for the Navajo Nation to make the move toward an environmentally conscience Nation,” President Shelly wrote.

As for the other amount vetoed, the President wrote that Speaker Naize conceded to reduce his amount of money needed for office supplies.