

HB 3198 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Justice to study missing and murdered indigenous people and to report its findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to public safety not later than September 15, 2026. Sunsets on January 2, 2027.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- House bill 2625 (2019) and recommendations of report
- Need for more accurate data regarding increased risk of murder for indigenous women
- Need for preventative and support services for victims and families of missing and murdered indigenous people
- Existing collaboration with The Oregon Health Authority and Oregon tribes
- The need for relationship building between law enforcement, government, and Oregon's indigenous population

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. Directs The Oregon Health Authority to dedicate staff to addressing the issue of missing and murdered indigenous people. Provides the dedicated staff responsibilities such as victim services and outreach; development of interagency agreements with tribal governments; maintenance of data on missing and murdered indigenous people in this state; and collaboration with representatives of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon to implement community education and support youth engagement initiatives.

BACKGROUND:

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2625. The bill required the Department of State Police to study how Department resources addressing the investigation of missing and murdered Native American and Alaskan women can be increased and to report back to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2020 with [their findings and recommendations](#).

House Bill 3198 would require the Department of Justice to study missing and murdered indigenous people.