

## HB 3198 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Judiciary

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**Action Date:** 02/10/25

**Action:** Do pass with amendments and be referred to Ways and Means. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 8-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Andersen, Chaichi, Chotzen, Kropf, Lewis, Mannix, Tran, Wallan

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/3, 2/10

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to dedicate staff to address the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous people. Provides that the duties for these staff will include victim services and outreach; development of interagency agreements with Tribal governments; maintenance of data on missing and murdered Indigenous people in this state; collaboration with representatives of the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon to implement community education and support youth engagement initiatives; and strengthening of partnerships between law enforcement and American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

#### 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:

Replaces the measure.

#### BACKGROUND:

Murder is the third leading cause of death among American Indian and Alaska Native women. The 2018 Urban Indian Health Institute Report on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women & Girls reported in 2016 that there were 5,712 cases of murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls, which took place at similar rates on reservations and in urban areas. Of these 5,712 cases, 116 were logged into the Department of Justice (DOJ) database.

In 2019, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 2625. The bill required the Department of State Police to study how DOJ 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](#).