

A-Engrossed
House Bill 3198

Ordered by the House February 13
Including House Amendments dated February 13

Sponsored by Representative SANCHEZ; Representatives CHAICHI, LEWIS, MANNIX (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: The Act tells OHA to have staff in the part that does tribal affairs look at missing and murdered indigenous people. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.4).

[Digest: The Act tells DOJ to study missing and murdered indigenous people and make a report. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.8).]

[Requires the Department of Justice to study missing and murdered indigenous people. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to public safety not later than September 15, 2026.]

[Sunsets on January 2, 2027.]

Directs the Oregon Health Authority to dedicate staff in the office of the authority that is responsible for tribal affairs to lead the work of addressing the issue of missing and murdered indigenous people.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to missing and murdered indigenous people.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. The Oregon Health Authority shall dedicate staff in the office of the au-**
5 **thority that is responsible for tribal affairs to lead the work of addressing the issue of**
6 **missing and murdered indigenous people. The dedicated staff shall:**

7 (1) **Provide victim services, outreach, education and prevention services related to miss-**
8 **ing and murdered indigenous people.**

9 (2) **Collaborate with and support the development of interagency agreements with tribal**
10 **governments, native-led organizations, local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and**
11 **community leaders providing services related to missing and murdered indigenous people.**

12 (3) **Collaborate with partners to develop and maintain data on missing and murdered**
13 **indigenous people in this state to identify patterns and inform targeted health interventions**
14 **and violence prevention programs.**

15 (4) **Collaborate with representatives of the nine federally recognized tribes in Oregon,**
16 **community-based organizations and urban-based American Indian and Alaska Native popu-**
17 **lations to implement community education programs and support youth engagement initi-**
18 **atives to reduce vulnerabilities that disproportionately impact indigenous people.**

19 (5) **Strengthen partnerships between law enforcement and tribal and urban American**
20 **Indian and Alaska Native communities.**

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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.