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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Judiciary
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3198

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Dear Chair Kropf, Vice Chairs Chotzen and Wallan, and members of the House Committee on Judiciary:

My name Bianca Tyrell, and I am of the Otomi diaspora. I work in so called Portland Oregon and live in Vancouver, Washington.

I am writing in support of HB 3198, which 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.

This amendment directs the Oregon Health Authority to dedicate staff to addressing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People epidemic in Oregon through providing: 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.

I support this bill because this is a devastating crisis that deserves investment from our local governments.

The State of Oregon has an opportunity to actively engage in addressing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous People epidemic, and foster intergenerational healing that will last for generations. I strongly urge you to vote yes on HB 3198.

Respectfully,

Bianca Tyrell