

ICSEW BILL ALERT

SB 5477

Declaring an emergency relating to missing and murdered indigenous women



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What this bill is about:

- In 2021 legislation passed adding the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Persons alert to the Washington state WSP and National alert systems.
- This bill declares an emergency requesting establishment of a Washington state missing and murdered indigenous women and people task force.
- The task force is charged with many assignments including:
 - Identifying strategies and practices to improve communication and transparency with family members in missing and murdered indigenous women and people cases;
 - Reviewing prosecutorial trends and practices relating to crimes of gender-based violence against American Indian and Alaska Native people in Washington state;
 - Identifying barriers to providing more state resources in tracking gender-based violence against American Indian and Alaska Native people and reducing the incidences of gender-based violence;
 - Assessing and identifying state resources to support programs and services for survivors, families of survivors, and tribal and urban Indian service providers working with American Indian and Alaska Native people that have experienced gender-based violence; and
 - Identifying and making recommendations for increasing state resources for trainings on culturally attuned best practices for working with American Indian and Alaska Native communities for tribal, local, and state law enforcement personnel in Washington state.

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