

SHB 2951 - S AMD 830
By Senator Hunt

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that Native
4 American women experience violence at much higher rates than other
5 populations. A recent federal study reported that Native American
6 women face murder rates over ten times the national average. However,
7 many of these crimes often are unsolved and even unreported because
8 there are also very high rates of disappearances among Native
9 American women. Furthermore, there is no comprehensive data
10 collection system for reporting or tracking missing Native American
11 women. This gap in reporting and investigation places Native American
12 women even more vulnerable to violence.

13 The legislature further finds that although violence against
14 Native American women has been a neglected issue in society, there is
15 a growing awareness of this crisis of violence against Native
16 American women, and a recognition of the need for the criminal
17 justice system to better serve and protect Native American women. The
18 legislature intends to find ways to connect state, tribal, and
19 federal resources to create partnerships in finding ways to solve
20 this crisis facing Native American women in our state.

21 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) The Washington state patrol must
22 conduct a study to determine how to increase state criminal justice
23 protective and investigative resources for reporting and identifying
24 missing Native American women in the state. The state patrol must
25 work with the governor's office of Indian affairs to convene meetings
26 with tribal and local law enforcement partners, federally recognized
27 tribes, and urban Indian organizations to determine the scope of the
28 problem, identify barriers, and find ways to create partnerships to
29 increase reporting and investigation of missing Native American
30 women. Consultation and collaboration with federally recognized
31 tribes must be conducted in respect for government-to-government

1 relations. The state patrol also must work with the federal
2 department of justice to increase information sharing and
3 coordinating resources that can focus on reporting and investigating
4 missing Native American women in the state.

5 (2) By June 1, 2019, the state patrol must report to the
6 legislature on the results of the study, including data and analysis
7 of the number of missing Native American women in the state,
8 identification of barriers in providing state resources to address
9 the issue, and recommendations, including any proposed legislation
10 that may be needed to address the problem.

11 (3) This section expires December 31, 2019."

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12 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "women;" strike the
13 remainder of the title and insert "creating new sections; and
14 providing an expiration date."

EFFECT: (1) Requires that the Washington state patrol convene
meetings with local law enforcement, federally recognized tribes, and
Urban Indian organizations in addition to tribal law enforcement
partners.

(2) Requires consultation and collaboration with federally
recognized tribes be conducted in respect for government-to-
government relations.

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