

**SHB 1725** - S COMM AMD

By Committee on Law & Justice

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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 indigenous  
4 people experience disproportionate rates of violence in Washington  
5 state. Tribes, state leaders, and grassroots activists have done  
6 substantial work to identify factors directly affecting the rates of  
7 violence and to ensure that addressing the crisis of missing and  
8 murdered indigenous people is a priority at every level. The  
9 legislature intends to provide law enforcement with additional tools  
10 to disseminate timely, accurate information to engage the public more  
11 effectively in assisting with locating missing indigenous people, and  
12 to compensate for the unique challenges that indigenous communities  
13 face accessing media coverage and the ability to share information.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 13.60.010 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 315 are each  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (1) The Washington state patrol shall establish a missing  
17 children and endangered person clearinghouse which shall include the  
18 maintenance and operation of a toll-free telephone hotline. The  
19 clearinghouse shall distribute information to local law enforcement  
20 agencies, school districts, the department of children, youth, and  
21 families, and the general public regarding missing children and  
22 endangered persons. The information shall include pictures,  
23 bulletins, training sessions, reports, and biographical materials  
24 that will assist in local law enforcement efforts to locate missing  
25 children and endangered persons. The state patrol shall also maintain  
26 a regularly updated computerized link with national and other  
27 statewide missing person systems or clearinghouses, and within  
28 existing resources, shall develop and implement a plan, commonly  
29 known as an "amber alert plan" or an "endangered missing person  
30 advisory plan" which includes ((a)) "silver alert" ((~~designation~~))

1 and "missing indigenous person alert" designations for voluntary  
2 cooperation between local, state, tribal, and other law enforcement  
3 agencies, state government agencies, radio and television stations,  
4 cable and satellite systems, and social media pages and sites to  
5 enhance the public's ability to assist in recovering abducted  
6 children and missing endangered persons consistent with the state  
7 endangered missing person advisory plan.

8 (2) For the purposes of this chapter:

9 (a) "Child" or "children" means an individual under ~~((eighteen))~~  
10 18 years of age.

11 (b) "Missing endangered person" means ~~((a))~~:

12 (i) A missing indigenous woman or indigenous person; or

13 (ii) A person who is believed to be in danger because of age,  
14 health, mental or physical disability, in combination with  
15 environmental or weather conditions, or is believed to be unable to  
16 return to safety without assistance and who is:

17 ~~((+i))~~ (A) A person with a developmental disability as defined  
18 in RCW 71A.10.020(5);

19 ~~((+ii))~~ (B) A vulnerable adult as defined in RCW 74.34.020; or

20 ~~((+iii))~~ (C) A person who has been diagnosed as having  
21 Alzheimer's disease or other age-related dementia.

22 (c) "Missing indigenous person alert" means the designated title  
23 of a missing endangered person advisory that will be used on a  
24 variable message sign and text of the highway advisory radio message  
25 when used as part of an activated advisory to assist in the recovery  
26 of a missing indigenous person.

27 (d) "Silver alert" means the designated title of a missing  
28 endangered person advisory that will be used on a variable message  
29 sign and text of the highway advisory radio message when used as part  
30 of an activated advisory to assist in the recovery of a missing  
31 endangered person age ~~((sixty))~~ 60 or older."

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32 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "persons;" strike the  
33 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 13.60.010; and  
34 creating a new section."

EFFECT: Expands the definition of "missing endangered person" to include missing indigenous women or indigenous persons.

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