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## State Government & Tribal Relations Committee

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### ESSJM 8014

**Brief Description:** Requesting an investigation into the violent death of Aysenur Ezgi Eygi.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Saldaña, Orwall, Alvarado, Dhingra, Frame, Hasegawa, Lovelett, Nobles, Slatter, Stanford, Trudeau, Valdez and Wilson, C.).

<p><b>Brief Summary of Engrossed Substitute Joint Memorial</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Requests the United States to open a transparent, thorough, and independent investigation into the violent death of Aysenur Ezgi Eygi.</li></ul>
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**Hearing Date:** 2/24/26

**Staff:** Desiree Omli (786-7105).

**Background:**

Aysenur Ezgi Eygi, a recent graduate of the University of Washington, was killed on September 6, 2024, at age 26, reportedly by the Israel Defense Forces near the Palestinian village of Beita. Reports of her death indicate that Aysenur was participating in a demonstration against settlements in the occupied West Bank, organized weekly by the International Solidarity Movement, when she was found with a gunshot wound. According to the University of Washington, Aysenur was a student leader, raising her voice in solidarity with the people of Gaza. Her activism was said to be anchored in values informed by her education in University of Washington classrooms, namely the unqualified and universal human right to equality and dignity. As of one year after her death, media reports indicate that the United States has not independently led an investigation into her death.

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**Summary of Bill:**

The memorial requests that the United States (US) open a transparent, thorough, and independent investigation into the death of Aysenur Ezgi Eygi to ensure justice and accountability for her and all US citizens killed under the jurisdiction of a foreign government. Copies of the memorial must be immediately transmitted to the President of the United States, the US Secretary of State, the US Department of State, the US Department of Justice, the President of the US Senate, the Speaker of the US House of Representatives, and to the members of Congress.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.