

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1725**

Chapter 256, Laws of 2022

67th Legislature  
2022 Regular Session

INDIGENOUS PERSONS—ENDANGERED MISSING PERSON ADVISORY DESIGNATION

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 9, 2022

Passed by the House March 7, 2022  
Yeas 98 Nays 0

LAURIE JINKINS

**Speaker of the House of  
Representatives**

Passed by the Senate March 3, 2022  
Yeas 46 Nays 0

DENNY HECK

**President of the Senate**

Approved March 31, 2022 12:37 PM

JAY INSLEE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1725** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN

**Chief Clerk**

FILED

April 1, 2022

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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**By** House Public Safety (originally sponsored by Representatives Lekanoff, Goodman, Berry, Taylor, Valdez, Bateman, Macri, Peterson, Ramel, Simmons, Orwall, Chopp, Stonier, Harris-Talley, and Frame; by request of Attorney General)

READ FIRST TIME 01/24/22.

1            AN ACT Relating to the creation of an endangered missing person  
2 advisory designation for missing indigenous persons; amending RCW  
3 13.60.010; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**    The legislature finds that indigenous  
6 people experience disproportionate rates of violence in Washington  
7 state. Tribes, state leaders, and grassroots activists have done  
8 substantial work to identify factors directly affecting the rates of  
9 violence and to ensure that addressing the crisis of missing and  
10 murdered indigenous people is a priority at every level. The  
11 legislature intends to provide law enforcement with additional tools  
12 to disseminate timely, accurate information to engage the public more  
13 effectively in assisting with locating missing indigenous people, and  
14 to compensate for the unique challenges that indigenous communities  
15 face accessing media coverage and the ability to share information.

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

18            (1) The Washington state patrol shall establish a missing  
19 children and endangered person clearinghouse which shall include the  
20 maintenance and operation of a toll-free telephone hotline. The

1 clearinghouse shall distribute information to local law enforcement  
2 agencies, school districts, the department of children, youth, and  
3 families, and the general public regarding missing children and  
4 endangered persons. The information shall include pictures,  
5 bulletins, training sessions, reports, and biographical materials  
6 that will assist in local law enforcement efforts to locate missing  
7 children and endangered persons. The state patrol shall also maintain  
8 a regularly updated computerized link with national and other  
9 statewide missing person systems or clearinghouses, and within  
10 existing resources, shall develop and implement a plan, commonly  
11 known as an "amber alert plan" or an "endangered missing person  
12 advisory plan" which includes ~~((a))~~ "silver alert" ~~((designation))~~  
13 and "missing indigenous person alert" designations for voluntary  
14 cooperation between local, state, tribal, and other law enforcement  
15 agencies, state government agencies, radio and television stations,  
16 cable and satellite systems, and social media pages and sites to  
17 enhance the public's ability to assist in recovering abducted  
18 children and missing endangered persons consistent with the state  
19 endangered missing person advisory plan.

20 (2) For the purposes of this chapter:

21 (a) "Child" or "children" means an individual under ~~((eighteen))~~  
22 18 years of age.

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

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

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

29 ~~((i))~~ (A) A person with a developmental disability as defined  
30 in RCW 71A.10.020(5);

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

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

34 (c) "Missing indigenous person alert" means the designated title  
35 of a missing endangered person advisory that will be used on a  
36 variable message sign and text of the highway advisory radio message  
37 when used as part of an activated advisory to assist in the recovery  
38 of a missing indigenous person.

39 (d) "Silver alert" means the designated title of a missing  
40 endangered person advisory that will be used on a variable message

1 sign and text of the highway advisory radio message when used as part  
2 of an activated advisory to assist in the recovery of a missing  
3 endangered person age (~~sixty~~) 60 or older.

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