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CS FOR SENATE BILL 151 (STA)
“Missing/Murdered Indigenous People; Report”
Sectional Analysis

Section One:

Amends AS 18.65.240(a) requiring cultural training, supervised by an Indigenous coordinator or entity, be incorporated into the standards of police officer training under the Alaska Police Standards Council.

Section Two:

Amends AS 44.41.020 by adding subsection (k), requesting the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to submit names and information relating to missing persons to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) database.

Section Three:

Amends AS 44.41 by adding Sec. 44.41.023, directing the Department of Public Safety to employ at least two individuals to investigate cases involving missing and murdered indigenous peoples and act as liaisons between law enforcement agencies, communities in the state, and federally recognized tribes.

Section Four:

Amends the uncodified law by adding the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission.

Section Five:

Directs the Department of Public Safety to conduct a needs assessment to be submitted to the Legislature no later than January 1, 2026.

Section Six:

Amends the uncodified law by adding a new section, clarifying that those certified to be police officers on or before the effective date of sec. one must participate in the mandated cultural training within two years of the effective date of this Act.

Section Seven:

Repeals Section Five on January 1, 2026.

Section Eight:

Sets a sunset date for the Commission of January 1, 2027.

Section Nine:

Sets an effective date of January 1, 2025.