

**HB151**Princess Johnson 

Tue 4/30/2024 11:19 AM

To:House Finance &lt;House.Finance@akleg.gov&gt;

Dear honorable members of House Finance,

I'm writing in full support of the HB 151 I was not able to call in but am providing written testimony. This companion legislation to HB234. For too long we have needed a more coordinated effort between law enforcement and tribes and community to address the issue of Murdered and Missing Indigenous People. I wholeheartedly support the recommendations put forth in this bill which enacts better training and coordination including with the newly established commission. These bills are solid steps in the direction of justice for our murdered and missing Indigenous relatives.

Mahsi' choo! Thank you so much.

Princess Johnson

Fairbanks Resident

*We recognize that we work throughout the unceded territories of the Indigenous Peoples of Alaska; that our homes are located on the traditional territories of the lower Tanana Dene Athabascan Peoples. We acknowledge the ancestral & present land stewardship and place-based knowledge of the peoples of these territories.*

## SB 151

Susan A [REDACTED]

Tue 5/7/2024 10:05 PM

To: House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

I am writing to emphasize the critical need for the needs assessment outlined in Senate Bill 151 (SB 151). As a concerned citizen and advocate for the safety and well being of indigenous communities, I believe that this assessment is a crucial step toward addressing the alarming issue of missing and murdered indigenous persons within our state.

SB 151 establishes the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission and aims to improve the response to cases involving indigenous individuals. The bill recognizes the urgency of this matter and seeks to enhance protective and investigative resources.

The needs assessment will allow us to identify existing barriers within the state criminal justice system. By understanding these obstacles, we can develop targeted strategies to overcome them.

Allocating resources effectively is essential for addressing missing and murdered indigenous cases.

The assessment will guide us in determining where additional resources are needed most.

Engaging with tribal and local law enforcement agencies, tribes, and tribal organizations is vital.

The assessment will facilitate collaboration, ensuring that all stakeholders work together seamlessly.

The assessment will provide data on reporting patterns, gaps, and challenges. Armed with this information, we can implement evidence based solutions.

### Next Steps:

The Department of Public Safety (DPS) will issue an open procurement for a professional services contract.

The selected contractor will lead the assessment process. This cost will be close to half a million at least.

Meetings with tribal and local law enforcement agencies, tribes, and tribal organizations will take place.

These interactions will inform the assessment and foster collaboration.

The contractor will provide regular project status reports.

A comprehensive report outlining findings and recommendations will be submitted to the legislature.

SB 151 represents a commitment to justice, safety, and the protection of indigenous lives. The needs assessment is not just a procedural step; it is a lifeline for those affected by these tragedies. I urge your full support in ensuring its successful execution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Together, we can make a difference and honor the lives of missing and murdered indigenous persons.

Susan Allmeroth

Two Rivers

## SUPPORT for SB151 Missing/Murdered Indigenous People; Report :: Alaska Regional Coalition

Jordan Marshall [REDACTED]

Mon 5/6/2024 10:24 AM

To:House Finance <House.Finance@akleg.gov>

Dear House Finance Committee:

The Alaska Regional Coalition offers its unqualified SUPPORT for **SB151 Missing/Murdered Indigenous People; Report** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration and passage of the bill, which is scheduled for a hearing in House Finance on Friday May 10 at 9 a.m.

SB151 MMIP Report represents a crucial step in addressing a systemic crisis that has disproportionately impacted our Indigenous communities. The alarmingly high rates of violence against Indigenous women and girls, coupled with a history of inadequate resources and attention, demand urgent action. SB151 holds the potential to make a real difference and ensure that cases receive the swift attention they deserve. The task force dedicated to MMIP will be crucial in gathering comprehensive data, identifying gaps in current protocols, and developing culturally responsive solutions. All while strengthening law enforcement training and communication across all jurisdictions. This effort will foster a more coordinated and effective approach to investigations.

*The **Alaska Regional Coalition** is a consortium of four Alaska Native regional tribal nonprofits and two regional tribes – Tanana Chiefs Conference, Maniilaq, Kawerak, Chugachmiut, Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope, and Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska. We are all recognized by the U.S. Indian Self-Determination Act to provide medical, behavioral, social, public safety, workforce development, and judicial supports to the State of Alaska through contracts, compacts, and grants. The coalition represents **70,000 Alaskans and 109 communities** from Ketchikan to Kotzebue.*

Respectfully,

Jordan Marshall

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