

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**SENATE STATE AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE**

March 14, 2024

3:31 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Senator Scott Kawasaki, Chair  
Senator Matt Claman, Vice Chair  
Senator Jesse Bjorkman  
Senator Bill Wielechowski  
Senator Kelly Merrick

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

All members present

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

SENATE BILL NO. 151

"An Act establishing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission; relating to missing and murdered indigenous persons; relating to the duties of the Department of Public Safety; and providing for an effective date."

- MOVED CSSB 151(STA) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: SB 151

SHORT TITLE: MISSING/MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE;REPORT

SPONSOR(S): SENATOR(S) OLSON

05/13/23	(S)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
05/13/23	(S)	STA, FIN
02/06/24	(S)	STA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)
02/06/24	(S)	Heard & Held
02/06/24	(S)	MINUTE(STA)
03/14/24	(S)	STA AT 3:30 PM BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)

**WITNESS REGISTER**

JOE HAYES, Staff  
Senator Scott Kawasaki  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Presented the summary of changes to SB 151.

ALMERIA ALCANTRA, Staff  
Senator Donald Olsen  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** Spoke to SB 151 on behalf of Senator Olsen.

**ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR SCOTT KAWASAKI** called the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. Present at the call to order were Senators Merrick, Bjorkman, and Chair Kawasaki. Senators Wielechowski and Claman arrived thereafter.

**SB 151-MISSING/MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE;REPORT**

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CHAIR KAWASAKI announced the consideration of SENATE BILL NO. 151 "An Act establishing the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Review Commission; relating to missing and murdered indigenous persons; relating to the duties of the Department of Public Safety; and providing for an effective date."

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CHAIR KAWASAKI solicited a motion.

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SENATOR MERRICK moved to adopt the committee substitute (CS) for SB 151, work order 33-LS0052\R, as the working document.

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CHAIR KAWASAKI objected for purposes of discussion.

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JOE HAYES, Staff, Senator Scott Kawasaki, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, presented the summary of changes to SB 151:

[Original punctuation provided.]

**Summary of Changes from U to R**

**Page 1: Title Change** Adds "relating to police officer training" to the title to reflect the addition of the cultural training section.

**Page 1: line 6,** inserts new bill section AS. 18.65.240(a) to incorporate cultural training to the standards of police officer training under the Alaska Police Standard Council. This training must be supervised by an Indigenous coordinator or Indigenous entity and completed for an individual to be appointed as a police officer.

**Page 2: Line 5** amends AS 44.41.020 by adding a new subsection requesting the Department of Public safety to submit names and information relating to missing persons to the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs) database.

**Page 4: Following line 10,** a new subsection is added requesting DPS to collaborate with the MMIP Review Commission for public outreach purposes.

**Page 5 following Line 1,** adds Sec.6 The uncodified law of Alaska Transition Training which adds a person holding a certificate under AS 18.65.240 on or before the effective date of section 1 of this act has two years from the effective of section 1 of this act to comply with the requirements of AS 18.65.240(a), as amended by sec. 1 of this act.

The following Sections are changed are renumbering the bill accordingly.

- o Section 1 becomes Sec. 3, police training becomes new Section 1
- o Page 5, line 7: change section 3 to section 5
- o Page 5, line 8: change section 2 to section 4

Dates are changed to reflect the current legislative session.

- o Page 3, line 19: change 2026 to 2027
- o Page 4, line 28: change 2025 to 2026
- o Page 4, line 7: change 2025 to 2026
- o Page 4, line 8: change 2026 to 2027
- o Page 4, line 9: change 2024 to 2025

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SENATOR WIELECHOWSKI joined the meeting.

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SENATOR CLAMAN joined the meeting.

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CHAIR KAWASAKI removed his objection; finding no further objection, CSSB 151 was adopted.

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ALMERIA ALCANTRA, Staff, Senator Donald Olsen, Alaska State Legislature, Juneau, Alaska, said Senator Olsen is in support of the changes brought forward in the committee substitute for SB 151.

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CHAIR KAWASAKI solicited a motion.

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SENATOR MERRICK moved to report CSSB 151, work order 33-LS0052\R, from committee with individual recommendations and attached fiscal note(s).

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CHAIR KAWASAKI found no objection and CSSB 151(STA) was reported from the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee.

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There being no further business to come before the committee, Chair Kawasaki adjourned the Senate State Affairs Standing Committee meeting at 3:37 p.m.