

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Finance.

HB25-1036 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, strike line 5 and substitute "**relatives -**
2 **legislative declaration - definitions.** (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
3 AND DECLARES THAT:

4 (a) INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN COLORADO, INCLUDING THE
5 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN AND UTE MOUNTAIN UTE RESERVATIONS, AND
6 ACROSS THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED
7 BY THE CRISIS OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE. THIS
8 CRISIS HAS AFFECTED THE SAFETY, WELL-BEING, AND CULTURAL FABRIC
9 OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND CONTINUES TO DEMAND URGENT ATTENTION
10 AND ACTION.

11 (b) THERE IS SIGNIFICANT UNDERREPORTING OF CASES INVOLVING
12 MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES, AND THE ABSENCE OF
13 SPECIALIZED RESOURCES AND SERVICES TO ADDRESS THESE CASES
14 CONTRIBUTES TO THE ONGOING VIOLENCE AND NEGLECT FACED BY
15 INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. FAMILIES AND TRIBAL NATIONS OFTEN FACE
16 SYSTEMIC BARRIERS IN OBTAINING JUSTICE, SERVICES, AND RESOURCES TO
17 ASSIST IN THE SEARCH FOR AND RECOVERY OF THEIR LOVED ONES.

18 (c) ADEQUATE FUNDING IS ESSENTIAL TO SUPPORT THE OFFICE OF
19 LIAISON FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES AND TO
20 STRENGTHEN INITIATIVES AIMED AT PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR AFFECTED
21 FAMILIES, IMPROVING INVESTIGATION PROTOCOLS, FACILITATING
22 COMMUNICATION BETWEEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AND RAISING
23 AWARENESS OF THIS CRITICAL ISSUE. INCREASED FUNDING WOULD ALSO
24 HELP PROVIDE CULTURALLY RELEVANT VICTIM SERVICES, SUPPORT THE
25 PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE, AND ENSURE A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO
26 THE CRISIS.

27 (d) COLORADO HAS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE
28 SAFETY AND DIGNITY OF ALL ITS CITIZENS, INCLUDING INDIGENOUS
29 PEOPLES. THE CREATION OF SPECIALIZED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO
30 ADDRESS THE EPIDEMIC OF MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS
31 RELATIVES IS A NECESSARY STEP IN HONORING THE LIVES AND
32 EXPERIENCES OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES AND ALIGNS WITH THE
33 STATE'S COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND THE WELL-BEING OF ALL
34 RESIDENTS.

35 (e) PUBLIC AWARENESS IS VITAL TO ADDRESSING THE ISSUE OF
36 MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES, AND FUNDING FOR THE
37 OFFICE OF LIAISON FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES
38 WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED THROUGH A PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS
39 COLORADANS TO VOLUNTARILY CONTRIBUTE TO THIS CAUSE.

40 (f) ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE WILL CREATE A
41 DEDICATED FUNDING STREAM FOR THE OFFICE OF LIAISON FOR MISSING

1 AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES. PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF
2 THESE LICENSE PLATES WILL DIRECTLY SUPPORT INITIATIVES AIMED AT
3 PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS
4 RELATIVES, ENHANCING INVESTIGATION EFFORTS, AND IMPROVING
5 CULTURALLY COMPETENT VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES. A SPECIAL LICENSE
6 PLATE WILL HONOR THE LIVES OF INDIGENOUS INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE
7 GONE MISSING OR BEEN MURDERED AND ENSURE THAT THEIR FAMILIES
8 RECEIVE SUPPORT.

9 (g) A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE WILL SERVE AS A POWERFUL SYMBOL
10 OF SOLIDARITY AND RECOGNITION FOR THE INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES OF
11 COLORADO. BY CREATING THIS LICENSE PLATE, THE STATE REAFFIRMS ITS
12 COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING EFFORTS AIMED AT ADDRESSING THE
13 VIOLENCE FACED BY INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TO WORKING TOWARD THE
14 ERADICATION OF THIS VIOLATION.

15 (h) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLS ON THE CITIZENS OF
16 COLORADO TO UNITE IN THE EFFORT TO COMBAT THE CRISIS OF MISSING
17 AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES. THROUGH THE PURCHASE AND
18 DISPLAY OF THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE, COLORADANS WILL HAVE THE
19 OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO AN IMPORTANT CAUSE AND
20 DEMONSTRATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE, EQUITY, AND THE SAFETY
21 OF INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES.

22 (2) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2026, OR WHEN".

23 Renumber succeeding subsections accordingly.

24 Page 3, line 25, strike "SUBSECTION (5)" and substitute "SUBSECTION (6)".

25 Page 3, line 27, strike "SUBSECTION (5)" and substitute "SUBSECTION (6)".

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