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Subject Creating a task force on missing and murdered indigenous women and girls

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Overview

This bill creates a task force to recommend ways to reduce and end violence against indigenous women and girls in Minnesota, and appropriates money to fund the task force.

Summary

Section Description

1 Task force on missing and murdered indigenous women.

Creates a task force to address violence against indigenous women and defines the standards and requirements for the task force.

Subd. 1. Creation and duties. Creates a task force to examine and report on five specific subjects addressing the systemic causes behind violence against indigenous women, appropriate methods for tracking and collecting data, government policies and institutions that impact violence against indigenous women, and appropriate measures to address the violence and assist victims and their families.

Subd. 2. Membership. Identifies individuals to serve on the task force including representatives from law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, defense attorneys, tribal government officials, nongovernment agencies, and indigenous women.

Subd. 3. Officers; meetings. Directs the task force to elect a chair and vice-chair from its members and meet at least quarterly. Further directs the task force to enlist the cooperation of experts.

Subd. 4. Report. Requires a report to the legislature by December 15, 2020.

Subd. 5. Expiration. States that the task force expires on December 31, 2020.

Description Funding for the task force on missing and murdered indigenous women; appropriation. Appropriates \$64,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$36,000 in fiscal year 2021 to support the operations of the task force.



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