

SESSION OF 2021

SUPPLEMENTAL NOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2008

As Recommended by House Committee on
Judiciary

Brief*

HB 2008 would authorize the Attorney General to coordinate training regarding missing and murdered indigenous persons for law enforcement agencies throughout Kansas, in consultation with Native American Indian tribes, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI), the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, and other appropriate state agencies.

Background

The bill was introduced by Representatives Victors and Haswood.

House Committee on Judiciary

In the House Committee hearing on January 19, 2021, Representatives Victors and Haswood and a representative of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence testified as **proponents** of the bill, stating it would help address the high rates of missing and murdered indigenous women and girls across America. The proponents also stated the bill passed the House in 2020 as HB 2646 before the 2020 Session was interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Written-only **proponent** testimony was submitted by the Attorney General, by a citizen, and by representatives of

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the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and the Student Government Association of Haskell Indian Nations University.

A representative of the KBI testified as a neutral conferee, providing information about databases maintained by the KBI and statistics regarding American Indian or Native Alaskan persons who are missing, unidentified, or the victims of homicide. The KBI representative also stated the KBI is ready to assist the Office of the Attorney General if the bill is enacted.

No other testimony was provided.

Fiscal Information

According to the fiscal note prepared by the Division of the Budget on the bill, enactment of the bill would have no fiscal effect.

Missing and Murdered Indigenous People; Training; Law Enforcement; Native American