MURDERED AND MISSING INDIGENOUS WOMEN, GIRLS, AND
LGBTQ+ TASK FORCE
2020 GENERAL SESSION
STATE OF UTAH

LONG TITLE
General Description:
This bill creates the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBTQ+
Task Force.

Highlighted Provisions:
This bill:
• creates the task force; and
• specifies duties of the task force.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:
This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2021:
• to the Legislature - Senate as a one-time appropriation:
  • from the General Fund, $20,000;
• to the Legislature - House of Representatives as a one-time appropriation:
  • from the General Fund, $20,000.

Other Special Clauses:
This bill provides a repeal date.

Utah Code Sections Affected:
ENACTS:
36-29-107, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
Section 1. Section 36-29-107 is enacted to read:
36-29-107. Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBTQ+ Task
Force -- Creation -- Membership -- Quorum -- Compensation -- Staff -- Vacancies --
Duties -- Interim Report.
(1) As used in this section, "task force" means the Murdered and Missing Indigenous
Women, Girls, and LGBTQ+ Task Force created in Subsection (2).

(2) There is created a Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBTQ+
Task Force consisting of the following 15 members:

(a) three members of the Senate appointed by the president of the Senate, no more than
two of whom may be from the same political party;

(b) three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker of the
House of Representatives, no more than two of whom may be from the same political party;

(c) the following eight members, appointed jointly by the president of the Senate and
the speaker of the House of Representatives:

(i) a member of a nonprofit organization primarily serving Utah’s Native American
community;

(ii) a representative of a Utah Native American tribe;

(iii) a representative of a victim advocate organization serving Utah’s Native American
population;

(iv) A Utah Native American Tribal Judge;

(v) a Native American woman or Native American LGBTQ+ survivor of gender
violence;

(vi) a researcher from the University of Utah;

(vii) a sheriff of a county that:

(A) is not a county of the first or second class; and

(B) has, within its boundaries, a federally recognized Native American tribe; and

(viii) a representative of the Department of Public Safety; and

(d) a representative in Utah of a federal law enforcement agency invited to participate
by the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House of Representatives.

(3) (a) A vacancy shall be filled by appointing or inviting a replacement member in the
same manner as the member creating the vacancy was appointed or invited under Subsection
(2).

(b) Each member of the task force shall serve until a successor is appointed or invited
and qualified.

(4) (a) The president of the Senate shall designate a member of the Senate appointed
under Subsection (2)(a) as a cochair of the task force.
(b) The speaker of the House of Representatives shall designate a member of the House of Representatives appointed under Subsection (2)(b) as a cochair of the task force.

(5) (a) A quorum consists of:
(i) a majority of the legislator members from each chamber; and
(ii) a majority of the nonlegislator members.

(b) The action of a majority of a quorum constitutes an action of the task force.

(6) (a) Salaries and expenses of the members of the task force who are legislators shall be paid in accordance with Section 36-2-2 and Legislative Joint Rules, Title 5, Chapter 3, Legislator Compensation.

(b) A member of the task force who is not a legislator:
(i) may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service associated with the task force; and
(ii) may receive per diem and travel expenses incurred as a member of the task force at the rates established by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107 and rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(7) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall provide staff support to the task force.

(8) The task force shall:
(a) identify the systemic causes behind violence that indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ+ experience, including patterns and underlying factors that explain why disproportionately high levels of violence occur against indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ+, including underlying historical, social, economic, institutional, and cultural factors which may contribute to the violence;
(b) identify gaps in local, state, and federal law enforcement agency data collection related to missing and murdered indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ+;
(c) study an effective mechanism for law enforcement in Utah to collect uniform data improvements for law enforcement in addressing the murdered and missing indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ+ crisis in Utah; and
(d) based on review and analysis of the collected data, recommend improvements in the criminal justice and social service systems for preventing and addressing the murdered and
missing indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ+ crisis in Utah.

(9) (a) On or before November 30, 2020, the task force shall provide a report, including any proposed legislation, to the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee.

(b) The report shall include:

(i) existing or proposed institutional policies and practices that are effective in reducing gender violence and increasing safety of indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ+; and

(ii) recommendations for improvements in the criminal justice and social service systems for preventing and addressing the murdered and missing indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ+ crisis in Utah.

Section 2. Appropriation.

The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, and ending June 30, 2021. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for fiscal year 2021. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

ITEM 1

To Legislature - Senate

Schedule of Programs:

Administration $20,000

ITEM 2

To Legislature - House of Representatives

Schedule of Programs:

Administration $20,000

The Legislature intends that an appropriation provided under these items be used for expenses relating to the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBTQ+ Task Force as described in Section 36-29-107.

Section 3. Repeal date.

Section 36-29-107 is repealed on November 30, 2020.