

S.F. No. 36 – Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives Reward Account (incorporating the A-3 amendment)

Author: Senator Mary Kunesh

Prepared by: Chris Turner, Fiscal Analyst (651/296-4350)

Date: March 1, 2023

Section 1, Subd. 1 creates a reward account in the special revenue fund for information on missing and murdered Indigenous relatives.

Subd. 2 authorizes the director of the Office for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, in consultation with the reward advisory group, to determine eligibility criteria and pay rewards to persons providing relevant information relating to a missing and murdered Indigenous relative investigation.

Subd. 3 authorizes the director to establish a reward advisory group which shall meet at least twice per year.

Subd. 4 authorizes the director to spend up to four percent of the available funds in the account on an advertising or public relations campaign to increase public awareness on the availability of rewards under this section.

Subd. 5 authorizes the director to apply for and accept grants and donations from the public and from public and private entities to implement this section.

Subd. 6 defines “missing and murdered Indigenous relatives” as missing and murdered Indigenous people from or descended from one of the United States’ federally recognized American Indian Tribes.

Section 2 appropriates \$110,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of public safety for deposit into the reward account in the special revenue fund.