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1 AN ACT Relating to the creation of an endangered missing person
2 advisory designation for missing indigenous women and persons; and
3 amending RCW 13.60.010.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 13.60.010 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 6 s 315 are each
6 amended to read as follows:

7 (1) The Washington state patrol shall establish a missing
8 children and endangered person clearinghouse which shall include the
9 maintenance and operation of a toll-free telephone hotline. The
10 clearinghouse shall distribute information to local law enforcement
11 agencies, school districts, the department of children, youth, and
12 families, and the general public regarding missing children and
13 endangered persons. The information shall include pictures,
14 bulletins, training sessions, reports, and biographical materials
15 that will assist in local law enforcement efforts to locate missing
16 children and endangered persons. The state patrol shall also maintain
17 a regularly updated computerized link with national and other
18 statewide missing person systems or clearinghouses, and within
19 existing resources, shall develop and implement a plan, commonly
20 known as an "amber alert plan" or an "endangered missing person
21 advisory plan" which includes ((a)) "silver alert" ((designation))

1 and "missing indigenous women and persons alert" designations for
2 voluntary cooperation between local, state, tribal, and other law
3 enforcement agencies, state government agencies, radio and television
4 stations, cable and satellite systems, and social media pages and
5 sites to enhance the public's ability to assist in recovering
6 abducted children and missing endangered persons consistent with the
7 state endangered missing person advisory plan.

8 (2) For the purposes of this chapter:

9 (a) "Child" or "children" means an individual under (~~eighteen~~)
10 18 years of age.

11 (b) "Missing endangered person" means a person who is believed to
12 be in danger because of age, health, mental or physical disability,
13 in combination with environmental or weather conditions, or is
14 believed to be unable to return to safety without assistance and who
15 is:

16 (i) A person with a developmental disability as defined in RCW
17 71A.10.020(5);

18 (ii) A vulnerable adult as defined in RCW 74.34.020; or

19 (iii) A person who has been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's
20 disease or other age-related dementia.

21 (c) "Missing indigenous women and persons alert" means the
22 designated title of a missing endangered person advisory that will be
23 used on a variable message sign and text of the highway advisory
24 radio message when used as part of an activated advisory to assist in
25 the recovery of a missing indigenous woman or person.

26 (d) "Silver alert" means the designated title of a missing
27 endangered person advisory that will be used on a variable message
28 sign and text of the highway advisory radio message when used as part
29 of an activated advisory to assist in the recovery of a missing
30 endangered person age (~~sixty~~) 60 or older.

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