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1 AN ACT Relating to providing tools and resources for the location  
2 and recovery of missing persons; adding a new section to chapter  
3 43.10 RCW; and creating a new section.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** This act may be known and cited as the  
6 missing and murdered indigenous women and persons and Lucian act.

7 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.10  
8 RCW to read as follows:

9 (1) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for this  
10 specific purpose, the office of the attorney general shall publish  
11 and maintain on its website a missing persons toolkit that contains  
12 regularly updated information related to locating and recovering  
13 missing persons.

14 (2) The missing persons toolkit must contain information and  
15 resources to help understand and engage with the process of reporting  
16 missing persons including, at minimum, the following:

17 (a) An explanation of how to report a missing person to an  
18 applicable law enforcement agency or other entity charged with  
19 receiving such reports;

1 (b) An overview of the kinds of information that may be helpful  
2 to provide when reporting a missing person;

3 (c) Additional steps that may be taken to assist with recovering  
4 a missing person after a report has been made;

5 (d) Suggestions and resources for navigating difficulties that  
6 are commonly encountered during the process of reporting and  
7 recovering a missing person, including a list of resources that may  
8 offer counseling and assistance to family members, friends, and  
9 community members of missing persons;

10 (e) Information, developed in consultation with the Washington  
11 state missing and murdered indigenous women and people task force,  
12 that is specifically tailored to reporting and recovering missing  
13 indigenous women and persons; and

14 (f) Information that is specifically tailored to reporting and  
15 recovering missing persons who are particularly vulnerable due to  
16 age, health, or mental or physical disability or condition.

17 (3) The office of the attorney general shall publish the missing  
18 persons toolkit in the top 10 languages spoken in Washington state  
19 and, at the discretion of the office of the attorney general, other  
20 languages.

21 (4) The office of the attorney general shall publish the missing  
22 persons toolkit in the following formats:

23 (a) A full digital version available on the office of the  
24 attorney general's website; and

25 (b) An abbreviated hard copy version made available to law  
26 enforcement agencies and any other relevant entities identified by  
27 the office of the attorney general, to be distributed by the  
28 applicable law enforcement agency or other entity when a person seeks  
29 to report a missing person.

30 (5) The office of the attorney general shall publish the first  
31 version of the missing persons toolkit in all formats specified under  
32 subsection (4) of this section by November 1, 2023, and, beginning in  
33 2024, review the missing persons toolkit annually and publish an  
34 updated version incorporating any relevant changes by November 1st of  
35 each year thereafter.

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