Missing Indigenous Person Landscape and Background
compiled for the State-Tribal Relations Committee (STRC), May 2022, by Pad McCracken, STRC staff

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**Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force** 44-2-411, MCA
Established in **SB 312** (2019) and extended in **SB 4** (2021) and **HB 98** (2021)
Sunsets June 30, 2023
Administers LINC grant program
Allocated to DOJ
Reports to STRC by July 1, even years

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Established in **HB 35** (2021)
Sunsets June 30, 2023
In DOJ; $20,000 approp for operations
Reports to STRC and LJIC by Sept 1, even years

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**Looping in Native Communities (LINC) Grant Program** 44-2-412, MCA
Established in **SB 312** (2019) and extended in **HB 98** (2021)
Sunsets June 30, 2023
$50,000 approp for LINC

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**Legislative action/reports:**
- 2018 Report *Addressing an Epidemic: Missing and Murdered Indian Women*
- 2019 Legislation:
  - **HB 20** – missing children laws
  - **HB 21** – “Hanna’s Act”; missing person specialist at DOJ
  - **HB 54** – missing person reports
  - **SB 40** – OPI photo repository
  - **SB 312** – created MIP Task Force and LINC program
  - **HB 749** – created two-person human trafficking team
- **Sept 2020 Task Force report to STRC**
- **Sept 2020 STRC Report on Task Force recommendations**
- 2021 Legislation
  - **HB 35** – MIP Review Commission created
  - **HB 36** – missing persons response team grants (not enacted)
  - **HB 98** – extend MIP Task Force and LINC program