



April 2023

To: House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services Committee

Re: AAUW support for SB23-054—Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office

Dear Committee Members:

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is one of the oldest women's organizations in the country, empowering women since 1881. The mission of AAUW is to advance equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

Because so many women and girls are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes, AAUW endorses efforts to require a higher level of responsibility in the MMIR office to protect those most vulnerable in our society.

SB 054 adds important responsibilities to the MMIR Office, in the area of investigation and reporting of crimes against Indigenous people. It also creates new collaborations between the CDAC and CCJJ and the Indigenous community in Colorado.

AAUW of Colorado believes this bill will further ongoing efforts to reduce crime and bring much-needed support for crime victims. For these reasons, AAUW of Colorado strongly supports Senate Bill 54 and requests your AYE vote in committee and throughout the process of becoming law.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Su Ryden".

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Tom Raynes For CDAC	CDAC supports this bill and appreciates the collaboration with the sponsors, various proponents and especially representatives of the indigenous community. CDAC is willing to help facilitate the training component as set forth in the current version and can do so for no additional costs in collaboration with other stakeholders as noted above.