

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

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### **Law & Justice Committee, May 22, 2024, 10:45 am to 11:45 am**

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians -  
2024 Midyear Convention Canyonville, OR

#### **DISCUSSION**

The report outlines the key discussion during the ATNI Law & Justice Committee. The agenda had three presenters. The first was Brian Gunn for the Tribal Parity Law and the BADGES Act. The second was the Whitener Group reviewing the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services Tribal Court Assessment Process. The third one was the proposed missing persons code with the Office of Native Affairs and Policy, which was also covered in the MMIP committee in a more comprehensive discussion.

Brian Gunn did not show up for his time on the agenda as he had to catch a flight. I covered a few takeaways from observing the testimony due to the absent presenter. The takeaways covered were the financial strain it is causing for tribal police departments. A Discussion was that we could contract that each officer could not leave for a specific amount of time so they receive part of their investment back. BADGES needs financial support because it requires facilitators to conduct training and information gathering. Leaders stated this is controversial, although many agreed that tribal officers need the same rights as city, county, and federal officers. I followed up with Brian, and he may be able to present at the annual conference as many attendees wanted to learn more.

The Whitener Group and the Office of Native Affairs and Policy showed up to advocate for their projects in tribal governments. They completed a great discussion but did not have too many questions. The committee had twenty-seven people sign in, although there were at least forty-five present in the room. The Karuk Tribe motioned for the resolution to pass, and the Klamath seconded the resolution to go to the general assembly. At the final assembly, the resolution had a motion by Warm Springs and a second by Suquamish. In conclusion, I asked the group if they had any specific challenges they wanted to discuss or topic recommendations, and the group did not have any suggestions.

#### **ADOPTED AND RECOMMENDED TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Resolution # & Title: 24-27 Support For the Establishment of Tribal Resiliency Program At the Department of Homeland Security

#### **COMMITTEE - TABLED**

Resolution # & Title: None Tabled

Minutes/Report submitted by: Willow W. Howard, Committee Chair