

5670

Sponsor(s): Senators Fraser, Kohl-Welles, Brandland, Kline, Hargrove, Esser and Thibaudeau

Brief Description: Making it a crime to traffic in persons.

**SB 5670 - DIGEST**

Provides that a person is guilty of trafficking in the first degree when: (1) Such person knows that force, fraud, or coercion will be used to cause any person to engage in forced labor or involuntary servitude;

(2) Such person: (a) Recruits, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains by any means another person; or (b) benefits financially or by receiving anything of value from participation in a venture which has engaged in acts set forth in this provision; and

(3) The acts or venture set forth in this provision: (a) Involve committing or attempting to commit kidnapping; (b) involve a finding of sexual motivation under RCW 9.94A.835; or (c) result in a death.

Declares that trafficking in the first degree is a class A felony.

Provides that a person is guilty of trafficking in the second degree when: (1) Such person knows that force, fraud, or coercion will be used to cause any person to engage in forced labor or involuntary servitude; and

(2) Such person: (a) Recruits, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains by any means another person; or (b) benefits financially or by receiving anything of value from participation in a venture which has engaged in acts set forth in this act.

Declares that trafficking in the second degree is a class A felony.