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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Kline, Fraser, Keiser and McAuliffe

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1            AN ACT Relating to victims of human trafficking; amending RCW  
2 40.24.030; and adding a new section to chapter 7.68 RCW.

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

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            (1) To provide Washington leaders the information needed to respond  
7 comprehensively and efficiently to the crime of human trafficking and  
8 to provide services to victims of human trafficking, there is created  
9 the Washington state task force against the trafficking of persons.

10            (2) The task force shall be authorized from July 1, 2006, through  
11 June 30, 2011, and shall be administered and chaired by the department  
12 of community, trade, and economic development's office of crime victims  
13 advocacy.

14            (3) The task force shall consist of the following members:

15            (a) The director of the office of community development, or the  
16 director's designee;

17            (b) The secretary of the department of health, or the secretary's  
18 designee;

- 1 (c) The secretary of the department of social and health services,  
2 or the secretary's designee;
- 3 (d) The director of the department of labor and industries, or the  
4 director's designee;
- 5 (e) The commissioner of the employment security department, or the  
6 commissioner's designee;
- 7 (f) Five members, selected by the director of the office of  
8 community development, that represent public and private sector  
9 organizations that provide assistance to persons who are victims of  
10 human trafficking;
- 11 (g) A representative of the Washington state supreme court gender  
12 and justice commission designated by the administrative office of the  
13 courts;
- 14 (h) A representative of an organization providing immigration  
15 advocacy services;
- 16 (i) An attorney representing an organization providing immigration  
17 legal services;
- 18 (j) The attorney general or the attorney general's designee;
- 19 (k) A member designated by the Washington association of defense  
20 attorneys;
- 21 (l) A member designated by the Washington association of  
22 prosecuting attorneys;
- 23 (m) A member designated by the Washington association of sheriffs  
24 and police chiefs;
- 25 (n) A representative designated by the Washington coalition of  
26 sexual assault programs;
- 27 (o) A representative designated by the administrative office of the  
28 courts;
- 29 (p) A representative designated by the Washington state coalition  
30 against domestic violence;
- 31 (q) A representative designated by the Washington state patrol; and  
32 (r) A representative designated by the Washington state advisory  
33 committee on trafficking.
- 34 (4) The task force shall carry out the following activities:
- 35 (a) Measure and evaluate the progress of the state in human  
36 trafficking prevention activities;
- 37 (b) Identify available federal, state, and local programs that  
38 provide services to victims of human trafficking that include, but are

1 not limited to health care, human services, housing, education, legal  
2 assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English  
3 as a second language classes, and victim's compensation;

4 (c) Make recommendations on methods to provide a coordinated system  
5 of support and assistance to persons who are victims of human  
6 trafficking;

7 (d) Examine model state human trafficking legislation;

8 (e) Oversee the ongoing efforts of state agencies to develop human  
9 trafficking protocols; and

10 (f) Review mandatory reporting laws as they may apply to victims of  
11 human trafficking.

12 (5) The task force shall provide an interim report to the governor  
13 and appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 2008, and  
14 a final report by June 30, 2011.

15 (6) The office of community development shall provide necessary  
16 administrative and clerical support to the task force, within available  
17 resources.

18 (7) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation,  
19 but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW  
20 43.03.050 and 43.03.060, within available resources.

21 **Sec. 2.** RCW 40.24.030 and 2001 c 28 s 2 are each amended to read  
22 as follows:

23 (1) An adult person, a parent or guardian acting on behalf of a  
24 minor, or a guardian acting on behalf of an incapacitated person, as  
25 defined in RCW 11.88.010, may apply to the secretary of state to have  
26 an address designated by the secretary of state serve as the person's  
27 address or the address of the minor or incapacitated person. The  
28 secretary of state shall approve an application if it is filed in the  
29 manner and on the form prescribed by the secretary of state and if it  
30 contains:

31 (a) A sworn statement by the applicant that the applicant has good  
32 reason to believe (i) that the applicant, or the minor or incapacitated  
33 person on whose behalf the application is made, is a victim of domestic  
34 violence, sexual assault, ~~((or))~~ stalking, or human trafficking; and  
35 (ii) that the applicant fears for his or her safety or his or her  
36 children's safety, or the safety of the minor or incapacitated person  
37 on whose behalf the application is made;

1 (b) A designation of the secretary of state as agent for purposes  
2 of service of process and for the purpose of receipt of mail;

3 (c) The mailing address where the applicant can be contacted by the  
4 secretary of state, and the phone number or numbers where the applicant  
5 can be called by the secretary of state;

6 (d) The new address or addresses that the applicant requests not be  
7 disclosed for the reason that disclosure will increase the risk of  
8 domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking;

9 (e) The signature of the applicant and of any individual or  
10 representative of any office designated in writing under RCW 40.24.080  
11 who assisted in the preparation of the application, and the date on  
12 which the applicant signed the application.

13 (2) Applications shall be filed with the office of the secretary of  
14 state.

15 (3) Upon filing a properly completed application, the secretary of  
16 state shall certify the applicant as a program participant. Applicants  
17 shall be certified for four years following the date of filing unless  
18 the certification is withdrawn or invalidated before that date. The  
19 secretary of state shall by rule establish a renewal procedure.

20 (4) A person who falsely attests in an application that disclosure  
21 of the applicant's address would endanger the applicant's safety or the  
22 safety of the applicant's children or the minor or incapacitated person  
23 on whose behalf the application is made, or who knowingly provides  
24 false or incorrect information upon making an application, shall be  
25 punishable under RCW 40.16.030 or other applicable statutes.

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