

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5933

As of February 16, 2015

Title: An act relating to establishing a statewide training program on human trafficking laws for criminal justice personnel.

Brief Description: Establishing a statewide training program on human trafficking laws for criminal justice personnel.

Sponsors: Senators O'Ban, Kohl-Welles, Miloscia, Fraser, Fain, Padden, Hasegawa, Litzow, Dammeier, Chase and Conway.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Law & Justice: 2/17/15.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LAW & JUSTICE

Staff: Melissa Burke-Cain (786-7755)

Background: Criminal justice personnel who investigate, prosecute, and adjudicate human trafficking crimes need a good foundation in the state laws governing human trafficking to perform their duties effectively. Interdisciplinary training for the criminal justice community promotes the best use of existing laws to reduce instances of human trafficking.

Summary of Bill: The Office of Crime Victims Advocacy (OCVA) at the Department of Commerce must establish a statewide coordinated training program for criminal justice personnel on Washington's human trafficking laws. Where possible an entity with experience in developing training programs, coalitions, and policy on human trafficking in Washington must provide the training. The OCVA must provide a biennial report to legislative policy committees working on human trafficking issues about the training and its effectiveness.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

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