

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5933

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Synopsis as Enacted

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

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators O'Ban, Kohl-Welles, Miloscia, Fraser, Fain, Padden, Hasegawa, Litzow, Dammeier, Chase and Conway).

**Senate Committee on Law & Justice**

**House Committee on Public Safety**

**House Committee on General Government & Information Technology**

**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:** 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.

The training curriculum must encourage interdisciplinary coordination among criminal justice personnel, build cultural competency, and develop understanding of diverse victim populations including children, youth, and adults.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	49	0
House	97	0

**Effective:** July 24, 2015

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