
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5880

State of Washington

64th Legislature

2016 Regular Session

By Senate Law & Justice (originally sponsored by Senators Padden, Kohl-Welles, Keiser, Conway, Chase, and Hasegawa)

READ FIRST TIME 02/05/16.

1 AN ACT Relating to human trafficking; creating new sections; and
2 providing an expiration date.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature finds that human
5 trafficking is a horrific problem in the United States and in the
6 state of Washington. The number of persons who are trafficked in the
7 United States may number in the hundreds of thousands. In the Seattle
8 area alone, five hundred children and youth may be forced into
9 commercial sexual exploitation at any given time. Trafficked persons
10 live in constant terror and fear of being abused, beaten, raped, or
11 murdered if they try to leave. Children involved in commercial sexual
12 exploitation are forty times more likely to die, and women are two
13 hundred times more likely to die, when compared with counterparts who
14 are not in the sex trade. There are few survivors of the trade.

15 (2) Although recent laws have made improvements in the tools
16 afforded to law enforcement to arrest and prosecute offenders, more
17 should be done to identify and rescue survivors by those who may come
18 into contact with persons forced to engage in the sex trade. The
19 legislature finds that those employed in industries related to liquor
20 and adult entertainment should be required to receive training to
21 identify human trafficking survivors. Those employees of other

1 industries and establishments who have the opportunity to come into
2 contact with persons forced to engage in the sex trade are encouraged
3 to receive the same training. These include hospitality and specialty
4 industries such as: Spas, hotels, tattoo parlors, retail stores in
5 malls, internet advertisement or dating services, truck stops, and
6 restaurants and convenience stores not required to have a liquor
7 license. In addition, those who serve as first responders or in
8 medical or public service, such as hospital staff, abortion clinics,
9 schools, or child protective services are also in the unique position
10 to identify and rescue victims and are encouraged to receive training
11 to identify human trafficking survivors.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** (1) A joint task force on training
13 resources to combat human trafficking is established, with members as
14 provided in this subsection.

15 (a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the
16 senate, appointed by the president of the senate;

17 (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house
18 of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house of
19 representatives;

20 (c) One representative from each of the following public,
21 private, and community-based organizations: State liquor and cannabis
22 board, association of Washington counties, Washington coalition of
23 crime victims advocates, Washington engage, shared hope, the
24 businesses ending slavery and trafficking alliance, Washington
25 restaurant association, Washington lodging association, national
26 federation of independent businesses, Washington association of
27 neighborhood stores, and the northwest grocery association;

28 (2) The task force shall identify and recommend a curriculum for
29 a one-hour online training. The task force shall also consider
30 possible funding sources for developing and providing the training.
31 The training is for workers at establishments that are required to
32 operate with a valid liquor license from the state liquor and
33 cannabis board, or are required to operate with an adult
34 entertainment license or endorsement; businesses and industries whose
35 workers have the opportunity to come into contact with persons forced
36 to work in the sex trade such as spas, hotels, tattoo parlors, retail
37 stores in malls, internet advertisements or dating services, truck
38 stops, and restaurants and convenience stores not required to have a
39 liquor license; and persons who serve as first responders or who are

1 in medical or public service, such as hospital staff, abortion
2 clinics, schools, or child protective services.

3 (3) The task force shall report its findings and make
4 recommendations to the governor and legislature by December 1, 2016.

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

8 (5) This section expires June 30, 2017.

--- END ---