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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5884**

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

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1 AN ACT Relating to the trafficking of persons; amending RCW  
2 7.68.350 and 7.68.801; adding a new section to chapter 7.68 RCW;  
3 adding a new section to chapter 47.38 RCW; creating a new section;  
4 providing an expiration date; and declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** (1) The legislature has long been  
7 committed to increasing access to support services for human  
8 trafficking victims and promoting awareness of human trafficking  
9 throughout Washington state. In 2002, Washington was the first state  
10 to work on human trafficking by enacting new laws and by creating an  
11 antitrafficking task force. In 2003, Washington was the first state  
12 to enact a law making human trafficking a crime.

13 Since 2002, the Washington state legislature has enacted thirty-  
14 eight laws to combat human trafficking. In 2013 and 2014, Washington  
15 received top marks from two leading nongovernmental organizations for  
16 the strength of its antitrafficking laws. The polaris project gave  
17 Washington a perfect score of ten and Washington received an "A"  
18 report card from shared hope international's protected innocence  
19 challenge. In light of the 2010 winter olympic games taking place in  
20 Vancouver, British Columbia, the legislature enacted RCW 47.38.080,  
21 permitting an approved nonprofit to place informational human

1 trafficking posters in restrooms located in rest areas along  
2 Interstate 5. Sporting events, such as the winter olympic games or  
3 the upcoming 2015 United States open golf tournament at Chambers Bay,  
4 provide lucrative opportunities for human traffickers to exploit  
5 adults and children for labor and sexual services. The legislature  
6 finds that an effective way to combat human trafficking is to  
7 increase awareness of human trafficking for both victims and the  
8 general public alike as well as who and how to contact for help and  
9 support services, for both victims and the general public alike.

10 (2) Human trafficking data are primarily obtained through a  
11 hotline reporting system in which victims and witnesses can report  
12 cases of human trafficking over the phone. Since 2007, there have  
13 been one thousand eight hundred fifty human trafficking calls made  
14 through the human trafficking victim hotline system in Washington  
15 state, and a total of four hundred thirty-two human trafficking cases  
16 reported. It is the intent of the legislature to facilitate an even  
17 wider scope of communication with human trafficking victims and  
18 witnesses by requiring human trafficking information to be posted in  
19 all public restrooms.

20 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW  
21 to read as follows:

22 (1) The office of crime victims advocacy is designated as the  
23 single point of contact in state government regarding the trafficking  
24 of persons.

25 (2) The Washington state clearinghouse on human trafficking is  
26 created as an information portal to share and coordinate statewide  
27 efforts to combat the trafficking of persons. The clearinghouse will  
28 include an internet web site operated by the office of crime victims  
29 advocacy, and will serve the following functions:

30 (a) Coordinating information regarding all statewide task forces  
31 relating to the trafficking of persons, including sex trafficking,  
32 commercial sexual exploitation of children, and labor trafficking;

33 (b) Publishing the findings and legislative reports of all  
34 statewide task forces relating to the trafficking of persons;

35 (c) Providing a comprehensive directory of resources for victims  
36 of trafficking; and

37 (d) Collecting and disseminating up-to-date information regarding  
38 the trafficking of persons, including news and legislative efforts,  
39 both state and federal.

1       **Sec. 3.** RCW 7.68.350 and 2003 c 266 s 1 are each amended to read  
2 as follows:

3       (1) There is created the Washington state task force against the  
4 trafficking of persons.

5       (2)(a) The task force shall consist of the following members:

6       (~~(a)~~) (i) The director of the office of ((community  
7 development)) crime victims advocacy, or the director's designee;

8       (~~(b)~~) (ii) The secretary of the department of health, or the  
9 secretary's designee;

10       (~~(c)~~) (iii) The secretary of the department of social and  
11 health services, or the secretary's designee;

12       (~~(d)~~) (iv) The director of the department of labor and  
13 industries, or the director's designee;

14       (~~(e)~~) (v) The commissioner of the employment security  
15 department, or the commissioner's designee;

16       (~~(f) Nine~~) (vi) The attorney general or the attorney general's  
17 designee;

18       (vii) The superintendent of public instruction or the  
19 superintendent of public instruction's designee;

20       (viii) The director of the department of agriculture or the  
21 director's designee;

22       (ix) Eleven members, selected by the director of the office of  
23 ((community development)) crime victims advocacy, that represent  
24 public and private sector organizations ((that)), academic  
25 institutions, research-based organizations, faith-based  
26 organizations, including organizations that are diverse in viewpoint,  
27 geography, ethnicity, and culture, and in the populations served. The  
28 members must provide assistance to persons who are victims of  
29 trafficking as part of their organization's work.

30       (b) Additional members may be selected as determined by the  
31 director of the office of crime victim advocacy to ensure  
32 representation of interested groups.

33       (3) The task force shall be chaired by the director of the office  
34 of ((community development)) crime victims advocacy, or the  
35 director's designee.

36       (4) The task force shall carry out the following activities:

37       (a) Measure and evaluate the progress of the state in trafficking  
38 prevention activities;

39       (b) Identify available federal, state, and local programs that  
40 provide services to victims of trafficking that include, but are not

1 limited to health care, human services, housing, education, legal  
2 assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services,  
3 English as a second language classes, and victim's compensation; and

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

7 (5) The task force shall report its (~~supplemental~~) findings and  
8 make recommendations to the governor and legislature (~~by June 30,~~  
9 ~~2004~~) as needed.

10 (6) The office of (~~community development~~) crime victims  
11 advocacy shall provide necessary administrative and clerical support  
12 to the task force, within available resources.

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

16 (~~(8) The task force expires June 30, 2004.~~)

17 **Sec. 4.** RCW 7.68.801 and 2013 c 253 s 1 are each amended to read  
18 as follows:

19 (1) The commercially sexually exploited children statewide  
20 coordinating committee is established to address the issue of  
21 children who are commercially sexually exploited, to examine the  
22 practices of local and regional entities involved in addressing  
23 sexually exploited children, and to make recommendations on statewide  
24 laws and practices.

25 (2) The committee is convened by the office of the attorney  
26 general and consists of the following members:

27 (a) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the house  
28 of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house;

29 (b) One member from each of the two largest caucuses of the  
30 senate appointed by the speaker of the senate;

31 (c) A representative of the governor's office appointed by the  
32 governor;

33 (d) The secretary of the children's administration or his or her  
34 designee;

35 (e) The secretary of the juvenile rehabilitation administration  
36 or his or her designee;

37 (f) The attorney general or his or her designee;

38 (g) The superintendent of public instruction or his or her  
39 designee;

1 (h) A representative of the administrative office of the courts  
2 appointed by the administrative office of the courts;

3 (i) The executive director of the Washington association of  
4 sheriffs and police chiefs or his or her designee;

5 (j) The executive director of the Washington state criminal  
6 justice training commission or his or her designee;

7 (k) A representative of the Washington association of prosecuting  
8 attorneys appointed by the association;

9 (l) The executive director of the office of public defense or his  
10 or her designee;

11 (m) Three representatives of community service providers that  
12 provide direct services to commercially sexually exploited children  
13 appointed by the attorney general;

14 (n) Two representatives of nongovernmental organizations familiar  
15 with the issues affecting commercially sexually exploited children  
16 appointed by the attorney general;

17 (o) The president of the superior court judges' association or  
18 his or her designee;

19 (p) The president of the juvenile court administrators or his or  
20 her designee;

21 (q) Any existing chairs of regional task forces on commercially  
22 sexually exploited children;

23 (r) A representative from the criminal defense bar;

24 (s) A representative of the center for children and youth  
25 justice;

26 (t) A representative from the office of crime victims advocacy;  
27 and

28 (u) The executive director of the Washington coalition of sexual  
29 assault programs.

30 (3) The duties of the committee include, but are not limited to:

31 (a) Overseeing and reviewing the implementation of the Washington  
32 state model protocol for commercially sexually exploited children at  
33 pilot sites;

34 (b) Receiving reports and data from local and regional entities  
35 regarding the incidence of commercially sexually exploited children  
36 in their areas as well as data information regarding perpetrators,  
37 geographic data and location trends, and any other data deemed  
38 relevant;

39 (c) Receiving reports on local coordinated community response  
40 practices and results of the community responses;

1 (d) Reviewing recommendations from local and regional entities  
2 regarding policy and legislative changes that would improve the  
3 efficiency and effectiveness of local response practices;

4 (e) Making recommendations regarding policy and legislative  
5 changes that would improve the effectiveness of the state's response  
6 to and promote best practices for suppression of the commercial  
7 sexual exploitation of children;

8 (f) Making recommendations regarding data collection useful to  
9 understanding or addressing the problem of commercially sexually  
10 exploited children; and

11 (g) Reviewing and making recommendations regarding strategic  
12 local investments or opportunities for federal and state funding to  
13 address the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

14 (4) The committee must meet no less than annually.

15 (5) The committee shall report its findings to the appropriate  
16 committees of the legislature and to any other known statewide  
17 committees addressing trafficking or the commercial sex trade by June  
18 30(~~th of each year~~), 2017.

19 (6) This section expires June 30, (~~2015~~) 2017.

20 NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. A new section is added to chapter 47.38  
21 RCW to read as follows:

22 (1) Every establishment that maintains restrooms for use by the  
23 public must, upon availability of the model notice as described in  
24 subsection (2) of this section, post a notice that complies with the  
25 requirements of this section in a conspicuous place within all  
26 restrooms of the establishment in clear view of the public and  
27 employees. The office of crime victims advocacy may work with  
28 businesses and other establishments and with human trafficking victim  
29 advocates to adopt policies for the placement of such notices.

30 (2)(a) The model notice to be posted pursuant to subsection (1)  
31 of this section may be in a variety of languages and include  
32 toll-free telephone numbers a person may call for assistance,  
33 including the number for the national human trafficking resource  
34 center and the number for the Washington state office of crime  
35 victims advocacy.

36 (b) The office of crime victims advocacy shall review and approve  
37 the initial form and content of the model notice to ensure the notice  
38 is appropriate for public display and likely to be an effective  
39 communication to reach human trafficking victims. The office of crime

1 victims advocacy shall review the model notice on a yearly basis to  
2 ensure the information provided remains accurate.

3 (3) The cost of production, printing, and posting of the model  
4 notices shall be paid by a participating nonprofit at no cost to the  
5 state.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 6.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
8 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
9 effect immediately.

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