HOUSE BILL 2098

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a statewide training program on
- 2 human trafficking laws for criminal justice personnel; adding a new
- 3 section to chapter 43.280 RCW; and creating a new section.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. The legislature finds that in order to
- 6 reduce instances of human trafficking in our state there needs to be
- 7 a cohesive and concerted statewide training program provided to those
- 8 in the law enforcement and legal community. This training is intended
- 9 to help promote the use of existing laws to initiate sustainable and
- 10 viable investigations, prosecutions, and adjudications in all
- 11 jurisdictions across the state.
- 12 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 43.280
- 13 RCW to read as follows:
- 14 (1) The office of crime victims advocacy shall establish a
- 15 statewide training program on Washington's human trafficking laws for
- 16 criminal justice personnel.
- 17 (2) The training shall be provided where possible by an entity
- 18 that has experience in developing coalitions, training, programs, and
- 19 policy on human trafficking in Washington.

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1 (3) The office shall provide a biennial report to the appropriate 2 policy committees of the legislature on the statewide training 3 program, with a focus on the effectiveness of the training.

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