
**Criminal Justice & Corrections
Committee**

HB 1090

Brief Description: Extending the task force against trafficking of persons.

Sponsors: Representatives Veloria, Roach, O'Brien, Bush, Lantz, Clements, Linville, Kenney, Boldt, Sullivan, Upthegrove, Chase, Darneille and Hudgins.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Extends the Washington State Task Force Against the Trafficking of Persons indefinitely.

Hearing Date: 1/28/03

Staff: Yvonne Walker (786-7841).

Background:

The 2002 Legislature established the Washington State Task Force Against the Trafficking of Persons. The task force consisted of the following persons (or their designees): the director of the Office of Community Development; the secretary of the Department of Health; the secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services; the director of the Department of Labor and Industries; and the commissioner of the Employment Security Department. In addition, the task force included nine members, selected by the director of the Office of Community Development, that represented the public and private sector organizations that provide assistance to persons who are victims of trafficking. With the exception of travel expenses, all members of the task force served without compensation. Administrative and clerical support to the task force was provided by the Office of Community Development.

The task force was responsible for the following activities:

- measuring and evaluating the progress of the state's trafficking prevention activities;
- identifying federal, state, and local programs that provide victims of trafficking with services such as health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second language classes, and victim's compensation; and
- making recommendations on how to provide a coordinated system of support and

assistance to victims of trafficking.

The task force provisions expire March 1, 2003.

Summary of Bill:

The expiration date for the Washington State Task Force Against the Trafficking of Persons is eliminated and as a result the task force is extended indefinitely.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 22, 2003.

Effective Date: The bill contains an emergency clause and takes effect immediately.