

SB 5127 - H COMM AMD

By Committee on Criminal Justice & Corrections

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that human
4 trafficking is growing to epidemic proportions and that our state is
5 impacted. Human trafficking is one of the greatest threats to human
6 dignity. It is the commodification of human beings and an assault on
7 human values. Washington is, and must continue to be, a national
8 leader at the state level in the fight against human trafficking.

9 The legislature recognizes there are many state agencies and
10 private organizations that might be called on to provide services to
11 victims of trafficking of humans. Victims of human trafficking are
12 often in need of services such as emergency medical attention, food and
13 shelter, vocational and English language training, mental health
14 counseling, and legal support. The state intends to improve the
15 response of state, local, and private entities to incidents of
16 trafficking of humans. Victims would be better served if there is an
17 established, coordinated system of identifying the needs of trafficking
18 victims, protocols for training of service delivery agencies and staff,
19 timely and appropriate delivery of services, and better investigations
20 and prosecutions of trafficking.

21 Leadership in providing services to victims of trafficking of
22 humans also extends beyond government efforts and is grounded in the
23 work of highly dedicated individuals and community-based groups.
24 Without these efforts the struggle against human trafficking will be
25 very difficult to win. The legislature, therefore, finds that such
26 efforts merit regular public recognition and appreciation. Such
27 recognition and appreciation will encourage the efforts of all persons
28 to end human trafficking, and provide the public with information and
29 education about the necessity of its involvement in this struggle.

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

3 (1) By July 1, 2005, the director of the department of community,
4 trade, and economic development, or the director's designee, shall
5 within existing resources convene and chair a work group to develop
6 written protocols for delivery of services to victims of trafficking of
7 humans. The director shall invite appropriate federal agencies to
8 consult with the work group for the purpose of developing protocols
9 that, to the extent possible, are in concert with federal statutes,
10 regulations, and policies. In addition to the director of the
11 department of community, trade, and economic development, the following
12 shall be members of the work group: The secretary of the department of
13 health, the secretary of the department of social and health services,
14 the attorney general, the director of the department of labor and
15 industries, the commissioner of the employment security department, a
16 representative of the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys,
17 the chief of the Washington state patrol, two members selected by the
18 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, and five members,
19 selected by the director of the department of community, trade, and
20 economic development from a list submitted by public and private sector
21 organizations that provide assistance to persons who are victims of
22 trafficking. The attorney general, the chief of the Washington state
23 patrol, and the secretaries or directors may designate a person to
24 serve in their place.

25 Members of the work group shall serve without compensation.

26 (2) The protocols must meet all of the following minimum standards:

27 (a) The protocols must apply to the following state agencies: The
28 department of community, trade, and economic development, the
29 department of health, the department of social and health services, the
30 attorney general's office, the Washington state patrol, the department
31 of labor and industries, and the employment security department;

32 (b) The protocols must provide policies and procedures for
33 interagency coordinated operations and cooperation with government
34 agencies and nongovernmental organizations, agencies, and
35 jurisdictions, including law enforcement agencies and prosecuting
36 attorneys;

37 (c) The protocols must include the establishment of a data base

1 electronically available to all affected agencies which contains the
2 name, address, and telephone numbers of agencies that provide services
3 to victims of human trafficking; and

4 (d) The protocols must provide guidelines for providing for the
5 social service needs of victims of trafficking of humans, including
6 housing, health care, and employment.

7 (3) By January 1, 2006, the work group shall finalize the written
8 protocols and submit them with a report to the legislature and the
9 governor.

10 (4) The protocols shall be reviewed on a biennial basis by the work
11 group to determine whether revisions are appropriate. The director of
12 the department of community, trade, and economic development, or the
13 director's designee, shall within existing resources reconvene and
14 chair the work group for this purpose.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
16 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
17 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
18 immediately."

19 Correct the title.

EFFECT: The original bill created an annual award to recognize
noteworthy individuals and groups who provide services to victims of
trafficking. The striker removes all provisions referencing the annual
award.

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