
**Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness
Committee**

HB 2942

Brief Description: Offering human trafficking training for criminal justice and correctional personnel, and other public safety employees.

Sponsors: Representatives O'Brien, Pearson, Dickerson, Goodman, Ericks, Roberts, Kelley, Finn, Appleton, McCoy, Springer, Darneille, Hurst, Priest, Hinkle, Clibborn, Lias, Hope, Klippert, Herrera, Ormsby, Morrell, Conway, Santos, Johnson, Kenney, Hasegawa and McCune.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires the Criminal Justice Training Commission to offer training on human trafficking to all employees of state and local agencies that perform public safety duties.

Hearing Date: 1/29/10

Staff: Yvonne Walker (786-7841).

Background:

The Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) was established in 1974. Its primary purpose is to provide basic law enforcement training, corrections training, and educational programs for criminal justice personnel, including commissioned officers, corrections officers, fire marshals, and prosecuting attorneys.

Basic law enforcement officer training is generally required of all law enforcement officers, with the exception of volunteers, and reserve officers employed in Washington. The training consists of a 720-hour program covering a wide variety of subjects including: constitutional and criminal law and procedures, criminal investigation, firearms training, and communication and writing skills. All law enforcement personnel hired, transferred, or promoted, are required to complete

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the core training requirements within six months unless the employee receives a waiver from the CJTC.

Summary of Bill:

The CJTC must offer training on human trafficking to all criminal justice and correctional personnel and all employees of state and local agencies that perform public safety duties.

The CJTC must consult with other appropriate public and private organizations that have expertise on the subject of reducing and preventing human trafficking. The training must include a minimum of one hour of classroom or Internet instruction on:

- how to identify suspicious illegal human trafficking activities; and
- suggestions on where victims of human trafficking can get healthcare, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training, interpreting services, language classes, and victim's compensation.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.