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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; and  
3 providing an expiration date.

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

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

7 (1) The office of crime victims advocacy is designated as the  
8 single point of contact in state government regarding the trafficking  
9 of persons.

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

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

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

20 (c) Providing a comprehensive directory of resources for victims  
21 of trafficking; and

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

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

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

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

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

11 (b) The secretary of the department of health, or the secretary's  
12 designee;

13 (c) The secretary of the department of social and health  
14 services, or the secretary's designee;

15 (d) The director of the department of labor and industries, or  
16 the director's designee;

17 (e) The commissioner of the employment security department, or  
18 the commissioner's designee;

19 (f) Nine members, selected by the director of the office of  
20 (~~community development~~) crime victims advocacy, that represent  
21 public and private sector organizations that provide assistance to  
22 persons who are victims of trafficking.

23 (3) The task force shall be chaired by the director of the office  
24 of (~~community development~~) crime victims advocacy, or the  
25 director's designee.

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

27 (a) Measure and evaluate the progress of the state in trafficking  
28 prevention activities;

29 (b) Identify available federal, state, and local programs that  
30 provide services to victims of trafficking that include, but are not  
31 limited to health care, human services, housing, education, legal  
32 assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services,  
33 English as a second language classes, and victim's compensation; and

34 (c) Make recommendations on methods to provide a coordinated  
35 system of support and assistance to persons who are victims of  
36 trafficking.

37 (5) The task force shall report its (~~supplemental~~) findings and  
38 make recommendations to the governor and legislature (~~by June 30,~~  
39 2004) as needed.

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

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

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

8 **Sec. 3.** RCW 7.68.801 and 2013 c 253 s 1 are each amended to read  
9 as follows:

10 (1) The commercially sexually exploited children statewide  
11 coordinating committee is established to address the issue of  
12 children who are commercially sexually exploited, to examine the  
13 practices of local and regional entities involved in addressing  
14 sexually exploited children, and to make recommendations on statewide  
15 laws and practices.

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

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

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

22 (c) A representative of the governor's office appointed by the  
23 governor;

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

26 (e) The secretary of the juvenile rehabilitation administration  
27 or his or her designee;

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

29 (g) The superintendent of public instruction or his or her  
30 designee;

31 (h) A representative of the administrative office of the courts  
32 appointed by the administrative office of the courts;

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

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

37 (k) A representative of the Washington association of prosecuting  
38 attorneys appointed by the association;

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

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

6           (n) Two representatives of nongovernmental organizations familiar  
7 with the issues affecting commercially sexually exploited children  
8 appointed by the attorney general;

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

11           (p) The president of the juvenile court administrators or his or  
12 her designee;

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

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

16           (s) A representative of the center for children and youth  
17 justice;

18           (t) A representative from the office of crime victims advocacy;  
19 and

20           (u) The executive director of the Washington coalition of sexual  
21 assault programs.

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

23           (a) Overseeing and reviewing the implementation of the Washington  
24 state model protocol for commercially sexually exploited children at  
25 pilot sites;

26           (b) Receiving reports and data from local and regional entities  
27 regarding the incidence of commercially sexually exploited children  
28 in their areas as well as data information regarding perpetrators,  
29 geographic data and location trends, and any other data deemed  
30 relevant;

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

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

36           (e) Making recommendations regarding policy and legislative  
37 changes that would improve the effectiveness of the state's response  
38 to and promote best practices for suppression of the commercial  
39 sexual exploitation of children;

1 (f) Making recommendations regarding data collection useful to  
2 understanding or addressing the problem of commercially sexually  
3 exploited children; and

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

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

8 (5) The committee shall report its findings to the appropriate  
9 committees of the legislature and to any other known statewide  
10 committees addressing trafficking or the commercial sex trade by June  
11 30th of each year.

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

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