

# Senate Bill 841

Sponsored by Senators STARR, ATKINSON

## SUMMARY

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Requires Director of Economic and Community Development Department to convene work group to develop protocols for integrated delivery of services to victims of trafficking in persons. Specifies membership of work group. Requires director to report protocols to Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly and each regular session of Legislative Assembly thereafter.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to trafficking in persons; and declaring an emergency.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

5 (a) **Trafficking in persons is one of the greatest threats to human dignity and is growing**  
6 **to epidemic proportions and impacting this state;**

7 (b) **There are many state agencies and private organizations that provide services to**  
8 **victims of trafficking in persons;**

9 (c) **Victims of trafficking in persons often are in need of emergency medical care, food,**  
10 **housing, vocational training, English language training, mental health care and legal ser-**  
11 **vices; and**

12 (d) **This state must establish:**

13 (A) **A coordinated system of identifying and addressing the needs of victims of trafficking**  
14 **in persons;**

15 (B) **Protocols for the training of service delivery agencies and staff;**

16 (C) **Protocols for timely and appropriate delivery of services; and**

17 (D) **Improved investigation and prosecution of trafficking in persons.**

18 (2)(a) **The Director of the Economic and Community Development Department, or the**  
19 **director's designee, shall, within existing resources, convene and chair a work group to de-**  
20 **velop written protocols for the delivery of social, legal and law enforcement services to vic-**  
21 **tims of trafficking in persons. The director shall invite appropriate federal agencies to**  
22 **consult with the work group for the purpose of developing protocols that, to the extent**  
23 **possible, are in concert with federal law and policies. The work group shall consist of the**  
24 **following individuals:**

25 (A) **The Director of Human Services or the director's designee;**

26 (B) **The Attorney General or the Attorney General's designee;**

27 (C) **The Director of the Employment Department or the director's designee;**

28 (D) **The Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries or the commissioner's**  
29 **designee;**

30 (E) **A representative of the Oregon District Attorneys Association;**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (F) The Superintendent of State Police or the superintendent's designee;

2 (G) A representative of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association;

3 (H) A representative of the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police; and

4 (I) Five individuals selected by the Director of the Economic and Community Develop-  
5 ment Department from individuals recommended by private sector organizations that provide  
6 services to victims of trafficking in persons.

7 (b) Members of the work group are not entitled to compensation.

8 (c) Protocols developed by the work group must:

9 (A) Be implemented by the Economic and Community Development Department, the  
10 Department of Human Services, the Department of Justice, the Oregon State Police, the  
11 Bureau of Labor and Industries and the Employment Department;

12 (B) Provide policies and procedures for interagency coordinated operations and cooper-  
13 ation with public and private agencies and organizations, including law enforcement agencies  
14 and district attorneys;

15 (C) Provide for the establishment of a database that contains the names, addresses and  
16 telephone numbers of agencies that provide services to victims of trafficking in persons and  
17 that is accessible by all affected agencies; and

18 (D) Establish guidelines for meeting the social service needs of victims of trafficking in  
19 persons including the needs for housing, health care and employment.

20 (d) The Director of the Economic and Community Development Department shall con-  
21 vene the work group no less frequently than every two years to review the protocols and  
22 make revisions that are appropriate. The director shall report the protocols to the Seventy-  
23 sixth Legislative Assembly and to every regular session of the Legislative Assembly there-  
24 after.

25 SECTION 2. This 2009 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public  
26 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2009 Act takes effect  
27 on its passage.

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