

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 04/20/15

Action: Do Pass As Amended And Be Printed Engrossed.

Meeting Dates: 03/25, 04/20

Vote:

Yeas: 9 - Buehler, Evans, Gallegos, Hayden, Keny-Guyer, Parrish, Piluso, Stark, Taylor

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) to develop model sign for victims of human trafficking. Requires sign be available on departmental website. Directs DCBS and Department of Human Services create sticker consistent with sign. Directs Oregon Liquor Control Commission to include materials in outlet license renewal packets. Becomes operative 60 days after passage. Sunsets January 2, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Resources for victims of human trafficking

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Allows non-profit organizations to distribute certain branded and prescribed materials to Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) and outlets. Directs OLCC to include materials in outlet license renewal packets. Sunsets January 2, 2018. Adds emergency clause.

BACKGROUND:

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Victims of human trafficking are children, teenagers, men, and women, however in Oregon approximately 80 percent of the victims are women and half of those are children and youth under age 18. According to the Polaris Project that operates the National Human Trafficking Resource Center: "There is no official estimate of the total number of human trafficking victims in the U.S. With 100,000 children estimated to be in the sex trade in the United States each year, it is clear that the total number of victims nationally reaches into the hundreds of thousands when estimates of both adults and minors and sex trafficking and labor trafficking are aggregated. Victims of human trafficking are subjected to force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of engaging in commercial sex or forcing them to provide labor services against their will."

House Bill 3143-A directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to create materials to be distributed via non-profit organizations and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, to bars and other establishments, to provide victims of human trafficking with information including the phone number of the National Human Trafficking Resource Center.