

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/14/15

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 05/14

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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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 DCBS website. Directs DCBS and Department of Human Services to create sticker consistent with sign. Directs Oregon Liquor Control Commission to include materials in outlet license renewal packets. Declares emergency, effective on passage. Becomes operative 60 days after passage. Sunsets January 2, 2018.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Difficulty of empowering victims of sex trafficking to communicate with and receive information from assistance groups in ways that cannot be discovered

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Human trafficking is considered a form of modern-day slavery. Victims are children, teenagers, men, and women; however, in Oregon approximately 80 percent of 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 against their will."

House Bill 3143-A directs the Department of Consumer and Business Services to create materials to be distributed via nonprofit 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.