

HB 2740 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Huffman

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/14/17

Action: Do Pass.

Vote: 10-0-1-0

Yeas: 10 - Barker, Gorsek, Greenlick, Lininger, Olson, Post, Sanchez, Stark, Vial, Williamson

Exc: 1 - Sprenger

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies crime of trafficking in persons to include, in specified circumstances, victims who are 15, 16 or 17 years of age.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Average age of recruitment of trafficking victims
- Persons not subject to prosecution for trafficking in persons because of age of victim

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The crime of trafficking in persons can be committed in several ways. House Bill 2740 amends the provisions of the crime applicable to minors engaged in commercial sex acts. Under current law, a person commits the crime if the person knowingly recruits, entices, harbors, transports, provides or obtains another person, or attempts to do so, and knows or recklessly disregards the fact that the other person is under age 15 and will be used in a commercial sex act. House Bill 2740 applies this provision to victims who are 15, 16 or 17 years of age.