

**SB 596 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Provides that any evidence obtained from a person's report of the commission of a person felony to law enforcement may not be used in prosecution of the person for prostitution or attempted prostitution.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

Senate Bill 596 extends protection from criminal liability for prostitution when an individual is reporting a person felony. The purpose of the bill, according to proponents, is for a crime victim to feel safe reporting to emergency communications crimes committed against them.

Senate Bill 596 is an important step towards protecting victims of sex trafficking by allowing for the reporting of person felonies without fear of criminal prosecution for prostitution.