

**SB 596 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Carrier:** Rep. Stark

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**Action Date:** 04/29/19

**Action:** Do Pass.

**Vote:** 8-0-3-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Bynum, Gorsek, Greenlick, Lewis, McLane, Power, Stark, Williamson

**Exc:** 3 - Barker, Piluso, Sprenger

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 4/22, 4/29

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Limited to evidence for crime of prostitution
- Codification of a policy in practice in many jurisdictions
- Encourages victims of persons crime to report without fear of prosecution
- Increases access to justice for vulnerable population

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

A person commits the crime of prostitution if the person engages in, or offers or agrees to engage in, sexual conduct or sexual contact in return for a fee.

Senate Bill 596 extends protection from criminal liability for prostitution when an individual is reporting a person felony committed against them.