

ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE

FIRST SESSION

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 243

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PURPOSE: To study the extent of human trafficking in Nebraska in connection with labor and sex trafficking and whether or not current statutes are adequate to address this issue. Issues addressed by this interim study should include, but are not limited to, the following:

(1) Collect and organize data on the nature and extent of human trafficking in Nebraska;

(2) Identify areas of correlation between human trafficking and immigration enforcement issues in Nebraska;

(3) Determine the occurrence of the utilization of the T Nonimmigrant Visa in Nebraska;

(4) Analyze existing state and criminal statutes for their adequacy in addressing human trafficking and, if such analysis determines that those statutes are inadequate, recommend revisions to those statutes or the enactment of new statutes that specifically define and address human trafficking;

(5) Identify and evaluate statutory changes in other states as they relate to human trafficking, including, but not limited to:

(a) Laws which criminalize or increase penalties for human trafficking;

(b) Laws which create task forces, state commissions, or committees on human trafficking;

(c) Laws which provide services and protections to victims of human trafficking;

(d) Laws which establish extortion if there are threats of reporting a person's immigrant status; and

(e) Any other state laws that relate to human trafficking;

(6) Investigate collaborative models for protecting and identifying victims of human trafficking;

(7) Identify available federal, state, and local programs that provide services to victims of human trafficking that include, but are not limited to, health care, human services, housing, education, legal assistance, job training or preparation, interpreting services, English as a second language classes, voluntary repatriation, and victim's compensation for which victims of human trafficking may qualify; and

(8) Consult with governmental and nongovernmental organizations in developing recommendations to strengthen state and local efforts to prevent human trafficking, protect and assist victims of human trafficking, and prosecute human traffickers and users of victims of human trafficking for forced labor services or commercial sexual activity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Judiciary Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.