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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB1145

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: February 16, 2012

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 1145 requires that the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) Hotline number must be posted in key establishments throughout the state. Posting the NHTRC Hotline will provide help and assistance to victims, anyone who wants to provide a tip, or who would like additional information on human trafficking.

LB 1145 mandates training for government officials on human trafficking. The training will include information regarding the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking; the identification, protection, and assistance of victims; and methods to increase cooperation between relevant stakeholders including nongovernmental organizations.

LB 1145 allows for victims of sex trafficking to file a motion to vacate a conviction of prostitution.

LB 1145 authorizes law enforcement officials to seize property obtained due to a violation of the state human trafficking statute, which would then be subject to forfeiture. This provision enables the state to hold human traffickers financially accountable for their illegal actions, and therefore places the fiscal burden on the human trafficker rather than the state. This bill will enable the state to generate financial resources rather than to expend them and therefore has a positive fiscal impact.

LB 1145 establishes a commission on human trafficking. We need clear data in order to attack the issue of human trafficking efficiently. This data has not been collected and the creation of this commission would create a data collection process.

LB 1145 provides a greater penalty for pandering as it relates to an adult victim and an even greater penalty if the victim is a minor.

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