

**Legislature - First Session - 2019**

**Introducer's Statement of Intent**

**LB517**

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**Chairperson: Senator Steve Lathrop**

**Committee: Judiciary**

**Date of Hearing: March 21, 2019**

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

LB517 allows a court to increase the award of damages to a plaintiff who prevails in a civil action brought pursuant to the Human Trafficking Victims Civil Remedy Act to an amount that bears a reasonable relation to the actual damages which have been sustained. Actual damages may include costs of medical and psychological treatment, transportation, temporary housing, child care, property damage, income loss and other damages a trafficking victim may incur.

**Principal Introducer:** \_\_\_\_\_

Senator Patty Pansing Brooks