

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE BILL 5127** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Kohl-Welles, Benton, Hargrove, Roach, Prentice,
Thibaudeau, Stevens, Fraser and Keiser

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& Corrections.

1 AN ACT Relating to services for victims of trafficking of humans;
2 adding a new section to chapter 7.68 RCW; creating a new section; and
3 declaring an emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that human
6 trafficking is growing to epidemic proportions and that our state is
7 impacted. Human trafficking is one of the greatest threats to human
8 dignity. It is the commodification of human beings and an assault on
9 human values. Washington is, and must continue to be, a national
10 leader at the state level in the fight against human trafficking.

11 The legislature recognizes there are many state agencies and
12 private organizations that might be called on to provide services to
13 victims of trafficking of humans. Victims of human trafficking are
14 often in need of services such as emergency medical attention, food and
15 shelter, vocational and English language training, mental health
16 counseling, and legal support. The state intends to improve the
17 response of state, local, and private entities to incidents of
18 trafficking of humans. Victims would be better served if there is an
19 established, coordinated system of identifying the needs of trafficking

1 victims, protocols for training of service delivery agencies and staff,
2 timely and appropriate delivery of services, and better investigations
3 and prosecutions of trafficking.

4 Leadership in providing services to victims of trafficking of
5 humans also extends beyond government efforts and is grounded in the
6 work of highly dedicated individuals and community-based groups.
7 Without these efforts the struggle against human trafficking will be
8 very difficult to win. The legislature, therefore, finds that such
9 efforts merit regular public recognition and appreciation. Such
10 recognition and appreciation will encourage the efforts of all persons
11 to end human trafficking, and provide the public with information and
12 education about the necessity of its involvement in this struggle.

13 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 7.68 RCW
14 to read as follows:

15 (1) By July 1, 2005, the director of the department of community,
16 trade, and economic development, or the director's designee, shall
17 within existing resources convene and chair a work group to develop
18 written protocols for delivery of services to victims of trafficking of
19 humans. The director shall invite appropriate federal agencies to
20 consult with the work group for the purpose of developing protocols
21 that, to the extent possible, are in concert with federal statutes,
22 regulations, and policies. In addition to the director of the
23 department of community, trade, and economic development, the following
24 shall be members of the work group: The secretary of the department of
25 health, the secretary of the department of social and health services,
26 the attorney general, the director of the department of labor and
27 industries, the commissioner of the employment security department, a
28 representative of the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys,
29 the chief of the Washington state patrol, two members selected by the
30 Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs, and five members,
31 selected by the director of the department of community, trade, and
32 economic development from a list submitted by public and private sector
33 organizations that provide assistance to persons who are victims of
34 trafficking. The attorney general, the chief of the Washington state
35 patrol, and the secretaries or directors may designate a person to
36 serve in their place.

37 Members of the work group shall serve without compensation.

1 (2) The protocols must meet all of the following minimum standards:

2 (a) The protocols must apply to the following state agencies: The
3 department of community, trade, and economic development, the
4 department of health, the department of social and health services, the
5 attorney general's office, the Washington state patrol, the department
6 of labor and industries, and the employment security department;

7 (b) The protocols must provide policies and procedures for
8 interagency coordinated operations and cooperation with government
9 agencies and nongovernmental organizations, agencies, and
10 jurisdictions, including law enforcement agencies and prosecuting
11 attorneys;

12 (c) The protocols must include the establishment of a data base
13 electronically available to all affected agencies which contains the
14 name, address, and telephone numbers of agencies that provide services
15 to victims of human trafficking; and

16 (d) The protocols must provide guidelines for providing for the
17 social service needs of victims of trafficking of humans, including
18 housing, health care, and employment.

19 (3) By January 1, 2006, the work group shall finalize the written
20 protocols and submit them with a report to the legislature and the
21 governor.

22 (4) The protocols shall be reviewed on a biennial basis by the work
23 group to determine whether revisions are appropriate. The director of
24 the department of community, trade, and economic development, or the
25 director's designee, shall within existing resources reconvene and
26 chair the work group for this purpose.

27 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
28 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
29 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
30 immediately.

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