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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED 02/15/14 **HB** 181/aHCPAC/aHFL#1

SPONSOR Kane

SHORT TITLE Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline **SB** _____

ANALYST Chenier

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal	Minimal	Minimal	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the District Attorney (AODA)
 Attorney General’s Office (AGO)
 Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)
 Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HFI#1 Amendment

The House Floor Amendment #1 adds language designating the “director of the labor relations division of the” workforce solutions department as the person responsible for providing information to employers about the notice. The amendment also adds a new subsection stating that “when necessary, a department shall update the relevant telephone and texting numbers provided in the version of the notice posted on its public access internet web site.”

Synopsis of HCPAC Amendment

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee amendment to House Bill 181 changes the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline number to the correct number. The amendment also moves a quotation mark so that a potential user of the hotline would know to text “INFO” to “BEFREE” as opposed to texting “INFO TO BEFREE”.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 181 requires employers subject to the Minimum Wage Act, licensed liquor establishments, health facilities licensed pursuant to the Public Health Act and state or local government agencies that manage a transportation facility to post a sign in English, Spanish and any other written language where ten percent or more of the workers or users of the facility speak that language containing a specific message relating to the crime of human trafficking and displaying the National Human Trafficking Resource Center Hotline number and The Life Link helpline number. The Bill also contains requirements on the size of the sign, how and where it should be displayed and the agencies responsible for providing information about the required notice.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

State entities subject to the posting requirements of HB 181 may have expenses related to determining which languages must be used in the notice, and in obtaining translations into those languages. The state entities required to provide information about the required notice, and required to post the notice on their web sites will have expenses related to carrying out those duties.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In the first six months of 2013, of the sixty calls from New Mexico to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC), six of the callers were aware of the hotline from an Internet-Web Search, two by referral, two by word of mouth and one each from television, pamphlet, campaign, billboard and prior knowledge.

The current AGO campaign to promote the NHTRC Hotline is aimed at reaching out to victims of human trafficking and providing them with the phone number to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. The AGO's experience in handling human trafficking cases in New Mexico tells us that victims are being brought into our state from other states and moved along our major interstates. The AGO has created fifty dispensers, which display a poster with information about human trafficking and the NHTRC Hotline number. The poster provides the information in four different languages, English, Spanish, Mandarin Chinese and Vietnamese. The dispensers also contain small note cards with the NHTRC Hotline number, which can be pulled from the bottom of the dispenser. The New Mexico Department of Transportation is allowing the AGO access to rest areas throughout the state to install these dispensers in restrooms along N.M.'s major Interstate Highways. The AGO will also be soliciting truck stops throughout the state for permission to install dispensers at these roadside establishments. The NHTRC has agreed to track the number of calls from New Mexico which directly results from this outreach effort, in addition to receiving hotline calls, which are screened and directed to law enforcement and services where appropriate.

In the first six months of 2013, of the sixty calls from New Mexico to the NHTRC, thirteen were classified as crisis or tip calls and fourteen as high risk calls, and eleven calls referenced potential human trafficking situations in New Mexico.