



Legislative Council Staff

Research Note

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Bill Number

House Bill 16-1033

Sponsors

***Representatives McCann &
Nordberg
Senators Kefalas & Newell***

Short Title

***Travel Costs & Members Human
Trafficking Council***

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Status

This research note reflects the final version of the bill which becomes effective on August 10, 2016, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

Summary

This bill allows members of the Colorado Human Trafficking Council to be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties on the council. The bill adds a representative of the Judicial Branch to the council.

Background

Human trafficking is knowingly selling, recruiting, harboring, transporting, transferring, isolating, enticing, providing, receiving, or obtaining by any means another person for the purpose of coercing the other person to perform labor or services. Human trafficking is a class 3 felony; except that human trafficking of a minor is a class 2 felony.

The Colorado Human Trafficking Council was established in 2014. It is comprised of members of various state and local departments, statewide associations, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, and members of the public. The council makes recommendations and reports to the Judiciary committees of the General Assembly. The council is set to repeal on September 1, 2019.

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House Action

House Health, Insurance, and Environment Committee (January 28, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from the Department of Public Safety testified in support of the bill, and a representative of the Colorado Farm Bureau testified in a neutral capacity on the bill.

The committee adopted amendment L.002, and referred the bill to the House Committee of the Whole. Amendment L.002 reinstated the Colorado Human Trafficking Council member who is appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and added a representative of the Judicial branch to the council.

House second reading (February 1, 2016). The House adopted the House Health, Insurance, and Environment committee report. The House passed the bill on second reading, as amended.

House third reading (February 2, 2016). The House passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Senate Action

Senate Judiciary Committee (February 22, 2016). At the hearing, a representative from the Department of Public Safety testified in support of the bill. The committee referred the bill to the Senate Appropriations Committee with no amendments.

Senate Appropriations Committee (March 4, 2016). The committee referred the bill to the Senate Committee of the Whole with a recommendation that it be placed on the consent calendar.

Senate second reading (March 8, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on second reading with no amendments.

Senate third reading (March 9, 2016). The Senate passed the bill on third reading with no amendments.

Relevant Research

Colorado Human Trafficking Council 2015 Annual Report. <http://bit.ly/1sQmupJ>.