
UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No: SCR 112
Author: Grove (R), et al.
Amended: 4/14/26
Vote: 21

ASSEMBLY FLOOR: 72-0, 2/26/26 (Consent) - See last page for vote

SUBJECT: National Human Trafficking Awareness Month

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution recognizes the month of January 2026 as National Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

Assembly Amendments of 4/14/26 make technical changes and include additional statistical findings.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Classified as a felony, human trafficking is a form of modern slavery. It is a crime that involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to recruit, harbor, transport, provide, or obtain a person for the purpose of labor or sexual exploitation. As one of the most underreported crimes, it is extremely difficult to conduct accurate surveys on human trafficking.
- 2) In 2021, the International Labour Organization (ILO) estimated that there were 49.6 million victims of human trafficking globally, of which 27.6 million were in forced labor and 22 million in forced marriage.
- 3) Recent research supported by the National Institute of Justice reveals that labor and sex trafficking data appearing in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national Uniform Crime Reporting Program may significantly understate the extent of human trafficking crimes in the United States.

- 4) According to United States Citizenship and Immigration Services data, the number of T-1 visa applicants filed by trafficking victims increased from 1,701 in fiscal year 2021 to 15,332 in fiscal year 2024, which is an increase of approximately 800 percent. This statistic reinforces the claim that immigrants are at high risk for labor exploitation and trafficking by bad actors who weaponize their immigration status against them.
- 5) The Legislature recognizes the continuously growing crime of human trafficking within California due to its ever-increasing population and primary airports and harbors.
- 6) The State of California is committed to combating all forms of human trafficking, recovering victims, prosecuting offenders, advocating on behalf of victims, raising community awareness, and strengthening collaborative partnerships.

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Related/Prior Legislation

SCR 97 – (Grove, Resolution Chapter 4, Statutes of 2024)

ACR 125 (Pellerin, Resolution Chapter 19, Statutes of 2024)

SR 52 – (Grove, 2024) From committee without further action.

HR 63 – (Villapudua, 2024) Died at desk.

SR 6 – (Grove, 2023) Adopted in Senate.

HR 7 – (Dahle, 2023) Adopted in Assembly.

SR 65 – (Grove, 2022) Adopted in Senate.

FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 5/6/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 5/6/26)

None received

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AYES: Addis, Aguiar-Curry, Ahrens, Alanis, Alvarez, Arambula, Ávila Farías, Bains, Bauer-Kahan, Bennett, Berman, Boerner, Bonta, Bryan, Calderon, Caloza, Carrillo, Castillo, Chen, Connolly, Davies, DeMaio, Dixon, Elhawary,

Ellis, Flora, Fong, Gabriel, Gallagher, Garcia, Gipson, Jeff Gonzalez, Mark González, Hadwick, Haney, Harabedian, Hoover, Irwin, Jackson, Johnson, Kalra, Krell, Lackey, Lowenthal, Macedo, Muratsuchi, Nguyen, Ortega, Pacheco, Patel, Patterson, Pellerin, Petrie-Norris, Quirk-Silva, Ransom, Michelle Rodriguez, Rogers, Blanca Rubio, Sanchez, Schiavo, Schultz, Solache, Soria, Stefani, Ta, Tangipa, Wallis, Ward, Wicks, Wilson, Zbur, Rivas
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