

6443

Sponsor(s): Senators Kohl-Welles, Winsley, Hargrove, Schmidt, Fraser, Benton and Roach

Brief Description: Providing protocols for services for victims of trafficking of humans.

SB 6443 - DIGEST

Declares an intent to improve the response of state, local, and private entities to incidents of trafficking of humans in order to provide better investigations and prosecutions of such acts and to establish a coordinated and humane system of identifying the needs of persons who are victimized by human trafficking in order to deliver appropriate services in a way that promotes safety and dignity.

Recognizes there are many state agencies and private organizations that might be called on to provide services to victims of trafficking of humans and that such victims would be better served if protocols are developed for training of service delivery agencies staff and the delivery of services.

Provides that, by July 1, 2004, the director of the department of community, trade, and economic development, or the director's designee, shall within existing resources convene and chair a work group to develop written protocols for delivery of services to victims of trafficking of humans.

Requires that, by January 1, 2005, the work group shall finalize the written protocols and submit them with a report to the legislature and the governor.