

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 288—ASSEMBLYMAN O’NEILL

MARCH 14, 2023

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Establishes the Nevada Blue Ribbon Committee on Human Trafficking. (BDR 16-914)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact. Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to human trafficking; establishing the Nevada Blue Ribbon Committee on Human Trafficking; prescribing the membership and duties of the Committee; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 **Section 2** of this bill establishes the Nevada Blue Ribbon Committee on
2 Human Trafficking and provides for the membership of the Committee. **Section 3**
3 of this bill requires the Committee to: (1) review and make recommendations on
4 matters relating to human trafficking; and (2) upon request, appear before the Joint
5 Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary during the legislative interim to report
6 on matters relating to human trafficking. **Section 3** also requires the Committee to
7 prepare and submit to the Governor and the Director of the Legislative Counsel
8 Bureau for transmittal to the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary a
9 biennial report concerning its activities. Finally, **section 3** authorizes the
10 Committee to provide outreach, education and training on matters relating to
11 human trafficking. **Section 4** of this bill requires the Committee to consider certain
12 matters during the 2023-2024 legislative interim and include its findings and any
13 recommendations for legislation in the report required by **section 3**.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** Chapter 217 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3 **Sec. 2. 1. *The Nevada Blue Ribbon Committee on Human***
4 ***Trafficking is hereby established.***



1 2. *The Committee consists of 11 members appointed by the*
2 *Governor. The Governor shall appoint to the Committee:*

3 (a) *Three members who represent local law enforcement*
4 *agencies, one each of whom must represent a county whose*
5 *population:*

6 (1) *Is less than 100,000.*

7 (2) *Is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000.*

8 (3) *Is 700,000 or more.*

9 (b) *One member who represents the interests of licensed*
10 *houses of prostitution.*

11 (c) *One member who represents the trucking industry.*

12 (d) *One member who represents the gaming industry.*

13 (e) *One member who represents the Board of Massage*
14 *Therapy.*

15 (f) *Two members who represent local government, one each of*
16 *whom must represent a county whose population:*

17 (1) *Is 100,000 or more but less than 700,000.*

18 (2) *Is 700,000 or more.*

19 (g) *One member of the general public who is either employed*
20 *by an organization that provides services, education or outreach*
21 *related to human trafficking, or works with such an organization*
22 *on a regular basis.*

23 (h) *One member who represents the general public.*

24 3. *Each appointed member serves for a term of 2 years.*
25 *Members may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the*
26 *same manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy*
27 *occurring in the membership of the Committee must be filled in*
28 *the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30*
29 *days after the vacancy occurs.*

30 4. *The Committee shall annually select a Chair from among*
31 *its members.*

32 5. *The Committee shall meet at least once each calendar*
33 *quarter and at other times at the call of the Chair or a majority of*
34 *its members.*

35 6. *A majority of the members of the Committee constitutes a*
36 *quorum for the transaction of all business.*

37 7. *Members of the Committee serve without compensation but*
38 *are entitled to receive the per diem allowance and travel expenses*
39 *provided for state officers and employees generally while engaged*
40 *in the business of the Committee.*

41 **Sec. 3. 1. The Committee shall:**

42 (a) *Review and make recommendations on matters relating to*
43 *human trafficking, including, without limitation:*

44 (1) *Evidence-based best practices for identifying victims of*
45 *human trafficking and providing services to such victims.*



1 (2) *Data on human trafficking.*

2 (3) *Policies intended to reduce or prevent human*
3 *trafficking.*

4 (4) *Resources and services available to victims of human*
5 *trafficking.*

6 (5) *Any other matter submitted by the Chair.*

7 (b) *At the request of the Joint Interim Standing Committee on*
8 *the Judiciary, appear before the Joint Interim Standing*
9 *Committee during the legislative interim to report on matters*
10 *relating to human trafficking.*

11 2. *The Committee may provide outreach, education and*
12 *training on matters relating to human trafficking, including,*
13 *without limitation:*

14 (a) *Training regarding methods, procedures and practices for:*

15 (1) *Identifying victims of human trafficking.*

16 (2) *Reporting suspected human trafficking.*

17 (b) *Information on and referral to available resources*
18 *regarding human trafficking.*

19 3. *On or before August 1 of each even-numbered year, the*
20 *Committee shall prepare and submit to the Governor and to the*
21 *Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for transmittal to*
22 *the Joint Interim Standing Committee on the Judiciary a report*
23 *concerning the activities of the Committee. The report must*
24 *include, without limitation, a summary of the activities of the*
25 *Committee during the immediately preceding biennium and any*
26 *recommendations of the Committee for legislation or other*
27 *policies.*

28 4. *As used in this section, "Committee" means the Nevada*
29 *Blue Ribbon Committee on Human Trafficking established by*
30 *section 2 of this act.*

31 **Sec. 4.** 1. As part of the review of matters relating to human
32 trafficking during the 2023-2024 legislative interim required by
33 section 3 of this act, the Nevada Blue Ribbon Committee on Human
34 Trafficking shall:

35 (a) Review and make recommendations regarding the manner in
36 which persons or entities who are likely to encounter victims of
37 human trafficking, including, without limitation, massage therapists,
38 massage, reflexology and structural integration establishments and
39 licensed houses of prostitution:

40 (1) *Identify victims of human trafficking; and*

41 (2) *Report known or suspected human trafficking; and*

42 (b) *Include its findings and any recommendations for legislation*
43 *in the report prepared and submitted pursuant to section 3 of this act.*

44 2. As used in this section:



1 (a) "Massage, reflexology and structural integration
2 establishment" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 640C.330.

3 (b) "Massage therapist" has the meaning ascribed to it in
4 NRS 640C.050.

5 **Sec. 5.** The provisions of subsection 1 of NRS 218D.380 do
6 not apply to any provision of this act which adds or revises a
7 requirement to submit a report to the Legislature.

8 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

