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**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 212(JUD)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**

**BY THE SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Offered:**  
**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): SENATOR MCGUIRE**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to crimes of human trafficking; establishing the Human Trafficking**  
2 **Task Force to evaluate services available to victims of human trafficking; and relating to**  
3 **the recommendations and report of the task force."**

4 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

5 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
6 to read:

7 HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE. (a) The Human Trafficking Task Force is  
8 established in the Department of Law. The attorney general, or the attorney general's  
9 designee, shall serve as the chair of the task force. The task force consists of representatives  
10 of the Department of Law, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Health and  
11 Social Services, and two members, appointed by the governor, representing nongovernmental  
12 health and social services organizations that provide services to victims of human trafficking.  
13 The task force shall examine the prevalence of the crimes of human trafficking in the state  
14 and the services that are available to victims of the crimes of human trafficking under

1 AS 11.41.360 and 11.41.365.

2 (b) The task force established in (a) of this section shall submit a report to the  
3 legislature by January 15, 2013. The report must include a current assessment of services  
4 currently available to victims of human trafficking, recommendations for improving services  
5 to victims of human trafficking, and the following information:

6 (1) the number of human trafficking cases reported to state and local law  
7 enforcement agencies in the state since 2007;

8 (2) the number of human trafficking cases prosecuted under Alaska law;

9 (3) the number of human trafficking cases state and local law enforcement  
10 agencies have investigated in cooperation with federal law enforcement agencies;

11 (4) the services currently available in the state to victims of human trafficking,  
12 including services provided by state agencies, federal agencies, or nongovernmental agencies  
13 relating to

14 (A) medical or psychological counseling;

15 (B) emergency shelter;

16 (C) translation;

17 (D) other assistance related to safe housing and legal services.

18 (c) The task force established in (a) of this section shall solicit information and input  
19 from local, state, and federal agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and other interested  
20 persons. The task force shall hold at least one public meeting and shall provide reasonable  
21 public notice, teleconference capability, and an opportunity for interested organizations,  
22 groups, or individuals to provide written or oral comments. Minutes of meetings and written  
23 comments provided to the task force shall be included in the report provided under (b) of this  
24 section.

25 (d) The state agency members of the task force shall be employees of their respective  
26 agencies, designated by the attorney general, the commissioner of public safety, or the  
27 commissioner of health and social services. Expenses, other than the personnel expenses, of  
28 the state agency members of the task force shall be shared by the Department of Law, the  
29 Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Health and Social Services. The  
30 nongovernmental health and social service organizations whose members are appointed by the  
31 governor shall be responsible for their members' costs in participating on the task force.

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\* **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this Act is repealed June 1, 2013.

AMENDMENT

#1

OFFERED IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR MCGUIRE

TO: SB 212

1 Page 1, line 10:

2 Delete "and"

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4 Page 1, line 11, following "Services":

5 Insert ", and two members, appointed by the governor, representing nongovernmental  
6 health and social services organizations that provide services to victims of human trafficking"

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8 Page 2, line 23, following "The":

9 Insert "state agency"

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11 Page 2, line 25, following "expenses, of the":

12 Insert "state agency"

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14 Page 2, line 27, following "Services.":

15 Insert "The nongovernmental health and social service organizations whose members  
16 are appointed by the governor shall be responsible for their members' costs in participating on  
17 the task force."

# FISCAL NOTE

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 Dept. Affected Law  
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**Expenditures/Revenues** (Thousands of Dollars)

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	FY13 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY13 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
			FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>								
Personal Services								
Travel	4.0							
Services								
Commodities								
Capital Outlay								
Grants, Benefits								
Miscellaneous								
<b>TOTAL OPERATING</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

FUND SOURCE		(Thousands of Dollars)						
		FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	
1002	Federal Receipts							
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CHANGE IN REVENUES	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18

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The task force would be required to assess the prevalence of human trafficking in the State Of Alaska since 2007, the number of prosecutions, and the services available to victims of human trafficking.

The fiscal impact would be \$4,000 for travel costs and other costs associated with the task force

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## Senator Lesil McGuire

### Sponsor Statement for SB212

*“An Act relating to crimes of human trafficking; establishing the Human Trafficking Task Force to evaluate services available to victims of human trafficking; and relating to the recommendations and report of the task force.”*

Human Trafficking is a major problem facing Alaska and has captured the attention of Governor Parnell, Senator Murkowski, members of the Alaska State Legislature as well as non-profit and community organizations, eliciting the same resounding response “How can we help stop this?”

Suggestions from organizations such as the Polaris Project, the Department of Law, and the Anchorage Police Department have not provided clear answers to this question.

The goal of this legislation is developing a task force that will assist in answering these questions directly.

The task force proposed in SB 212 would be established under the Department of Law. The attorney general or their designee would serve as chair. The task force would consist of representatives from the Department of Law, the Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Health and Social Services.

The legislature would receive a report from the members of the task force by January 15, 2013 on the following information:

1. The number of human trafficking cases reported to the state and local law enforcement agencies in the state since 2007;
2. The number of human trafficking cases prosecuted under Alaska law;
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- a. Medical or psychological counseling;
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- c. Translation services
- d. Other assistance related to safe housing and legal services.

Obtaining this information through an established task force will provide a full spectrum analysis so that we can begin to address these issues and bring together important agencies and individuals that work separately, but with the same goals.

Please join me with your support to help the State of Alaska understand and combat the complex issue of Human Trafficking.

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February 28, 2012

Senator Lesil McGuire  
State Capitol Room 125  
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Dear Senator McGuire,

Thank you for introducing SB 212: "An Act relating to crimes of human trafficking; establishing the Human Trafficking Task Force to evaluate services available to victims of human trafficking; and relating to the recommendations and report of the task force."

Covenant House Alaska (CHA) has been working to prevent human trafficking of youth and protect victims once they disclose abuse for the last several years. Based on reports from youth and law enforcement, CHA knows that the frequency and severity of trafficking cases is increasing. It is often difficult for youth to disclose and report trafficking activities because of the emotional manipulation, coercion and fear "pimps" impart on victims. CHA knows that youth are being violently forced into sex trafficking and held against their will. Youth have also reported being slowly led into trafficking by men acting as boyfriends or providers, only to end up in the rough world of drug houses and prostitution. The end result is repeated and systematic physical abuse and rape.

CHA appreciates the introduction of SB 212 and the deliberate work of the Alaska State Legislature to investigate the nature of this crime, its victims and the perpetrators. The Task Force will shine light on a world that few understand or recognize, yet the world of sex trafficking is alive in our state.

Thank you for your continued and committed work to protect victims of all ages in Alaska. Your advocacy is appreciated!

Sincerely,

Deirdre A. Cronin  
Executive Director