

AB 1541 - Human Trafficking: Reporting

Summary

AB 1541 would require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to publish additional information to the OpenJustice Web portal. This information would include the number of individuals arrested and convicted for adult sex trafficking, child sex trafficking and labor trafficking, as well as the number of victims of those same crimes, as defined in California Penal Code.

Existing Law

Under existing law (Penal Code 13010) the Department of Justice is required to collect data from specified local law enforcement agencies and to make this data available on the department's OpenJustice Web portal.

In addition, Section 13012.9 of Penal code requires that the information published to the OpenJustice Web portal pursuant to Section 13010 shall include information concerning arrests for violations of Section 236.1 and the number of individuals reported as a victim of human trafficking.

Issue

While the legislature has taken multiple steps during recent years to eliminate human trafficking in the state and offer robust services to victims of human trafficking, we are still facing a significant lack of data on human trafficking in California. The most recent DOJ report on human trafficking was released in 2012. Furthermore, the most recent DOJ Criminal Statistics Reporting Requirements report does not include any reporting requirements for human trafficking or the victims, and the annual Crime in California report by the DOJ has no information on human trafficking.

This shortage of data is most apparent in the lack of identification of the types of trafficking occurring in the state, which is critical in informing our response to this ongoing crisis. It is exceedingly difficult to craft impactful public policy without data identifying the most prevalent

types of trafficking and how successful we are in prosecuting the perpetrators.

Solution

AB 1541 will address this information shortcoming by requiring the DOJ to publish additional information to the OpenJustice Web portal. This additional information will include the number arrests and convictions for Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 236.1 of California Penal Code, as well as the number of victims of human trafficking, as defined in Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) of Section 236.1

By identifying the number of arrests and convictions for each specific violation, we will be able to determine how successful the state is at getting perpetrators off our streets. Additionally, this data will provide a more complete picture of how many victims there are of each type of trafficking, enabling us to dedicate more time and resources to those most impacted.

Similar Legislation

AB 1239 (Dixon, 2025) - Human trafficking: data - Chaptered

AB 2020 (Bonta, 2024) - Survivors of Human Trafficking Support Act - Chaptered

SB 376 (Rubio, 2024) - Human trafficking: victim rights - Chaptered

AB 998 (Grayson, 2018) - Human trafficking and domestic violence - Chaptered

Support

California Tribal Business Alliance
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Opposition

None on file.

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