

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: March 30, 2017

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, Intergovernmental Relations, and Neighborhoods Committee

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Assignment No: 17-03-0345

SUBJECT: Resolution (Martinez - Wesson) to SUPPORT AB 260 (Santiago).

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Martinez - Wesson) to include in the City's 2017-2018 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 260 (Santiago), which would make the provisions of Civil Code Section 52.6, which requires certain businesses and establishments to post the notice relating to slavery and human trafficking, applicable to hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns, and other similar transit lodging establishments, other than personal residences.

SUMMARY

Resolution (Martinez - Wesson), introduced on March 24, 2017, describes that in 2012, a State law was adopted to require businesses and other establishments to post a notice informing victims of human trafficking and the public of telephone hotline numbers that can be used to seek help or report unlawful activity. The Resolution provides that the businesses currently required to post this information include adult or sexually oriented businesses; primary airports; passenger rail or light rail stations; bus stations; truck stops; emergency rooms; urgent care centers; farm labor contractors; privately operated recruitment centers; roadside rest areas; and other businesses or establishments that offer massage or bodywork services for compensation. The Resolution calls on the City to support AB 260, which would add to this list hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns, and other similar transit lodging establishments.

BACKGROUND

Existing California law (SB 1193) requires specified businesses to post a notice that includes contact information for specified nonprofit organizations that provide services in support of the elimination of slavery and human trafficking. Businesses currently required to post this information include:

- adult or sexually oriented businesses
- primary airports
- passenger rail or light rail stations
- bus stations
- truck stops
- emergency rooms
- urgent care centers
- farm labor contractors
- privately operated recruitment centers
- roadside rest areas
- massage/bodywork businesses

AB 260 would increase the number of businesses that are required to post this notice by adding hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns, and similar transient lodging establishments, other than personal residences. California is leading the nation in human trafficking crime. The National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) reports that it received 26,727 calls about human trafficking in 2016. Between 2007 and 2015, 1,434 cases of human trafficking were reported in hotels and motels to the NHTH and an emergency texting helpline. By adding hotels and motels to the State notice law, this notice will be posted in locations frequented by human trafficking victims.

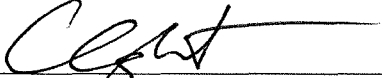
The City previously supported SB 1193, which established the current notice requirement.

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

Police Department

BILL STATUS

03/23/17	In Senate. To Com. on RLS.
03/23/17	Passed Assembly. To the Senate.
03/16/17	Read second time and amended.
03/15/17	Amend, and pass as amended.
02/13/17	Referred to Com. on JUD.



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Analyst

Attachment: Resolution (Martinez - Wesson)

RESOLUTION
RULES, ELECTIONS & INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is often hidden in plain sight and victims may work in various industries such as factory, farm, restaurant, construction and the commercial sex industry; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, California Civil Code Section 52.6 was added to require specified businesses and other establishments to post a notice informing victims of human trafficking and the public of telephone hotline numbers that can be used to seek help or report unlawful activity; and

WHEREAS, the businesses currently required to post this information include adult or sexually oriented businesses; primary airports; passenger rail or light rail stations; bus stations; truck stops; emergency rooms; urgent care centers; farm labor contractors; privately operated recruitment centers; roadside rest areas; and other businesses or establishments that offer massage or bodywork services for compensation; and

WHEREAS, the National Human Trafficking Hotline (NHTH) reports that it received 26,727 phone calls about human trafficking in 2016; and

WHEREAS, 1,434 cases of human trafficking in hotels and motels were reported to NHTH between 2007 to 2015; and

WHEREAS, NHTH reports that more than 7,500 human trafficking cases were reported last year and more than 1,300 of those reports – nearly twice the number of any other state – were from California; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Assembly is AB 260 (Santiago) that would make the provisions of Civil Code Section 52.6 applicable to hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns, and other similar transit lodging establishments, other than personal residences and would require these establishments to post the notice that provides information on the hotline numbers to contact for help or to report any human trafficking activity; and

WHEREAS, this bill seeks to further prevent human trafficking in “high-risk” businesses such as hotels and motels; and

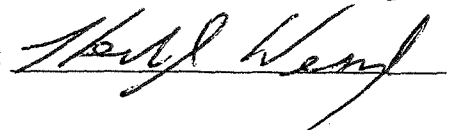
WHEREAS, this bill will continue to deter human trafficking by providing victims and the public with an additional resource for reporting this activity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2017-2018 State Legislative Program support of AB 260 (Santiago) that would make the provisions of Civil Code Section 52.6, which requires certain businesses and establishments to post the notice relating to slavery and human trafficking, applicable to hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts inns, and other similar transit lodging establishments, other than personal residences.

PRESENTED BY:


NURY MARTINEZ
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SECONDED BY:



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