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sSB-116

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

As Amended by Senate "A" (LCO 5164)

Senate Calendar No.: 112

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 27 \$	FY 28 \$
Consumer Protection, Dept.	GF - Cost	Up to 310,833	Up to 396,990
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits ¹	GF - Cost	Up to 120,639	Up to 160,852
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below
Resources of the General Fund	GF - Potential Revenue Gain	See Below	See Below

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Consumer Protection to register operators of hotels, motels, and inns and ensure compliance with the provisions of the bill resulting in a cost to the state. To meet the requirements of the bill DCP will need to hire up to five additional employees² for a salary and other expenses cost of up to \$310,833 in FY 27³ and up to \$396,990 in FY 28, along with associated fringe benefit

¹The fringe benefit costs for most state employees are budgeted centrally in accounts administered by the Comptroller. The estimated active employee fringe benefit cost associated with most personnel changes is 41.82% of payroll in FY 27.

²The new employees consist of three special investigators, a staff attorney, and a license and application specialist.

³FY 27 costs reflect nine months of expenditures due to the bill's 10/1/26 effective date.

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costs of up to \$120,639 in FY 27 and up to \$160,852 in FY 28. The exact number of new employees is dependent on the number of investigations and audits required, and the number of violations.

The bill also requires hotels, motels, and inns to pay an annual application and subsequent renewal fees of \$50 or \$200⁴ resulting in an annual revenue gain to the state⁵. DCP is also allowed to issue civil penalties of \$1,000 per violations resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent violations occur.

Senate "A" strikes the underlying bill and its associated fiscal impact resulting in the impact described above.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above will continue into the future subject to the number of annual registrations, the number of violations, and employee wage increases.

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⁴Operators with less than 15 guest rooms have a registration fee of \$50 and operators that have at least 15 guest rooms have a registration fee of \$200.

⁵It's estimated that there are at least 600 establishments that will need to register with DCP.