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WCC Supports Criminalizing Human Trafficking

The WCC submitted written [testimony](#) last week in support of a bill to criminalize human trafficking in Wisconsin. [Senate Bill 292](#) and its companion, [Assembly Bill 544](#), would:

1. Designate human trafficking as a felony;
2. Punish trafficking of an adult with a fine of up to \$100,000, imprisonment for up to 25 years, or both;
3. Punish trafficking of a child with a fine of up to \$100,000, imprisonment for up to 40 years, or both;
4. Ensure that victims of trafficking who are forced to commit a crime are protected from prosecution;
5. Permit a court to order restitution for the victim's transportation, housing, childcare, gross income provided in services, and relocation expenses (if necessary for the victim's safety);
6. Allow the state to revoke the business license or corporate charter of any business operating in the state that knowingly engages in human trafficking;
7. Direct the Department of Health and Family Services to provide emergency services or assistance to trafficking victims, subject to the availability of funds; and
8. Require the state's Office of Justice Assistance to collect data on the number and nature of violations related to human trafficking.

New Bills of Interest

[SB-309](#). **Immigration** (Grothman) Bans local ordinances, resolutions and policies that prohibit immigration status inquiries and reports to the federal government about the presence of illegal aliens; authorizes a private right of action. *To Judiciary and Corrections.*

[SB-310](#). **Anatomical Gifts** (Risser) Changes affecting anatomical gifts. *To Health and Human Services.*

[SB-321](#). **Indigency** (Coggs) Criteria for determining indigency for purposes of representation by the State Public Defender. *To Judiciary, Corrections and Housing.*

[AB-569](#). **Immigration** (Roth) Bans local ordinances, resolutions and policies prohibiting immigration status inquiries and reports to the federal government about the presence of illegal aliens; authorizes a private cause of action. *To Judiciary and Ethics.*

[AB-574](#). **Payday Loans** (Zepnick) Regulates payday loans. *To Financial Institutions.*

[AB-576](#). **Indigency** (Bies) Criteria for determining indigency for purposes of representation by the State Public Defender. *To Corrections and Courts.*

Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/waml>

- Who are my legislators

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/leginfo.html>

- 2007-08 Session Schedule
- Weekly Schedule of Committee Activities
- Senate and Assembly Daily Floor Calendar

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