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## COMMITTEES:

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Chairman Larson and Senators of the Judiciary committee,

my name is Steve Vetter from district 18 which is Grand Forks along the Red River to Manvel.

This resolution is to propose a study on the subject of human trafficking. The study has a few objectives. The first objective is to get up to date information to legislators about the efforts toward helping victims of human trafficking. There are several organizations that help with this issue and are doing great work.

For example: We have the North Human Trafficking Task Force. They are a team that responds to victims of sex and labor trafficking by providing comprehensive services, investigating traffickers and solicitors, and prosecuting offenders. The NDHTTF is the nexus for a network of law enforcement and service providers to work in tandem to build capacity and combat trafficking statewide.

There are other organizations that are doing great work in this area so they study aims get that information to legislators so they may become aware if there should be future legislation to help their efforts.

The 2nd objective of the study to concentrate on re-entry in the workforce for victims. Other than passing laws to punish human traffickers, how can the state help the victims of this terrible crime? The main purpose of this study is to concentrate on what are the best ways the state can help getting victims re-entry to the workforce. Should there be a general education class to help them with the basic necessities of having a job and managing a household? What type of programs would work the best? Is there a pilot programs idea or state-wide initiative?

The 3rd Objective is how we protect victims from bad guys who seek to try and bring the victims back into their former servitude. Is there a buddy system of a program we could start? Ideas like using dogs for protection and companionship or retired police officers volunteering to look after a former victim.

I don't know the answers to the questions I pose so I believe a study is needed to:

1. Up to date current information to legislators
2. Study Re-entry to the job force
3. Study how to protect former victims

Member of the committee, I have some ideas but don't have a bill draft. The purpose of the study is to get better bill draft ideas to help this issue along.

I would ask for a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you and I will stand for questions.