

Supporting Transportation Operations that Prevent (STOP) Human Trafficking Act

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Sec. 1 - Short Title

Sec. 2 - Human Trafficking Research

- Continues U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) engagement with the Transportation Research Board on counter-trafficking research efforts.

Sec. 3 - Counter-Trafficking Information Sharing

- Authorizes USDOT to develop:
 - a central database that tracks the counter-trafficking efforts of transportation organizations that have signed the Transportation Leaders Against Human Trafficking Pledge, including tips reported, policies, training, public awareness, and partnerships;
 - mode-specific, counter-trafficking policies that include partnerships, reporting protocols, training, public awareness, research and information-sharing, and victim and survivor support;
 - a central database that tracks human trafficking due diligence and prevention laws, resources, sample policies, and tools to support the prevention and mitigation of forced labor in supply chains for goods and services across the transportation industry; and
 - a counter-trafficking policy template that includes a zero-tolerance approach for transportation organizations to adopt and post on their respective websites.

Sec. 4 - Supporting Counter-Trafficking Training and Awareness

- Provides funding for USDOT to update and expand its multimodal counter-trafficking public awareness campaigns.
- Requires USDOT and Department of Homeland Security to build off the success of the aviation-specific Blue Lightning Initiative and submit a report to Congress with a plan to create additional mode specific trainings and partnerships.

Sec. 5 - Public Awareness Campaign

- Establishes an ongoing public awareness campaign that distributes public safety media messages and resources to encourage increased awareness regarding combating human trafficking along vulnerable routes, cities, and locations during major events.
- Requires USDOT to submit a report to Congress that includes a plan to facilitate counter trafficking pre-departure public service announcements at governmental transportation agencies for individuals potentially being subjected to human trafficking.
- Authorizes \$10 million annually for the coordination of the awareness campaign and all other previous USDOT efforts in Sections 2-5.

Sec. 6 - Department of Transportation Human Trafficking Prevention Grants

- Authorizes \$10 million annually through the Secretary of Transportation towards multimodal efforts to train transportation and security staff to identify signs of trafficking, engage in public awareness campaigns, and provide support to victims and survivors.

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