

**ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2024**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB967**

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**Hearing Date:** Wednesday February 28, 2024  
**Committee On:** Judiciary  
**Introducer:** DeKay  
**One Liner:** Change provisions relating to trafficking offenses and the Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**  
**Aye:** 5 Senators Bosn, DeBoer, DeKay, Holdcroft, Ibach  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:** 3 Senators Blood, McKinney, Wayne

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**Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator Barry DeKay  
Dara Delehant  
Christon MacTaggart

**Representing:**  
Opening Presenter  
Nebraska County Attorneys Association  
Nebraska Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

\* ADA Accommodation Written Testimony

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

Section 1 of LB967 would amend section 28-830 to change the definitions related to trafficking statutes. The means of obtaining "forced labor or services" are relocated into the new term of "coercion". This section would also create a new definition of "forced commercial sexual activity" which means commercial sexual activity as a result of coercion. This section would also expand the definition of "sex trafficking" to include commercial sexual activity that is consensual but obtained through coercion.

Section 2 would amend 81-1429.02 to allow money in the Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Fund to provide aid to victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation of a child enrolled in postsecondary educational institutions in Nebraska.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The amendment adds the word "educational" in Section 2 to clarify that aid from the Human Trafficking Victim

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Assistance Fund can be used for educational expenses.

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Justin Wayne, Chairperson

