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FACT SHEET

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Assembly Bill 2811: Vehicle Nuisance Abatement

SUMMARY

AB 2811 would remove the prior conviction requirement in order to impound a vehicle used in the commission or attempted commission of crimes of soliciting, or agreeing to engage in, or engaging in, any act of prostitution where the victim is a minor or a victim of human trafficking, should the city or county choose to adopt the ordinance.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

Current law allows for cities or counties to adopt regulations that allow for vehicle impoundment for the crimes listed above, and more, but only after at least two offenses within the last three years.

Purchasers often use their cars to violate multiple laws when attempting or soliciting minors for sex. Cities and counties hands are tied from limiting these criminals' abilities to purchase sex with minors in the future to waiting for multiple offenses to occur before having the authority to impound their vehicle when it has been used in the crime.

Not only is prostitution illegal, but sex with a minor and prostituting a minor is a serious offense against and abuse of our children.

Human trafficking of children for the purposes of pimping and sale of sexual services is one of the largest human rights problems facing the State of California today. Human trafficking affects more than 20.9 million people worldwide, and California is considered one of the top

destinations in the US for the practice. In California, 72 percent of all human trafficking victims are US citizens.

SOLUTION

By allowing cities and counties to decide whether or not to adopt an ordinance to impound vehicles after the first offense for soliciting, or agreeing to engage in, or engaging in, any act of prostitution where the victim is a minor or a victim of human trafficking, we give them and law enforcement the ability to effectively curb demand.

AUTHOR'S STATEMENT

"We need to protect our children from predators and equip our cities and law enforcement with the tools to do so." Stated Assemblymember Chavez.

SUPPORT

City of Oakland (Sponsor)
Libby Schaaf (Mayor of Oakland)
Oakland City Council
CSEC Task Force of Oakland

OPPOSITION

None on record