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Introducer's Statement of Intent

LB933

Chairperson: Senator Brad Ashford

Committee: Judiciary

Date of Hearing: January 30, 2014

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 933 would expand the definitions of labor trafficking and sex trafficking to add methods by which trafficking victims are subjected to forced labor or services or commercial sexual activity.

In the summer of 2013, the Uniform Law Commission adopted the Uniform Act on the Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking. Section 2 of the Uniform Act sets forth definitions of methods by which actors coerce forced labor services, and coerce commercial sexual activity. These definitions have been used in LB 933.

LB 933 adds these forms of coercion:

- (1) Debt bondage;
- (2) Abusing or threatening to abuse the legal process against another person;
- (3) Controlling or threatening to control another person's access to a controlled substance; and
- (4) Using another person's physical or mental impairment when the impairment has a substantial adverse effect on the other person's cognitive or volitional function.

LB 933 also includes a clean-up provision regarding penalties for labor trafficking and sex trafficking. This provision was not the result of a recommendation of the Uniform Law Commission, but restores language removed by LB 255 (2013).

Principal Introducer: _____

Senator Amanda McGill