One Hundred Fourth Legislature - First Session - 2015 **Introducer's Statement of Intent** LB294 **Chairperson: Senator Les Seiler Committee: Judiciary** Date of Hearing: March 04, 2015 The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby: LB294 strengthens Nebraska's statutes regarding human trafficking by addressing each facet of its exploitative "business model" and providing additional safeguards and remedies for human trafficking victims. LB294 provides a general prohibition and penalty for human trafficking (section 13) and increases penalties for solicitation of prostitution (section 10), pandering (section 11), and keeping a house of prostitution (section 12). LB294 provides additional tools for targeting illicit marketing of trafficking victims by expanding law enforcement's ability to issue subpoenas on out of state entities. The bill affords greater protection for the most vulnerable victims of human trafficking by allowing juvenile courts to maintain jurisdiction over juvenile victims thereby ensuring appropriate monitoring of services. In addition, the bill attacks the profits of traffickers by allowing for a tightly controlled forfeiture provision. All assets subject to forfeiture in section 28 are deposited in a victim assistance fund solely for care, treatment and services for victims of human trafficking and child sexual exploitation. Lastly,

Sections 1 through 5 of the bill allows victims the opportunity for civil remedy against their perpetrators through the creation of the Human Trafficking Victims Civil Remedy Act.

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