



SENATE BILL 2713

#SolicitingForChange

1) SENATE BILL 2713 WILL REMOVE...

A. Anti-prostitution laws that are used to arrest sex workers and sex trafficking survivors

- These laws drive us underground and prevent us from going to the police when we are victims of violent crimes.

B. Anti-solicitation laws that are used to arrest our clients.

- These laws prevent clients from going to police when they encounter a sex trafficking victim.

C. Felony "pandering" laws that are used to arrest sex workers when we work together for safety and our non-violent support staff when we hire them for our safety.

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2) These laws MUST be removed so that sex workers, sex trafficking survivors, our clients, colleagues, and support staff can go to the police when we are a victim or witness of a serious crime like sex trafficking, assault, murder, or child pornography.

3) Another benefit of decriminalization is that sex workers will be able to address problems with exploitative landlords or coercive colleagues in the same way anyone else can.

4. Decriminalizing sex workers, our clients, and non-violent support staff will end the conflation of consensual sex work with sex trafficking and other violent crimes so that our public safety budget can be spent on addressing violent crime instead of on condemning adults for having consensual, private, adult sex.

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RESEARCH

1. Prostitution and Prostitution Related Charges in Rhode Island 2000 - Present

- <https://tinyurl.com/4jtvdjms>

2. Policing Modern Day Slavery; Carceral Care in Rhode Island- YOUTH REPORT

- <https://tinyurl.com/2ds3589a>

4. Pembroke Center for Teaching and Research on Women- Coyote RI Survey Collection

- <https://tinyurl.com/5a46cjzv>

5. RI ACLU testimony to the RI H5250 legislator study commission

- <https://tinyurl.com/2p88rr7h>

6. Amnesty International publishes policy and research on protection of sex workers' rights

- <https://tinyurl.com/yc5xpr6j>

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RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES - COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee
<https://legiscan.com/RI/text/S2713/2022>

How to send in letters of support:

- Please email your letters of support to slegislation@rilegislature.gov
- Please put in support of S2713 in the subject line
- Please CC info@coyoteri.org (Rhode Islander's, please CC your state Senator)
 - If you are not sure who that is, please click on this link.
(<https://www.rilegislature.gov/senators/default.aspx>)
- Letters of support should include your name, email address, town and zip code & are best emailed in as a PDF
- Thank you!

Folks might also want to email the sponsors to thank them.

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Senate Bill 2713 Needs your support

Decriminalize sex workers!

Decriminalize sex trafficking survivors!

Decriminalize our clients!

Decriminalize our support staff!

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