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**Oregon Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Public Meetings on Human Trafficking**

Washington, DC – This month and next, the Oregon Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene four public meetings – two webinars and two community forums – on civil rights concerns of human and labor trafficking, and equal protection violations and discrimination based upon race, national origin, religion, sex, disability, and/or age of survivors. It will also examine the effectiveness of state and local agency programs for trafficking survivors. The Committee will hear testimony from community members, academics, and government officials. Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment period. The meetings will take place as follows (agendas on page 2):

- **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. PST, via webinar
Audio, dial: 888-708-5689; conference ID: 1169274
Visual: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/288pn2yb217b&eom>
- **Tuesday April 17, 2018**, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. PST, via webinar
Audio, dial: 888-708-5689; conference ID: 1169274
Visual: <https://cc.readytalk.com/r/cm77egt1kgp1&eom>
- **Tuesday, May 1, 2018**, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. PST
Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus
CC Building, Room 233
12000 SW 49th Avenue, Portland, OR 97280
- **Wednesday, May 2, 2018**, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. PST
Chemeketa Woodburn Center, Room 110, 120 E. Lincoln Street, Woodburn, OR 97071

The Committee will accept written testimony submitted to afortes@usccr.gov by May 17, 2018.

Committee Acting Chair Thompson Faller said, “The issue of human trafficking in Oregon is seen in several industries and we are determined to find ways to address this problem to expose the exploitation of too many vulnerable Oregonians. We strongly encourage the community to share your concerns and stories at our community forums to help eradicate this issue in our community”

Human Trafficking in Oregon Meeting Agendas

Webinar – April 3, 2018, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. PST

Overview of Human Trafficking in Oregon

- Colleen Owens, Senior Research Associate, Urban Institute
- Hayley Weedn, Co-author and Researcher, *Human Trafficking & Native Peoples in Oregon: A Human Rights*
- Christopher Carey, Researcher, Portland State University

Webinar – April 17, 2018, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. PST

Government Response to Human Trafficking

- Amanda Monaco-Swanson, Trafficking Intervention Coordinator, Oregon Department of Justice-Crime Victims' Services
- Jr Ujifusa, Deputy District Attorney, Multnomah County District Attorney's Office
- Elizabeth Alston, CSEC Coordinator, Department of Human Services
- Joel Shapiro, Attorney, Law Office of Joel Shapiro

Portland Community Forum - May 1, 2018

Opening Remarks (2:00 – 2:10 p.m.)

Panel - Sex Trafficking (2:10 – 3:50 p.m.)

- Senator Kathleen Taylor, District 21
- Chanpone Sinlapasai, Attorney, Marandas Sinlapasai
- Natalie Weaver, Collaboration Specialist focus on Sex Trafficking, Multnomah County, Department of Community Justice
- Desiree Coyote, Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation, Family Violence Services
- Robin Miller, Mentor and Survivor, Janus Youth Programs
- Cristin Casey, Chief Prosecutor, Bureau of Labor and Industries

Open Public Comment (4:00 – 4:55 p.m.)

Woodburn Community Forum - May 2, 2018

Opening Remarks (2:00 – 2:10 p.m.)

Panel - Labor Trafficking in the Agriculture and Forestry Industries (2:10 – 3:10 p.m.)

- Reyna Lopez, Executive Director, Pinos y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste
- Carl Wilmsen, Executive Director, Northwest Forest Worker Center
- Joel Iboa, Chair, Governor's Environmental Justice Task Force

Open Public Comment (3:20 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.)

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