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## Strategies to Combat Labor Trafficking

The Little Hoover Commission released three reports in 2020 reviewing the state’s response to labor trafficking, a horrific form of modern slavery. The Commission believes California must take stronger actions to detect this crime, help victims, and prosecute perpetrators.

### [Human Trafficking: Coordinating a California Response](#)

California’s efforts to combat human trafficking have focused principally on sex trafficking rather than labor trafficking, and no coordinated strategy exists to target this crime statewide. [We recommend](#) California create an Anti-Human Trafficking Council within the Governor’s Office to:

- Build and enhance collaboration among communities throughout the state.
- Study and improve services for victims and survivors of all forms of human trafficking.
- Assist in the successful prosecution of human traffickers.

### [Labor Trafficking: Strategies to Uncover this Hidden Crime](#)

Numerous obstacles hinder efforts to identify labor trafficking cases in the state, leaving untold numbers of victims trapped in oppressive situations. [We recommend](#) California increase efforts to identify this crime:

- Train officials most likely to encounter labor trafficking to serve as first identifiers.
- Increase awareness through outreach campaigns and expanded training opportunities.
- Study ways to improve enforcement of the Transparency in Supply Chain Act of 2010.
- Update laws protecting child sex trafficking victims to include child labor trafficking victims.

### [Labor Trafficking: Strategies to Help Victims and Bring Traffickers to Justice](#)

Barriers to care make it difficult for labor trafficking survivors to access the help they need, while cases bringing their traffickers to justice remain rare. [We propose](#) California implement the following to better protect victims and bring traffickers to justice:

- Prioritize victim services through increased use of data and program evaluations.
- Empower more state agencies to investigate labor trafficking crimes.
- Standardize communication among federal, state, and local agencies.
- Track enforcement activities and study outcomes to identify best practices.
- Ensure officials are adequately trained to investigate and prosecute labor trafficking cases.

Once implemented, these recommendations will enable California to respond more effectively and robustly to labor trafficking.