

SB 1105: A Dangerous Step Backwards for Public Safety

Across California, joint local, state, and federal task forces are responsible for rescuing trafficking victims, dismantling fentanyl networks, seizing illegal firearms, and prosecuting organized criminal enterprises. **By sharing resources and intelligence, these partnerships allow agencies to address criminal activity that no single department could effectively tackle alone.**

SB 1105 (Pérez) would dismantle this cooperative framework by:

- Prohibiting California law enforcement from participating in joint task forces or interagency operations when the out-of-state or federal agencies involved have previously engaged in specific types of conduct, such as racial profiling.
- Requiring the Attorney General's approval of a written agreement prior to interagency operations or task force participation.

That cooperative framework will be put to its greatest test when Los Angeles becomes the center of the world in the **2028 Olympics, drawing millions of visitors to Senator Pérez's own backyard** and requiring the most robust federal and interstate law enforcement partnerships California has ever assembled. Introducing new legal barriers to those partnerships now – at the precise moment when Los Angeles needs them most – is not a principled stand. It is a dangerous miscalculation that puts attendees, surrounding communities, and the officers tasked with protecting them at risk.

Real-World Case Study

The San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force (SDHTTF) is a multi-agency law enforcement partnership focused on disrupting human trafficking operations nationwide, starting with San Diego County – a major border corridor and national transport hub for human trafficking rings. It conducts undercover and targeted operations such as Operation Home for the Holidays, Operation Coast to Coast, Operation Better Pathways and other multi-day enforcement efforts that recover victims, arrest traffickers, and connect survivors with critical support services.

Federal partners: Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and U.S. Attorney's Office

Funding: Significant funding for personnel, operational resources and investigative expenditures comes from Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) within DHS.

Results:

- >100 victims (including juveniles) saved and connected with support services
- >100 sex and labor traffickers and buyers arrested
- >\$2 million in criminal proceeds and dozens of illegal weapons recovered

This is just one example of a task force that saves lives that would likely be dismantled under SB 1105

“The objective of [Operation Coast to Coast] was to work together to increase the total number of human trafficking investigations and prosecutions nationwide, to hold perpetrators of human trafficking accountable, and support survivors along the way,”
said Attorney General Rob Bonta (June 11, 2025).

If SB 1105 becomes law, it will:

- Slow or prevent the rescue of human trafficking victims by ending the joint task forces that identify and recover victims across state lines.
- Create bureaucratic barriers during emergencies when rapid coordination between law enforcement agencies can save lives.
- Delay interstate coordination during a child abduction – when every minute matters.
- Weaken partnerships that allow investigators to track traffickers, fentanyl distributors, and violent criminals across state lines.
- Create enforcement gaps that organized criminal networks can exploit.
- Create uncertainty that slows investigations and leaves victims vulnerable.
- Create more victims of violent crime.

The Bottom Line

Criminal networks operate across jurisdictions. Joint task forces exist to break down those barriers. California’s task force model delivers measurable results by breaking down jurisdictional silos, concentrating resources against high-impact criminal networks and ensuring intelligence sharing in emergency situations when every second counts.