

I voted “yes” on HB3819 because of the human trafficking concern which was given as the reason for the bill. Human trafficking is obviously horrible, and it is critical that it be stopped. I also gave an oral vote explanation pointing out that I had concerns with the bill and only voted “yes” to stop human trafficking.

A “no” would likely have been more appropriate. I am not familiar with the extent of human trafficking from illegal massage parlors and don’t know much about these businesses at all. It would make more sense for the bill to address human trafficking directly, rather than target the industry without mentioning it. Another solution might have been better and more effective.

This vote explanation is simply to clarify that obviously I am strongly opposed to human trafficking but concerned that based on the facts that were presented, this may not have been the best solution and may be harmful to small businesses.