**The Senate Minute: Digital Audio File Script on HB 1562**

Missouri senators want to stop human trafficking.

Tuesday afternoon saw time spent on [House Bill 1562](http://house.mo.gov/BillSummary.aspx?bill=HB1562&year=2016&code=R), legislation that would expand the crime of sexual trafficking of a child to include advertising a child participating in a commercial sexual act.

Senator Bob Onder of Lake St. Louis handles the measure in the upper chamber, and says his version of this includes children AND adults…

**Onder 1 / Runs :09 / OC: it to adults.**

*“It was brought to us because I believe the bill we passed last year did only pertain to sex trafficking of children, and it was suggested that we broaden it to adults.”*

Senator Gina Walsh of Bellefontaine Neighbors adds trafficking does not only include females…

**Walsh 2 / Runs :10 / OC: victims as easily.**

*“A lot of times, we forget some of these crimes against people — domestic violence, human trafficking — young boys or adult men can be victims as easily.”*

House Bill 1562 has been amended and now moves back to the Missouri House.

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