

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: No fiscal impact**

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<b>Action:</b>	Be Adopted
<b>Vote:</b>	4 - 0 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Atkinson, Ferrioli, Metsger, Devlin
<b>Nays:</b>	-
<b>Exc.:</b>	Burdick
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/29

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Condemns acts of violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity and other personal characteristics. Calls on public institutions to remain vigilant against such acts. Request passage of Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act to aid state and local jurisdictions in investigating and prosecuting bias-motivated, violent crimes based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Violence against gay and transgender individuals in Oregon
- Legislation to ban anti-gay and anti-transgender violence and strengthening hate crime protection
- Ensuring communities are safe for all people

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** On March 22, 2009, Samson Deal and Kevin Patterson were visiting the Oregon Coast when they were victimized in what is being classified as a hate crime (ORS 181.642). This memorial is a response, at least in part, to that incident. Oregon has several laws that are sometimes called "hate crime" laws. ORS 181.550 mandates reporting of crimes "motivated by prejudice based on the perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, political affiliation or beliefs, membership or activity in or on behalf of a labor organization or against a labor organization, physical or mental handicap, age, economic or social status or citizenship of the victim." ORS 181.642 requires training, identification and reporting of such crimes. ORS 166.155 and 166.165 address criminal penalties for acts of intimidation based on race, color, religion, sexual orientation or national origin. The Oregon Equality Act, Public Law Number 100 (2007) defines sexual orientation to include gender identity and amended ORS 166.155 and 166.165.