

# House Joint Memorial 22

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Condemns acts of violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity and other personal characteristics.

Calls on public institutions to remain vigilant against such acts.

Requests 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.

## JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States, the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the members of the Oregon Congressional Delegation:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas every person in the State of Oregon deserves to be safe and secure; and

Whereas no one should be targeted for assault, intimidation or harassment of any kind based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, citizenship, marital status, age or disability; and

Whereas tourism is an important component of this state's economy, local budgets and local economies; and

Whereas visitors to this state should feel safe while visiting the state; and

Whereas on March 22, 2009, Samson Deal and Kevin Petterson, who were visitors to this state, were attacked in Seaside in what is being classified as a hate crime; and

Whereas attacks based on race, color, religion, national origin or sexual orientation are against the laws of this state and are offensive to the communities of this state; now, therefore,

### **Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:**

That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly, condemn acts of violence that are similar to the attacks on Samson Deal and Kevin Petterson by being based on sexual orientation, gender identity and other personal characteristics; and be it further

Resolved, That we call on all public institutions to remain vigilant against acts of hatred based on sexual orientation, gender identity and other personal characteristics; and be it further

Resolved, That we respectfully request the United States Congress to pass, and the President of the United States to sign, the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act (otherwise known as the Matthew Shepard Act) or similar legislation that aids 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; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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