

I support HB 2986. This bill supports the concept of equity policing and ensures that all officers understand the concept of how hate crimes work. The bill is simple and straightforward. Teaching this material at the basic academy is a good way to implement it, with refresher courses at intervals. What is missing is specifying what data should be recorded and publicly released about how often any public safety jurisdiction is aware of such crimes and how they are acted upon, but that, I believe, is the material for a separate bill.