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Measure Description:

Prohibits landlords from terminating lease or taking other specified actions due to status of tenant as victim of bias crime.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Transportation, Department of Justice, Judicial Department, Criminal Justice Commission, Public Defense Services Commission, District Attorneys, Real Estate Agency

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness to the House Committee on Judiciary.

The measure prohibits a landlord from terminating or failing to renew a tenancy, serving a notice to terminate a tenancy, bringing or threatening to bring an action for possession, increasing rent, decreasing services or refusing to enter into a rental agreement due to the tenant being a victim of bias crime. Directs the Department of Justice (DOJ), no later than January 1, 2025, to develop and implement a training program for district attorney victim assistance programs that assist employees with providing services to victims of bias crimes.

In addition, the measure establishes a process for victims of bias crime to be released from their rental agreement without receiving a penalty and requires release assistance officers to include in their order that defendants are prohibited from contacting or attempting to contact the victim, either directly or through a third party, while the defendant is in custody.

Lastly, the measure expands the Address Confidentiality Program and protected leave to include victims of bias crimes and, authorizes DOJ employees who staff hate crime hotlines to request records kept by the Department of Transportation to contain employer address instead of personal address.

A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the House Committee on Judiciary.

Further Analysis Required

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