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## Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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**To:** Public Safety Subcommittee

**From:** Meg Bushman Reinhold, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** June 4, 2019

**Subject:** SB 577 – Relating to bias crimes

SB 577 does three things: (1) makes changes to the crime of intimidation, including renaming it “bias crime,” and defines a “bias incident”; (2) directs new data collection on bias crimes and bias incidents by the Oregon State Police, district attorneys and the Department of Justice (DOJ) be reported to and analyzed by the Criminal Justice Commission; and (3) creates a Hate Crimes Response Coordinator in the Department of Justice to receive and respond to calls regarding bias crimes.

The Hate Crimes Response Coordinator in DOJ will respond to reports of bias crimes and bias incidents, coordinate with local non-profits to assist victims, develop training, and collect and report data quarterly to the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC). DOJ will use \$46,453 General Fund and \$201,380 Federal Funds to hire an Operations and Policy Analyst 3 (0.88 FTE) for this role.

CJC will collect, analyze and report on data regarding bias crimes and bias incidents received from the Oregon State Police, district attorneys and DOJ. CJC envisions the necessity of significant initial outreach efforts to ensure that the data set is complete and comprehensive.

The cost for the Criminal Justice Commission to implement this bill with one full-time Research Analyst 4 (1.00 FTE) is \$235,476 General Fund for the 2019-21 biennium. While a permanent, full-time position may be necessary initially, LFO recommends reducing the position to half-time once systems are in place for quarterly reporting.

The costs to the Oregon State Police and local district attorney offices are anticipated to be minimal.

The -A3 amendment provides the necessary budgetary appropriations for the bill.

**Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -A3 amendment.

**MOTION: I move adoption of the -A3 amendment to SB 577. (VOTE)**

**Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 577, as amended by the -A3 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**MOTION: I move SB 577, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)**

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

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