

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 577

Relating to bias crimes

SB 577 makes changes to the crime of intimidation, including renaming it “bias crime,” and defining a “bias incident”; requires that data collected on bias crimes and bias incidents by the Oregon State Police, district attorneys and the Department of Justice be reported to and analyzed by the Criminal Justice Commission; and creates a Hate Crimes Response Coordinator in the Department of Justice to receive and respond to calls regarding bias crimes.

The bill appropriates \$46,453 General Fund and provides limitation of \$201,380 Federal Funds to hire an Operations and Policy Analyst 3 at the Department of Justice.

The bill also appropriates \$235,476 General Fund to the Criminal Justice Commission for a Research Analyst 4. The costs to the Department of State Police and local district attorney offices are anticipated to be minimal.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 577 be amended by the –A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.