

**HB 3443 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Housing and Homelessness**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/7

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Prohibits landlords from terminating lease or taking other specified actions due to status of tenant as victim of bias crime. Establishes process for victim of bias crime to be released from lease without penalty. Provides that release assistance officer and court enter order prohibiting defendant charged with crime involving bias from contacting victim. Provides that information reported to hate crimes hotline that might reveal identity of individual is confidential. Provides that victims of bias crime in the first degree must be consulted during plea negotiations. Expands Address Confidentiality Program to include victims of bias. Expands eligibility for protected leave to bias crime victims. Clarifies Department of Justice employee who staffs hate crimes hotline may request that records kept by Department of Transportation contain employer address instead of home address. Directs Department of Justice to develop and deliver training program no later than January 1, 2025 for district attorney victim assistance programs to assist with providing services to bias crime victims.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

This summary is prepared solely for the purpose of allowing the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness to move House Bill 3443 to the House Committee on Judiciary. A full bill summary may be developed for the subsequent committee.