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MEETING MINUTES
HATE CRIMES TASK FORCE
Legislative Subcommittee

Date: January 9, 2026
Time: 10:00 am – 11:00 am
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Agenda Items:

1. Call to Order
Chairman Robert Trestan called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

		Present	Absent	Meeting Minutes
1	**Chair**-Robert Trestan	**X**		Yes
2	Kelly Nee	**X**		Abstain
3	DA Anthony Gulluni		**X**	
4	Jennifer Cotter	**X**		Abstain
5	Emily Todisco	**X**		Yes

EOPSS Staff: Anjeza Xhemollari, Ryan Mingo, William Ramsdell

2. Welcome
The Chair welcomed all subcommittee members, and attendance was taken. Jennifer Cotter is a new subcommittee member.

3. Review and Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2025
Kelly Nee moved to approve the draft meeting minutes, seconded by Emily Todisco. The meeting minutes were not approved due to quorum.

4. EOPSS: Update on the Hate Crime Legislative Bills
William Ramsdell provided an update in regard to all pending bills.

1. HB1675 – An Act to advance hate-crime protection for victims who are targeted due to their gender
- New draft substituted HB1675, a slight technical change, but carries the same effect as the previous bill.
- JUD Redraft is HB4636 – Identical to original bill.

2. HB1995 – An Act regularizing sentencing for hate crimes

- Received a hearing in front of the JUD Committee – Rep. Sousa and DA Ryan offered supporting testimonial remarks.

3. **SB1246 – An Act to add sex and gender as a protected class for crime prosecutions**
   - Had a hearing in front of the JUD Committee, and supporting testimony was offered.
4. **HB1589/SB1056 – An Act to amend the definition of hate crime**

- Had a hearing in front of the JUD Committee - DA Ryan offered supporting remarks for both bills.

<u>Bills sent to Mental Health are</u>:

1. **HB2207/ SB1388 – An Act building resilience and increasing access to mental health services**

- HB2207 - Received a hearing, and Rep. Fluker-Reid offered testimony in support of the bill. The bill reported out favorably by committee with a substituted new draft | Bill HB46

5. **EOPSS: Brief Guidance on Legislative Outreach**

EOPSS legal counsel Ryan Mingo provided brief guidance regarding open meeting laws. Ryan stated that, if Task Force members designate a small number to advocate on the Task Force's behalf as a unified voice under quorum, and the designation aligns with the Task Force's wishes, they may proceed.

After a thorough discussion, the subcommittee decided to present all bills to the full task force and decide as a whole on next steps.

6. **Next Steps**

Present to the full task force in February and get a consensus as in which direction to proceed.

7. **Open Session for Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours of the Meeting**

N/A

8. **Adjourn**

The meeting ended at 10:35 am