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Justice for Victims of Hate Crimes Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** MN • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (1 total)

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
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Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jan 28, 2020)

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This bill establishes a statutory legal standard for proving intent in a hate crime.

A hate crime is a federal criminal offense committed because of the actual or perceived protected characteristic (e.g., race) of the victim. This bill specifies that the *because of* standard (i.e., the legal standard for proving intent) requires proof that the actual or perceived protected characteristic of the victim is a substantial motivating factor in the offense.

Actions Timeline

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