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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anthony Portantino, Chair  
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### AB 557 (Muratsuchi) - Hate crimes: hotline

**Version:** June 28, 2021

**Urgency:** No

**Hearing Date:** August 26, 2021

**Policy Vote:** PUB. S. 5 - 0

**Mandate:** No

**Consultant:** Shaun Naidu

**Bill Summary:** AB 557 would require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide grants to community-based organizations (CBOs) and local government agencies to operate hate incident reporting telephone hotlines and online portals.

### \*\*\*\*\* ANALYSIS ADDENDUM – SUSPENSE FILE \*\*\*\*\*

The following information is revised to reflect amendments  
adopted by the committee on August 26, 2021

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

- Unknown, potentially-major cost pressures in the millions of dollars to fund hate incident-related grants to CBOs and local government agencies. (General Fund)
- The Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) reports ongoing annual costs of \$2 million (and 13.0 new PY) if the community grants are for \$10 million annually. The department currently does not have grantmaking capabilities and, therefore, would need to staff up in terms of both subject matter experts, administrative, information technology, and communications center staff. (General Fund)

**Author Amendments:** Change the department administering the program from DOJ to DFEH. Make legislative findings and declarations and other changes.

**Committee Amendments:** Make the grant program contingent on funding.

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