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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Senator Anna Caballero, Chair  
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### AB 822 (Elhawary) - Commission on the State of Hate

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**Urgency:** No

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**Policy Vote:** G.O. 15 - 0, JUD. 13 - 0

**Mandate:** No

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**Bill Summary:** AB 822 extends the sunset date for the Commission on the State of Hate from January 1, 2027 to January 1, 2031, and extends the Annual State of Hate Commission Report due date to July 1, 2030.

**Fiscal Impact:** The commission's current annual operating budget is approximately \$1.8 million and six permanent positions. The Civil Rights Department (CRD) anticipates requesting a continuation of these General Fund resources through Fiscal Year 2030-2031 to align with the new sunset date proposed by this bill.

CRD notes that of the \$1.8 million, \$900,000 would be used for the necessary staff positions, \$25,000 for travel and other meeting costs, and the remainder for outside research contracts. The commission utilizes contracts with California's research institutions and experts to provide critical new data on the prevalence of hate in California each year, as well as other patterns and trends, such as how hate impacts youth and where hate occurs most frequently. CRD notes that to the extent less funding is provided to extend the commission's operations, there will likely be a corresponding reduction in the scope and volume of hearings, studies, and recommendations produced by the commission.

**Background:** The commission was established at the CRD by AB 1126 (Bloom, Chapter 712, Statutes of 2021) to strengthen California's efforts to stop hate and promote mutual respect among California's diverse population. The commission is charged with the following duties:

- 1) Publish a rigorous, comprehensive accounting of hate activity in California known as the Annual State of Hate Commission Report.
- 2) Engage in fact-finding and research on hate activity.
- 3) Host community forums on the state of hate.
- 4) Provide resources and guidance to communities and government officials on how to effectively reduce and respond to hate activity.

The activities of the commission are open to the public. Members of the public can subscribe to the commission's mailing list to receive the Commission notices and updates about the commission meetings, community forums, and reports.

**Proposed Law:** Extends the sunset date for the commission to January 1, 2031, and extends the Annual State of Hate Commission Report due date to July 1, 2030.

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