

Testimony HB0748 State Government – Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention  
– Code of Conduct

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I support this bill.

Giving the Attorney General the ability to remove her or his appointees under certain defined circumstances will be beneficial.

However, something happened with the appointment process that resulted in an individual speaking hate and falsehoods against another people getting appointed to this Commission. Having membership in one of the listed groups should not be the sole criterion for getting on this Commission.

I support including a screening requirement prior to appointment to determine if the potential appointee is of sufficient maturity and has the ability to work with a diverse group of people in a professional way. The quality of the appointees will affect the work of the Commission. Engaging in hate speech and promoting falsehoods about another people is a reasonable criterion for not selecting a candidate.

Thank you for your consideration.

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