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Brief Description: Penalizing hate crimes.

HB 2903 - DIGEST

Establishes penalties for hate crimes.

Declares that a person is guilty of false reporting of a hate crime if, with knowledge that the information reported, conveyed, or circulated is false, he or she makes or circulates a false report to a law enforcement officer or a prosecuting attorney of an alleged occurrence of a hate crime knowing that the false report is likely to be relied upon as an aggravating circumstance in the imposition of an exceptional sentence under RCW 9.94A.535.

Provides that false reporting of a hate crime is a gross misdemeanor.