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# CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 48( )

## IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

#### THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE PRAX** 

### **A BILL**

## FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to reports from the State Commission for Human Rights."

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

- \* **Section 1.** AS 18.80.060(a) is amended to read:
  - (a) In addition to the other powers and duties prescribed by this chapter, the commission shall
    - (1) appoint an executive director approved by the governor;
  - (2) hire other administrative staff as may be necessary to the commission's function:
  - (3) exercise general supervision and direct the activities of the executive director and other administrative staff;
    - (4) accept complaints under AS 18.80.100;
  - (5) study the problems of discrimination in all or specific fields of human relationships, foster through community effort or goodwill, cooperation and conciliation among the groups and elements of the population of the state, and publish results of investigations and research as in its judgment will tend to eliminate

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discrimination because of race, religion, color, national ancestry, physical or mental disability, age, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood;

(6) make an overall assessment, at least once every three years, of the progress made toward equal employment opportunity by every department of state government; the commission shall prepare a report summarizing the results of the assessment within 90 days after the convening of the regular legislative session of the year in which the report is required; the commission shall make electronic copies of the report available to the public and notify the legislature that the report is available [RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL REPORT MADE UNDER AS 18.80.150].

\* Sec. 2. AS 18.80.150 is amended to read:

Sec. 18.80.150. Annual report. The commission shall report annually to the governor on civil rights problems it has encountered in the preceding year, and may recommend legislative action. Within 30 days after the convening of each regular legislative session, the [THE] commission shall [PROVIDE THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AGENCY WITH 40 COPIES OF THE REPORT DURING THE WEEK PRECEDING THE CONVENING OF THE ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION FOR LIBRARY DISTRIBUTION. THE COMMISSION SHALL] make electronic copies of the report available to the public and notify the legislature that the report is available.