

HOUSE BILL NO. 48

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE PRAX

Introduced: 1/25/23

Referred: State Affairs

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 * **Section 1.** AS 18.80.060(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) In addition to the other powers and duties prescribed by this chapter, the
5 commission shall

6 (1) appoint an executive director approved by the governor;

7 (2) hire other administrative staff as may be necessary to the
8 commission's function;

9 (3) exercise general supervision and direct the activities of the
10 executive director and other administrative staff;

11 (4) accept complaints under AS 18.80.100;

12 (5) study the problems of discrimination in all or specific fields of
13 human relationships, foster through community effort or goodwill, cooperation and
14 conciliation among the groups and elements of the population of the state, and publish
15 results of investigations and research as in its judgment will tend to eliminate

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

3 (6) make an overall assessment, at least once every three years, of the
4 progress made toward equal employment opportunity by every department of state
5 government; **the commission shall prepare a report summarizing the results of the**
6 **assessment and provide 60 copies of the report for library distribution by May 1**
7 **of the year in which it is required; the commission shall make copies of the report**
8 **available to the public and notify the legislature that the report is available**
9 [RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL
10 REPORT MADE UNDER AS 18.80.150].

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

12 **Sec. 18.80.150. Annual report.** The commission shall report annually to the
13 governor on civil rights problems it has encountered in the preceding year, and may
14 recommend legislative action. The commission shall provide the Legislative Affairs
15 Agency with **60** [40] copies of the report [DURING THE WEEK PRECEDING THE
16 CONVENING OF THE ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION] for library distribution
17 **by the 30th day of each regular legislative session.** The commission shall make
18 copies of the report available to the public and notify the legislature that the report is
19 available.