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RESOLUTION 2023-3

Revising the request for the annual report due date specified in Resolution 2022-8

WHEREAS, the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights (“ASCHR” or the “Commission”) passed Resolution 2022-8, asking the Alaska Legislature to change the due date for the Commission’s annual report; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission reaffirms the rationale provided in Resolution 2022-8; and,

WHEREAS, during legislative discussions in February, 2023, the idea arose to align the Commission’s report period with the fiscal year; and,

WHEREAS, aligning the data analysis with the fiscal year potentially gives the Commission more than six months to produce the report and deliver it to the Alaska Legislature before session, even during cycles when the three-year equal employment opportunity assessment is required per AS 18.80.060(a)(6); and,

WHEREAS, many legislators expressed a preference to receiving agency reports during the interim when they had time to review the report rather than during the legislative session; and,

WHEREAS, Representative Prax introduced HB 48, which had legislative hearings, to adjust the annual report deadline; and,

WHEREAS, after its introduction, additional meritorious ideas were presented such as removing the Legislative Affairs Agency from the distribution chain per AS 18.80.150 and electronically notifying the Alaska Legislature that the annual report was available; and,

WHEREAS, Rep. Prax offered to hold HB 48 for the Commission to further consider the annual report’s due date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Alaska State Commission for Human Rights calls on the Alaska Legislature to amend AS 18.80.150 to change the due date for the annual report to November 15 and require the data analysis to review data on the fiscal year. This grants over four months to produce the report, which is particularly needed during the executive branch assessment years, and delivers the report to the legislators when they are not in session.

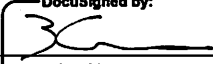
Further, by having the date due on November 15, it avoids complications associated with election years. Newly elected legislators can review the report alongside re-elected incumbents. Further, the Commission supports removing the Legislative Affairs Agency from the distribution chain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission suggests the following language for legislative discussion in amending AS 18.80.150:

The commission shall report annually to the governor on civil rights problems it has encountered in the preceding year and may recommend legislative action. The commission shall **review data included in the report on the fiscal year from July 1 of the preceding year through June 30, and produce the report by November 15. The commission shall make electronic copies of the report available to the public and notify the governor and the legislature that the report is available.** [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 COPIES OF THE REPORT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AND NOTIFY THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE REPORT IS AVAILABLE.]

Copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Alaska Legislature and the Governor.

ADOPTED at Anchorage, Alaska, this 17 day of April, 2023

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Chairperson
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution 2023-3 is a true and accurate copy of the language adopted by the Commission on April 18, 2023.



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Secretary
Alaska State Commission for Human Rights