

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 48(STA)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/22/23**

**Referred: Rules**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE PRAX**

**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 within 90 days after the convening of the regular legislative session of**  
7 **the year in which the report is required; the commission shall make electronic**  
8 **copies of the report available to the public and notify the legislature that the**  
9 **report is available** [RESULTS OF THE ASSESSMENT SHALL BE INCLUDED IN  
10 THE ANNUAL 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. **Within 30 days after the convening of each regular**  
15 **legislative session, the** [THE] commission shall [PROVIDE THE LEGISLATIVE  
16 AFFAIRS AGENCY WITH 40 COPIES OF THE REPORT DURING THE WEEK  
17 PRECEDING THE CONVENING OF THE ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
18 FOR LIBRARY DISTRIBUTION. THE COMMISSION SHALL] make **electronic**  
19 copies of the report available to the public and notify the legislature that the report is  
20 available.