NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES ON RESOLUTION CONFERENCE PROCEDURES IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE STATE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The State Commission for Human Rights proposes to change regulations on Resolution Conference Procedures.

The State Commission for Human Rights proposes to amend regulation in 6 AAC 30, dealing with resolution conference procedures, including the following:

- (1) 6 AAC 30.310(b) will be amended to allow Commission staff to compel parties to attend a resolution conference and produce evidence relevant to an investigation.
- (2) 6 AAC 30.310(f) will be amended to further define statements that may not be disclosed by Commission staff during settlement negotiations.
- (3) 6 AAC 30.860 will be amended to refer to the current correct statutory subsection, which was amended in 1982 after the Commission promulgated the regulation.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the State Commission for Human Rights at 800 A Street, Suite 204, Anchorage, AK 99501. Additionally, the State Commission for Human Rights will accept comments by facsimile at (907) 278-8588 and by electronic mail at hrc@alaska.gov. Comments may also be submitted through the Alaska Online Public Notice System, by accessing this notice on the system and using the comment link. The comments must be received not later than 4:00pm on May 21, 2021.

You may provide oral comments relevant to the proposed action **via telephone** at the hearing to be held on May 28, 2021 **by calling 1-253-215-8782** (**Meeting ID: 814 0100 1881; Passcode: 402063**). **Due to public health and safety concerns associated with the COVID – 19 pandemic, there will not be in-person attendance provided at the hearing site, so please prepare to share your oral comments by telephone only.** The hearing is scheduled from 10:15am to 11:15am and priority will be given to commenters on the line before the beginning of the hearing. The hearing may be extended to accommodate those on the line before 10:45am, who did not have an opportunity to comment. Before the start of the hearing, that Alaska State Commission for Human Rights' Chairperson A. Debbie Fullenwider may limit the time allotted for each person providing oral testimony, as reasonably necessary to conclude the hearing in the time provided.

You may submit written questions relevant to the proposed action to Robert W. Corbisier by email at <a href="https://hreadings.com/hreadings.c

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Jenna Barker, Commission Secretary, at jennifer.barker@alaska.gov, (907) 276-7474, not later than May 14, 2021 to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

A copy of the proposed regulation changes is available on the Alaska Online Public Notice System and by contacting Sarah Bylsma, sarah.bylsma@alaska.gov, (907) 276-7474.

After the public comment period ends, the State Commission for Human Rights will either adopt the proposed regulation changes or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action. The language of the final regulation may be different from that of the proposed regulation. You should comment during the time allowed if your interests could be affected.

Statutory authority: AS 18.80.050; AS 18.80.060(b), (c); AS 18.80.110; AS 18.80.115

Statutes being implemented, interpreted, or made specific: AS 18.80.050(a); AS 18.80.060; AS 18.80.110; AS 18.80.115

Fiscal information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

The State Commission for Human Rights is creating a list of individuals and organizations interested in its regulations. Those on the list will automatically be sent a copy of all of the State Commission for Human Rights notices of proposed regulation changes. To be added to or removed from the list, send a request to the State Commission for Human Rights at 800 A Street, Suite 204, Anchorage, AK 99501, giving your name, and either your e-mail address or mailing address, as you prefer for receiving notices.

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