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Overview

This bill directs the Commissioner of Human Rights to establish a Statewide Compliance Oversight Office and conduct a study on discrimination.

Section

- **Statewide compliance oversight.** Directs the commissioner to establish a compliance oversight office to address the following:
 - 1) ensuring priority is given to all of the department's duties;
 - 2) implementing audit procedures of state and local agencies, school districts, corporations, and institutions for compliance with human rights, equal opportunity, fair housing, voting rights, and affirmative action laws;
 - 3) conducting affirmative action and human rights impact analysis on all executive orders and proposed legislation; and
 - 4) reviewing and approving all state contract procurement services.

Requires an annual report to the legislature, governor, and public at large.

- **Study committee.** Directs the commissioner to establish a committee to study the process of implementing the UN's International Covenant to End All Forms of Racial Discrimination and address issues relating to women's rights and housing discrimination. Requires a report to the legislature.
- **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$...... to carry out duties under § 1 and adds it to the base.

