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California Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Hearings:

Civil Rights Implications of AB5

The California Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a series of online public panels to hear testimony regarding the civil rights implications of California's AB5 legislation. The Committee will examine worker classification as either independent contractor or employee and whether AB5 legislation has impacted persons by discrimination or denial of equal protection because of race, color, sex, or in the administration of justice. The Committee also intends to provide the Commission with their findings and recommendations on the legislation of these topics.

The first panels and discussions in this ongoing series will take place:

- **Panel I: Monday, March 7th from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm PT**
 - Public comment begins at approximately 12:10pm PT
 - Online registration at: <https://tinyurl.com/43yk9xt4>
 - Telephone access (audio only): 800-360-9505; Access code: 2760 187 1290
- **Panel II: Tuesday, March 8th from 10:30 am – 12:30 pm PT**
 - Public comment begins at approximately 12:10pm PT
 - Online registration at: <https://tinyurl.com/5n6ec2xm>
 - Telephone access (audio only): 800-360-9505; Access code: 2760 324 5219

Members of the public will be invited to speak during an open comment period in the last 20 minutes of each panel. Members of the public are encouraged to share their perspectives and how AB5 legislation has impacted their personal experience. As part of this ongoing inquiry, the Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to bpeery@usccr.gov throughout the duration of the study.

Individuals requiring accommodations should contact the regional program unit at (202) 701-1376 at least five business days prior to the meeting to make their request.

Committee Chairperson Brian Moriguchi said, "When our government passes laws, they do so with specific goals and purposes. However, there may be unintended consequences to these laws. The California Committee wishes to examine California Assembly Bill 5 (2019) to determine how this law has impacted women, minorities and other groups working in the job classifications impacted by AB5."

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The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, established by the Civil Rights Act of 1957, is the only independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights and reporting annually on federal civil rights enforcement. Our 56 state and territory Advisory Committees offer a broad perspective on civil rights concerns at state and local levels. The Commission: in our 7th decade, a continuing legacy of influence in civil rights. For information about the Commission, please visit <http://www.usccr.gov> and follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).