Briefing on Algorithms Accountability and Civil Rights in Connecticut

The Connecticut Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights is hosting a briefing on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford.

Background: There is increasing use of algorithms—statistical models and software programs—to help improve decision-making and efficiency. Often defined as artificial intelligence, algorithms are used to predict behavior, such as shopping preferences or future actions. In the civil rights context, there are concerns of algorithmic discrimination and the potential that algorithms perpetuate or exacerbate bias.

The Connecticut Advisory Committee is looking at the risks and benefits of predictive algorithms. The Committee has invited advocates, government officials, scholars, and others to discuss the use of algorithms and how to identify and prevent algorithmic discrimination.

The public is invited to participate during the open session at the end of the briefing. State Covid-19 protocols are followed. For more information on the briefing, please email ero@usccr.gov or call the number listed on the left.