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Utah Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights Announces Public Web Briefings on Disparate Outcomes in Education

The Utah Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a series of virtual, public briefings on the civil rights implications of disparate outcomes in the state's K-12 education system. This investigation will analyze whether this system has a discriminatory impact on students on the basis of race, color, disability status, national origin, and/or sex. The Committee will provide the Commission with their findings and recommendations on this topic.

The first two briefings in this series will take place:

Briefing I: Monday, May 6, 2024, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm MT

Registration Link:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_vib6ARnoTQ-xZEhghgS1wQ

Audio Only (English): (833) 435-1820; Meeting ID: 160 447 0864#

Briefing II: Thursday, May 9, 2024, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm MT

Registration Link:

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_k24yodx3TjOMOxyMIRUhqA

Audio Only (English): (833) 435-1820; Meeting ID: 161 873 2246#

Committee Chairperson Jani Iwamoto said, “The Utah Advisory Committee looks forward to hearing diverse perspectives on the efficacy of protections provided by federal laws that prohibit discrimination in educational institutions. The Committee is particularly interested in understanding the extent to which these protections are sufficient to address concerns regarding equal access to education in Utah. The Committee will use the testimony received to draft a report, advising the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights about important issues in support of the Commission’s mission to inform the development of national civil rights policy and enhance enforcement of federal civil rights laws.”

After the Chair announces that the briefing has concluded, she will invite members of the public, if any, to make brief oral statements on the topic, with each statement not exceeding five minutes. Closed captioning will be available by selecting “CC” in the Zoom meeting platform. Individuals requiring additional accommodations should contact lschiller@usccr.gov at least 10 business days prior to this briefing. The Committee will also accept written comments related to this study. Please send written statements on this topic to lschiller@usccr.gov by June 7, 2024.

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