

## U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Report Release & Conference Call

## Beyond Suspensions: Examining School Discipline Policies and Connections to the School-to-Prison Pipeline for Students of Color with Disabilities

## Tuesday, July 23, 2019, 10:45 am EDT

On July 23, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Chair Catherine E. Lhamon and Commissioner Karen K. Narasaki will hold a public conference call to discuss the Commission's forthcoming report, *Beyond Suspensions: Examining School Discipline Policies and Connections to the School-to-Prison Pipeline for Students of Color with Disabilities*.

The report examines compliance with federal laws designed to protect students of color with disabilities from discrimination, and whether the federal government's enforcement of these laws adequately protect these students from discriminatory disciplinary actions and policies. The Commission investigated school discipline practices and policies impacting students of color with disabilities and the possible connections to the school-to-prison pipeline, examined the rates of exclusionary discipline, researched whether discipline policies unlawfully target students of color with disabilities, and analyzed the federal government's responses and actions on the topic.

*Beyond Suspensions*, based on expert and public input, and extensive research and analysis, will offer actionable recommendations to the President, Congress, and federal agencies. The Commission held a <u>public briefing</u> on the subject in December 2017; we invite you to view <u>video</u> of the sessions and the <u>transcript</u>. The report will be publicly available on our <u>website</u> on the day of the conference call.

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