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**Oklahoma Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Study on the Impact of the State's Constitutional Amendment on
Affirmative Action & Calls for Public Comment**

The Oklahoma Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will conduct a study of the impact of the state's 2012 ballot initiative and constitutional amendment on affirmative action, known as State Question 759. The amendment prohibited state and local governments from granting "preferential treatment to, or discriminat[ing] against, any individual or group on the basis of race, color, sex, ethnicity or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education or public contracting."

As part of this study, the Committee invites Oklahoma residents, advocacy groups, and subject matter experts to provide written statements on the impact of the amendment. Written statements may be submitted **no later than March 18, 2019**, to: Regional Programs Unit, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 230 S. Dearborn St., Suite 2120, Chicago, IL 60616; email: aventura@usccr.gov; or fax: (312) 353-8324.

In addition to accepting written statements, the Oklahoma Committee will host briefings or hearings in order to gather additional testimony. Dates, times, and locations are to be announced. Stay abreast of updates at the Commission's [website](#), [Twitter](#), and the [Federal Register](#).

Based on the written submissions and oral testimony received, the Committee will issue findings and recommendations in a report to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights on this civil rights issue of local and national importance.

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