



# AB 412 (Reyes): California Commission on Human Rights



## CAIR-CA Position: SPONSOR

### **Summary:**

Assembly Bill 412 will create the California Commission on Human Rights to oversee the status of human rights across California.

### **Background & Problem:**

Protecting and uplifting human rights for all is foundational for a just and equitable society. Currently, there is no entity in the State of California, whose sole objective is to review and recommend policy changes on the grounds of protecting human rights for Californians.

This means that several populations and issues slip through the cracks of the number of siloed entities in the state.

Considering the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the increase of hate crimes, and a growing recognition of systemic discrimination, a Commission is genuinely needed to ensure all Californians and their rights are under constant consideration by community members and experts.

### **Solution:**

AB 412 creates the California Commission on Human Rights, establishing an independent body within the State of California filled with human rights expert commissioners from across the state. This Commission will then be able to review the status of human rights and coordinate across state departments and the legislature in its efforts to provide policy recommendations which best protect the rights of the most marginalized in our state.

### **Support:**

CAIR-CA  
CHIRLA  
Western Center on Law & Poverty  
National Association of Social Workers  
The Arc

### **Opposition:**

None on File

### **Sources**

[United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)