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CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION

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Equal Rights Amendment – Study I-100

Request for Public Comment

The California Law Revision Commission has released and seeks public comment on its tentative recommendation related to statutory language that discriminates on the basis of sex. This tentative recommendation is made pursuant to <u>Senate Concurrent Resolution 92</u> (2022 Cal. Stat. res. ch. 150).

The tentative recommendation can be downloaded and viewed at https://clrc.ca.gov/pub/Misc-Report/TR-I100.pdf.

The Commission has tentatively concluded that California law is aligned with the Equal Rights Amendment, and its statutory laws provide extensive protections for individuals based on a broad array of sex characteristics. However, as not all of California's anti-discrimination laws contain the same level of detail, the Commission is tentatively recommending a sex equality provision applicable to all California code sections. That provision clarifies the scope of California's sex discrimination prohibitions to help ensure a uniform understanding of the scope of California laws governing sex discrimination across all codes. The Commission also determined there were no laws ripe for revision due to discriminatory language or disparate impacts on the basis of sex.

Comments can be in any format. The Commission often substantially revises its reports as a result of public comments. To receive timely consideration, comments should be submitted by **May 16, 2025** to Sarah Huchel at shuchel@clrc.ca.gov.