

Senate File 579

H-8157

1 Amend Senate File 579, as passed by the Senate, as follows:

2 1. Page 1, before line 1 by inserting:

3 <Section 1. Section 216.19, subsection 1, unnumbered  
4 paragraph 1, Code 2026, is amended to read as follows:

5 All cities shall, to the extent possible, protect the rights  
6 of the citizens of this state secured by the Iowa civil rights  
7 Act. A city or local government shall not enact any ordinance  
8 or other law which is broader or has different categories of  
9 unfair or discriminatory practices than those provided in  
10 this chapter. Nothing in **this chapter** shall be construed as  
11 indicating any of the following:

12 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 216.19, subsection 1, paragraph c, Code  
13 2026, is amended by striking the paragraph.

14 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. Section 216.19, subsection 2, Code 2026, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 2. A city ~~with a population of twenty-nine thousand, or~~  
17 ~~greater, shall~~ may maintain an independent local civil rights  
18 agency or commission consistent with agency rules adopted  
19 pursuant to **chapter 17A**. An agency or commission for which a  
20 staff is provided shall have control over such staff. A city  
21 ~~required to maintain~~ that maintains a local civil rights agency  
22 or commission shall structure and adequately fund the agency  
23 or commission in order to effect cooperative undertakings with  
24 the Iowa office of civil rights and to aid in effectuating the  
25 purposes of **this chapter**.>

26 2. Page 1, line 1, by striking <2025> and inserting <2026>

27 3. Page 1, line 15, after <(1)> by inserting <(a)>

28 4. Page 1, after line 21 by inserting:

29 <(b) The local agency or local commission shall notify the  
30 Iowa office of civil rights of the complaint upon the provision  
31 of notice to all parties.>

32 5. Page 1, after line 33 by inserting:

33 <NEW SUBSECTION. 12. A local agency or local commission  
34 that accepts complaints shall inform a person filing a  
35 complaint that the person may file the complaint with the Iowa

1 office of civil rights in lieu of filing with the local agency  
2 or local commission.

3 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. COMPLAINTS FILED WITH LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS  
4 COMMISSIONS AND LOCAL CIVIL RIGHTS AGENCIES. If, as of the  
5 effective date of this Act, a complaint has been pending with a  
6 local civil rights commission or local civil rights agency for  
7 at least twelve months from the filing date of the complaint,  
8 the local civil rights commission or local civil rights agency  
9 shall provide all parties notice of a party's right to direct  
10 transfer of the complaint to the Iowa office of civil rights.  
11 The local commission or agency shall also notify the Iowa  
12 office of civil rights of all the pending cases for which  
13 notice was provided pursuant to this section.

14 Sec. \_\_\_\_\_. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of  
15 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.>

16 6. Title page, by striking lines 1 and 2 and inserting <An  
17 Act relating to local laws implementing the Iowa civil rights  
18 Act of 1965, local civil rights commissions, and local civil  
19 rights agencies, and including effective date provisions.>

20 7. By renumbering as necessary.

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