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KENTUCKY CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE RELEASES REPORT ON LOCAL FAIR HOUSING ENFORCEMENT

The Kentucky Advisory Committee to the United States Commission on Civil Rights released today its report on fair housing enforcement at the local level, *Fair Housing Enforcement in Kentucky: Presence of Local Human Rights Commissions Prompts More Disability Housing Complaints, Complaint Investigation Resolutions Are Similar For HUD and Local Commissions.*

In Kentucky, three agencies qualify to participate in the Federal Housing Assistance Program (FHAP): the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights and two local commissions—the Lexington Human Rights Commission and the Louisville Human Rights Commission.

The study by the Kentucky Advisory Committee, a bi-partisan advisory panel to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, found that the presence of a local commission in a community significantly increased the number of housing complaints filed on the basis of disability and recommends that local and state officials expand the local Fair Housing Assistance Program in Kentucky beyond the Lexington and Louisville communities.

The United States Commission on Civil Rights is an independent, bipartisan fact-finding federal agency, with State Advisory Committees established in each state.

The chairperson of the Kentucky Advisory Committee is **Dr. J. Blaine Hudson** (Louisville). Other members of the Kentucky Advisory Committee are: **Richard H. C. Clay** (Louisville), **Regina Gomez** (Bowling Green), **Dr. Betty Griffin** (Frankfort), **James Harmon** (Frankfort), **Vickie R. Maley** (Paducah), **Linda J. McCray** (Bowling Green), **Osi Onyekwuluje** (Bowling Green), **William E. Summers**, V (Louisville), **Phil Tom** (Louisville), and **Jim Waters** (Bowling Green).

The full report is available from the website of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights at www.usccr.gov. A printed copy of the report can also be obtained by contacting: Dr. Peter Minarik, Regional Director, Southern Regional Office, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 61 Forsyth St., SW, Suite 18T40, Atlanta, Georgia, 30303, or by calling (404) 562-7000.