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### **Human Rights Agency Release of The Status of Human Rights**

The Tennessee Human Rights Commission (THRC) will release The Status of Human Rights in Tennessee Report on November 21, 2014 at the Commission Board Meeting.

The Tennessee Human Rights Commission held hearings in the Spring of 2014 in 4 cities across the state, Memphis, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Nashville. Fifty-four (54) leaders from government, advocacy groups, researchers, and community organizations presented oral and written testimony related to their own areas of expertise. Individuals provided testimonies on more than thirteen broad issues. These topics include employment, housing, access to programs and services, justice and law enforcement, immigration and new Americans, LGBT, voting rights, homelessness, disability rights, education, violence against women & other crimes and other human and civil rights concerns.

This report includes statistical data, trends, and information about the complaints in Tennessee. Some issues include age and race discrimination, worker deportation issues, accessibility in employment, housing discrimination against former felons, and domestic violence. The report includes best practices, programs, possible solutions, and recommendations for future actions.

The report will be published at [www.tn.gov/humanrights](http://www.tn.gov/humanrights) under the Brochures and Publications tab. Black and white hard copy can be obtained by phone at 1-800-251-3589 or via the “Contact Us” link on the THRC website.

The Commission's role, by means of enforcement and education, is to safeguard the citizens of Tennessee from discrimination in the areas of employment, housing, and public accommodations in regard to race, creed, color, religion, sex, disability, age, national origin, and familial status.

For more information on the THRC, including its role, policies, or the laws that govern the agency, call 1-800-251-3589 or visit the agency's website at [www.tn.gov/humanrights](http://www.tn.gov/humanrights).

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