

Alaska Association of Student Governments Resolution #11

Request to Update Anti-Discrimination Policy for All AK School Districts
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Be it Resolved by the Alaska Association of Student Governments that:

- 1. Whereas, every school district in the state of Alaska complies with the minimum federal requirements for anti-discrimination;¹
- **2. Whereas,** the Alaska Statute declares that it is illegal to discriminate based on race, religion, color, national ancestry, physical or mental disability, age, sex, marital status, changes in marital status, pregnancy, or parenthood;²
- **3.** Whereas, House Bill 184 in the 30th Legislature, if passed, will update Alaska's nondiscrimination statute to include lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender;³
- **4.** Whereas, there are 54 school districts in the state of Alaska;⁴
- **5.** Whereas, only three school districts in Alaska explicitly list sexual orientation and/or gender identity in their nondiscrimination policy on their websites;
- **6.** Whereas, 6 out of 10 LGBT teens report feeling unsafe at school because of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity;⁵

Therefore, be it resolved that the Alaska Association of Student Governments supports requesting all school districts in the state of Alaska to include sexual orientation and/or gender identity on their anti-discrimination policies if they have not already, and that they uphold that value to the best of their ability in their schools.

Action Statement: if passed by the general assembly of AASG, this resolution will be distributed to all school districts in the state that do not currently explicitly prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation and/or gender identity in their Board Policy as well as be sent to members of the State Legislature to show support for House Bill 184.

Sources:

1. ALASKA STATUTES

<u>14.18.010 - 14.18.100</u> Prohibition Against Sex and Race Discrimination <u>14.20.035</u> Evaluation of training and experience

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

<u>4 AAC 06.500 - 4 AAC 06.600</u> Prohibition of Gender or Race Discrimination <u>UNITED STATES CODE</u>

Title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d-2000d-7

Title IX, Education Amendments of 1972, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1681-1688

Vocational Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Sections 503 and 504, 29 U.S.C. § 794

Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C. §§ 1401-1491

Americans With Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213

- 2. Sec. AS 18.80.060 Powers and duties of the commission
- 3. Alaska's 30th State Legislature
- 4. Alaska Department of Education
- 5. https://www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-lgbt-life-america

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