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LABOR COMMISSION RELEASES EXECUTIVE SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANCE OF FAIR HOUSING

The Fair Housing Snap Shot Research Project

SALT LAKE CITY (August 26, 2015) – The executive summary and results of The Fair Housing Snap Shot Research Project, a statewide Fair Housing study, has been released by the Utah Labor Commission.

College of Social Work student researchers surveyed over 1,000 Utah residents, with participants in 22 counties statewide. The statewide project included surveys of general population and human service professionals, and assessed their knowledge of fair housing law, their attitude about specific aspects of fair housing trends, and included demographic information.

Survey results show that 59% of Utahns have an understanding of Fair Housing. 9% of those interviewed believe a landlord has the right to refuse an applicant based on religion, and 3% believe a landlord has the right to charge a higher rent if the tenant does not speak English. Additionally, 55% of survey participants feel that housing discrimination occurs less in Utah compared to other states.

The Fair Housing Snap Shot Research Project is a university and community partnership between Utah State University College of Social Work, and the Utah Labor Commission, Fair Housing Unit of the Utah Antidiscrimination Division (UALD).

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For a copy of the Research project summary, visit the Labor Commission website or follow this link: [Fair Housing Snap Shot Project Summary](#).

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