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BC Human Rights Coalition supports legislation on “social condition”

(VANCOUVER, Canada) -

The BC Human Rights Coalition is pleased to see that MLA Jenny Kwan has introduced legislation to include social condition as a protected ground in the BC Human Rights Code (the “Code”). The Coalition has supported the inclusion of social condition for many years and would endorse similar legislation brought in by any political party

The term “social condition” includes anyone in a socially identifiable group that suffers from social or economic disadvantage on the basis of income, occupation, poverty, lack of adequate housing, or any similar circumstance.

This amendment the Code would help protect these individuals in the community from discrimination by ensuring that they are provided legal protection and an avenue for redress.

This bill would bring British Columbia in line with other jurisdictions across the country such as Quebec, New Brunswick, and the Northwest Territories that have already included “social condition” in their human rights legislation.

The BC Human Rights Coalition agrees that this legislative response is an important part of better protecting the interests of the vulnerable and the less advantaged in our society.

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The B.C. Human Rights Coalition is a non-profit community-based organization. We strive to promote and strengthen the human rights of British Columbians through advocacy, education and law reform.