

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The House Committee on Government Operations to which was referred
3 House Bill No. 18 entitled “An act relating to Public Records Act exemptions”
4 respectfully reports that it has considered the same and recommends that the
5 bill be amended by striking Secs. 20–21 and the reader assistance thereto in
6 their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

7 * * * Human Rights Commission Exemption * * *

8 Sec. 20. 9 V.S.A. § 4555(a) is amended to read:

9 (a)(1) The Except as provided in this subsection, the Human Rights
10 Commission’s complaint files and investigative files shall be confidential
11 except that the.

12 (2) The Commission shall make the investigative file available to the
13 charging party, the respondent, their attorneys, and any State or federal law
14 enforcement agency seeking to enforce anti-discrimination statutes, upon
15 reasonable request. ~~The, except that the Commission may refuse to disclose:~~

16 (A) the identities of nonparty witnesses to the investigation may be
17 revealed as part of the investigative file, upon request, unless if good cause is
18 shown to protect the witness’s confidentiality; and

19 (B) records or information the release of which may be prohibited
20 under State or federal law absent court order.

