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Representative Cheryl K. Acton proposes the following substitute bill:

SOCIAL CREDIT SCORE AMENDMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Cheryl K. Acton

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill enacts provisions prohibiting certain actions in relation to a social credit score.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- defines terms;
- prohibits a person from directly or indirectly using, enforcing, providing data for use in, or otherwise participating in the creation or use of a system that {based on}uses a social credit score {discriminates against, advocates for, or causes adverse treatment of a person;

 prohibits a financial institution from collecting, evaluating, reporting, or maintaining in records of a person the credit worthiness, credit standing, or credit capacity of members of the person's social network for purposes of determining the

credit worthiness of the person;

- empowers the attorney general to enforce provisions related to social credit scores;
 - establishes a civil cause of action for a person injured by a prohibited act related to a social credit score} for certain actions; and
 - makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

13-61-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

13-61-201, Utah Code Annotated 1953

13-61-202, Utah Code Annotated 1953

13-61-301, Utah Code Annotated 1953

13-61-302, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **13-61-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 61. SOCIAL CREDIT SCORE PROHIBITION ACT

Part 1. General Provisions

13-61-101. Definitions.

(1) "Employer" means:

(a) the state;

(b) a county, city, town, and school district in the state; and

(c) a person, including a public utility, having one or more workers or operatives regularly employed in the same business, or in or about the same establishment, under a contract of hire.

(2) "{Financial institution}Governmental entity" means the same as that term is defined in Section {7-1-103.

(3) "Governmental entity" means the same as that term is defined in Section

<u>63D-2-102.</u>

(4) "Members of a person's social network" means the people a person authorizes as part of the person's social media communications and network.

<u>(5}63D-2-102.</u>

(3) "Place of public accommodation" means the same as that term is defined in Section 13-7-2.

({6}<u>4</u>) (a) "Social credit score" means a numeric, alphanumeric, or alphabetic value or other categorization assigned to a person based on a subjective or arbitrary behavior, action, or standard, including:

({a}i) compliance with government or bureaucratic guidance;

({b}ii) compliance with a regulatory standard;

({c}iii) a social media post;

(td) iv) participation or membership in a club, association, or union;

({e}v) {political}politcal affiliation; and

({f}vi) who the person's employer is {; and

(g) who the members of the person's social network are}.

(b) "Social credit score" does not include a consumer report as defined in 15 U.S.C.

Sec. 1681a.

Section 2. Section 13-61-201 is enacted to read:

Part 2. {Prohibitions} Prohibition of Social Credit Score

<u>13-61-201.</u> General prohibition regarding social credit score.

(1) A person, including a governmental entity, an employer, {a financial institution, }and a place of public accommodation, may not directly {nor}or indirectly use, enforce, intentionally provide data for use in, or otherwise participate in the creation or use of a {system that based on a }social credit score{ discriminates}:

(a) that is based on the person's legal, nonfinancial activities or affiliations, to determine a person's worthiness to participate in the economy; or

(b) to discriminate against, {advocates}advocate for or against, or {causes adverse treatment of a person.

Section 3. Section 13-61-202 is enacted to read:

<u>13-61-202. Prohibition regarding members of a person's social network.</u>

A financial institution may not collect, evaluate, report, or maintain in records of a person the credit worthiness, credit standing, or credit capacity of members of the person's social network for purposes of determining the credit worthiness of the person.

Section 4. Section 13-61-301 is enacted to read:

Part 3. Enforcement

<u>13-61-301. Attorney general enforcement.</u>

(1) The attorney general may enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(2) Except as provided in Subsection (3), the attorney general may seek in an action brought under this chapter:

(a) damages on behalf of a person suffering loss because of a violation of this chapter;

(b) reasonable costs of investigation and litigation, including attorney fees; and

(c) relief not described in Subsections (2)(a) and (b), as the court determines proper.

(3) In an action against a governmental entity for a violation of this chapter, the

attorney general may seek:

(a) injunctive relief; and

(b) reasonable costs of investigation and litigation, including attorney fees.

Section 5. Section 13-61-302 is enacted to read:

<u>13-61-302. Civil action.</u>

(1) Except as provided in Subsection (2), a person injured because of a violation of this chapter may bring a civil action against the person who violated this chapter for:

(a) injunctive relief;

(b) damages; and

(c) relief not described in Subsections (1)(a) and (b), as the court determines proper.

(2) A person injured because of a governmental entity's violation of this chapter may bring a civil action against the governmental entity for injunctive relief.

(3) A court shall award attorney fees and costs to a person who prevails in an action brought under}cause adverse or perferential treatment of an individual.

(2) Subsection (1) does not prohibit a person from:

(a) assessing a person's financial credit risk; or

(b) conducting or {(2)}using a background check.