

FEBRUARY 2024 FREE COMPLIANCE NEWSLETTER

UPDATED FAIR LENDING TRAINING VIDEO

Earlier in 2023, Tory recorded a free fair lending training video for board directors, and it was very successful. So, we decided to redo it and have it professionally produced at the same quality level as our fair lending school. We wanted to let you know that the new video is now available on YouTube. We recommend that not only your board of directors watch this, but also members of the executive management team as they often share many of the same duties. You can find a link to the updated video [HERE](#).

FEDERAL BANK AGENCIES RELEASE OVERVIEW WEBINAR OF NEW CRA REGULATIONS

The joint agencies have come together to produce a 1-hour free webinar video to help the industry better understand the new CRA rules. We haven't had a chance to watch it yet, but hopefully there is some useful information that everyone can learn from. You can find a link to the webinar [HERE](#).

CFPB PROPOSES RULE TO CLOSE BANK OVERDRAFT LOOPHOLE THAT COSTS AMERICANS BILLIONS EACH YEAR IN JUNK FEES

The CFPB issues a proposed rule that closes an outdated loophole exempting overdraft lending services from longstanding provisions of the Truth in Lending Act and other consumer financial protection laws. This new rule would cover banks over \$10 billion in assets, which is roughly the 175 largest institutions. The proposed rule would require these institutions to treat overdraft loans like credit cards and other loans as well as to provide clear disclosures and other protections. They are also proposing a limit to the fee banks can charge on overdrafts to be more in line with actual bank costs. The proposed benchmarks of \$3, \$6, \$7, or \$14 have been established and are open for comment. You can read the full rule [HERE](#) or find a much more reader friendly fact sheet [HERE](#).

CFPB PROPOSES RULE TO STOP NEW JUNK FEES ON BANK ACCOUNTS

This sounds like it's near the same page as the one above it. The CFPB is proposing to block banks and other financial institutions from charging NSF fees on transactions that financial institutions decline in real time. These include transactions declined right when the consumer swipes, taps, or clicks something for payment. They also include debit card purchases, ATM withdrawals, and some declined peer-to-peer payments. Many banks already do not charge fees in these cases, but this new rule would outright eliminate that option. You can find the proposed rule [HERE](#).