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NOTICE OF MEETING

On Thursday, January 23, 2014, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on the underground economy in California. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 2040 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

In this hearing, the Commission seeks to identify barriers that prevent effective enforcement of state tax and labor laws and opportunities to improve efforts to combat the underground economy. The Commission aims to understand the ways in which recently created collaborative bodies represent an innovative approach to abating the underground economy, as well as how the agencies and task forces involved will work across silos. It will explore the principles used by policymakers and administrators as they set expectations and define metrics for measuring success. Finally, the Commission will learn about the effects of unlawful business practices on California industry and any trends in the underground economy that may warrant changes to the methods state organizations use to eradicate it.

The Commission will hear from Christine Baker, director of the Department of Industrial Relations, who will introduce the topic and discuss the work of her department and the state's task forces that endeavor to join efforts across bureaucratic boundaries.

The Commission will then hear from a Board of Equalization chief legal advisor, the board's chief of investigations and special operations and a deputy attorney general from the Department of Justice. The panel will offer an additional overview of the underground economy in California as well as discuss the state's work on criminal tax evasion and revenue recovery.

Following their testimony, the Commission will hear from a risk management director in the construction industry and the chief executive officer of an intellectual property rights investigative firm on the effects of the underground economy on industry.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's website, www.lhc.ca.gov. If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Commission Acting Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Thursday, January 16, 2014.



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State Capitol, Room 2040
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Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

The Underground Economy: Impact on California and its Workforce

1. Christine Baker, Director, Department of Industrial Relations

Revenue Recovery: Criminal Tax Evasion and the California Economy

2. Shellie Hughes, Chief Legal Advisor for Chairman Jerome E. Horton, Board of Equalization
3. Randy Silva, Chief of Investigations & Special Operations, State Board of Equalization
4. Peter Williams, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice

An Uneven Playing Field: Combatting Illegal Practices in California Industries

5. Bruce Wick, Risk Management Director, California Professional Association of Specialty Contractors
6. Kris Buckner, Chief Executive Officer, Investigative Consultants

Business Meeting
Thursday, January 23, 2014
925 L Street, Room 175
Sacramento

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-IV at approximately 12:30 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2013, October 24, 2013, and November 21, 2013
- II. Subcommittee Reports/Project Selection
- III. Implementation
- IV. Reports from Bureau of State Audits