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**NOTICE OF MEETING
(REVISED WITNESS LIST)**

On Thursday, February 4, 2016, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a public hearing on occupational licensing in California. The hearing will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

At this introductory hearing, the Commission will examine the economic linkages between occupational licensing and consumer prices, wages and employment and service quality and availability. Commissioners also will learn about the effects of occupational licensing on upward mobility, entrepreneurship and innovation. Finally, the Commission will consider the nexus between public interest and occupational licensing, and the legislative sunrise and sunset review processes that govern occupational licensing in California.

At the hearing, the Commission will first hear from Dr. Morris Kleiner, from the University of Minnesota, who will discuss the economic impacts of occupational licensing. The director of strategic research for the Institute for Justice then will discuss how occupational licensing affects upward mobility. Following them, to speak to protecting the public interest, will be the executive director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego. The final panel will feature consultants from the state's Assembly Business and Professions Committee and the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee. They will discuss the mechanics of the sunrise and sunset review processes.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments. Immediately following the hearing, the Commission will hold a business meeting in in Room 175 at 925 L Street in Sacramento.

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 Executive Director Carole D'Elia at (916) 445-2125 or littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov by Thursday, January 28, 2016.



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Public Hearing on Occupational Licensing in California
Thursday, February 4, 2016
State Capitol, Room 437
Sacramento

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Public Hearing: 9:30 a.m.

The Economic Links Between Occupational Licensing, Employment, Wages, Prices, and the Quality and Availability of Services

1. Morris Kleiner, Ph.D., Professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

The Impact of Occupational Licensing on Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Upward Mobility

2. Dick Carpenter II, Ph.D., Director of Strategic Research, Institute for Justice

Protecting the Public Interest

3. Robert Fellmeth, Executive Director, Center for Public Interest Law, University of San Diego

Legislative Sunrise and Sunset Review

4. Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Ph.D., Chief Consultant, Assembly Committee on Business and Professions
5. Sarah Mason, Consultant, Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development

Business Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2016
925 L Street, Room 175
Sacramento

(The Commission will consider agenda items I-IV at approximately 12:45 p.m. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.) Members of the public will have an opportunity to make comments about Commission agenda items during the meeting.

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2015
- II. Project Selection
- III. Implementation
- IV. Reports from the California State Auditor's Office