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Accountancy Project

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Agenda

During the advisory panel meeting on June 11, participants identified three strategic goals associated with changes to California's licensing standards for CPAs: consumer protection, enhancing commerce and ensuring access to the CPA field by underrepresented Californians. In this meeting, the panel will be asked to discuss the impact of the 150-hour rule on those goals and how those impacts could be assessed, as well as potential trade-offs.

Welcome and Introductions

Discussion

- **Fortifying Consumer Protection**
 - 1) How is consumer protection defined and measured?
 - 2) What role does licensure play in consumer protection?
 - 3) How would the proposed licensing changes improve consumer protection?

- **Enhancing Commerce**
 - 1) How would the proposed licensing changes enhance commerce?
 - 2) What strategies might be employed to measure and monitor the nexus between licensing, other regulatory strategies and commerce?

- **Leveling the Playing Field**
 - 1) How would the proposed licensing changes support or hinder a level playing field?
 - 2) What strategies might be employed to measure and monitor the nexus between licensing and access to the field by underrepresented populations?

Closing Comments