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Secretary David Lanier Issues Statement on Underground Economy Enforcement

SACRAMENTO – California Labor and Workforce Development Agency Secretary David Lanier today issued the following statement on the Little Hoover Commission’s report on the underground economy:

“I applaud the Little Hoover Commission for a thorough review of the challenges and opportunities inherent in tackling California’s underground economy. The Department of Industrial Relations has made significant progress in holding dishonest businesses in the underground economy accountable, despite a historic recession and unprecedented budget cuts.

“The Department of Industrial Relations has the largest jurisdiction and tools to protect workers’ on-the-job rights in California, and has a track record of partnering with tax agencies and law enforcement. Because of this, Governor Brown named the Department as the lead agency in new underground economy initiatives to fight criminal tax evasion.

“I look forward to working with the Commission and the Legislature to further strengthen the Department of Industrial Relation’s leadership role in fighting the underground economy. Along with the Governor, the Labor Workforce Development Agency and its departments are committed to a California where businesses compete on a level playing field, workers’ rights and safety are protected, and California’s economy can grow.”

For more information on the Department of Industrial Relations’ enforcement task force actions related to the underground economy, please visit its 2015 report to the Legislature available here: http://www.dir.ca.gov/letf/LETf_Legislative_Report.pdf.

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