

**Request for Permission to Proceed with the Formal Regulatory Process for a Proposed Amendment of California Code of Regulations, Title 18, Section 17000.30, Relating to Conflict of Interest Code for the Franchise Tax Board**

The Political Reform Act, Government Code sections 81000, et seq., requires state and local government agencies to adopt and promulgate Conflict of Interest Codes. The Conflict of Interest Code designates which positions at FTB are considered designated positions. If an employee is in a designated position, then the employee is required to file their statements of economic interest (Form 700).

The current regulation was last amended in 2003. Since that time some previously designated positions are no longer utilized at FTB, and some new positions have been added that were not in existence in 2003. Therefore FTB needs to amend the Conflict of Interest Code to report which positions should be designated, along with what their reporting requirements are.

Staff believes that the proposed amendments to the regulation appropriately update the designations in the current regulation and requests permission to commence the formal regulatory process under the Administrative Procedure Act.

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