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Subject: Public Comment Invited on Recommendations for 2014 Rulemaking Calendar

The Franchise Tax Board (FTB) invites public comment on recommendations for items that should be included on the 2014 Rulemaking Calendar.

The FTB uses the Rulemaking Calendar to identify and prioritize the tax issues that it will address through regulations. The 2014 Rulemaking Calendar will identify any regulations currently in progress and any new regulation projects that the FTB intends to pursue during 2014. The Rulemaking Calendar is usually submitted to the three-member Franchise Tax Board at the last meeting of the year for approval.

The FTB recognizes the importance of public input to formulate its Rulemaking Calendar in order to best focus its resources on those regulation projects that are most important both to taxpayers and to the FTB to assist its tax administration efforts. Regulations play an important role in increasing voluntary compliance by helping to clarify ambiguous areas of the tax law.

As is the case whenever significant legislation is enacted, the FTB will continue to dedicate substantial resources during any year to regulation projects and published guidance necessary to implement the provisions of the recently enacted legislation.

In reviewing recommendations and selecting projects for inclusion on the 2014 Rulemaking Calendar, the FTB will consider the following:

- Whether the recommended guidance resolves significant issues relevant to many taxpayers;
- Whether the recommended guidance promotes sound tax administration;
- Whether the recommended guidance can be drafted in a manner that will enable taxpayers to easily understand and apply the guidance;
- Whether the FTB can administer the recommended guidance on a uniform basis; and
- Whether the recommended guidance reduces controversy and lessens the burden on taxpayers or the FTB.

Taxpayers may submit recommendations for regulations at any time during the year. However, for purposes of ensuring consideration of any recommendations with respect to the 2014 Rulemaking Calendar, please submit any recommendations no later than November 15, 2013.

Taxpayers are not required to submit recommendations for guidance in any particular format. Taxpayers should, however, briefly describe the recommended guidance and explain the need for the guidance. In addition, taxpayers may include an analysis of how the issue should be resolved. It would be helpful if taxpayers suggesting more than one guidance project prioritize the projects by order of importance. If multiple projects are being suggested, it also would be helpful if the projects were grouped in term of high, medium or low priority.

Taxpayers should send any written recommendations to:

Colleen Berwick, Regulations Coordinator
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Alternatively, taxpayers may submit comments electronically via e-mail to the following address: Colleen.Berwick@ftb.ca.gov. Taxpayers should include "2014 Rulemaking Calendar" in the subject line. All comments will be available for public inspection and copying in their entirety.

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