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Informational Hearing Agenda Monday, March 24, 2025 9:30 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 127

Making Senses of California's Economy: Real Cost Pressures and Household impacts facing Californians

I. Welcome

II. Panel 1: Statewide Overview-Making Sense of California's Economy

- Sarah E. Bohn- Vice President and Director- The Economic Policy Center and Senior Fellow John and Louise Bryson Chair in Policy Research
- Katheryn Russ- Professor of Economics- University of California, Davis Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research
- **Brian Uhler-** Deputy Legislative Analyst- Economy, Taxes, and Labor The Legislative Analyst's Office

III. Panel 2: Investing in California's Regional Economic Infrastructure

- **Derek Kirk-** Senior Advisor- Economic Policy Office of Regional Economic Development Initiatives- Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development
- Gurbax Sahota- President & Chief Executive Officer- CALED
- Daniel Fitzgerald- Regional Director- Small Business Development Center

IV. <u>Panel 3: Combating Household Impacts and Cost pressures from the ground</u> <u>up</u>

- Juliana Ramirez- Owner of JR Bookkeeping- EDC Small Business Development Center Business Advisor
- Dave White- CEO- Opportunity Stanislaus
- V. Public Comment