



RICARDO LARA
CALIFORNIA INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

September 23, 2019

EXTENSION OF DEADLINE FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS
RE: INVESTIGATORY HEARING ON THE USE OF GROUP RATING
IN PRIVATE PASSENGER AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE

On September 17, Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara convened an investigatory hearing pursuant to California Insurance Code section 12924 to gather evidence and ascertain the facts regarding insurers' use of occupational, educational, and other group rating practices, or so-called "affinity groups." This hearing explores how insurers' use of these groups may affect the rates for California private passenger automobile insurance.

In May of 2019, the Department of Insurance ("Department") communicated with stakeholders and other interested persons, inviting them to provide information in response to the Commissioner's specific questions in advance of the hearing. The Department compiled the information received and presented that data in aggregate form to the public at the investigatory hearing ([CDI Data Presentation: Affinity Group Auto Insurance Investigatory Hearing](#)).

As requested during the hearing, the Department also agreed to make available to the public the aggregated data. Persons who would like to access the aggregated data may do so by visiting the following weblink¹: <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/0400-news/0200-studies-reports/upload/Survey-BI-Data.xlsx>

In addition to the Commissioner's specific questions, on September 5, 2019, the Department invited the public to submit written comments. During the hearing, a few participants requested additional time to supplement the hearing record with additional information. Accordingly, the Department agreed to hold the record open until this Friday, September 27.

If you wish to submit additional written materials, please do so by this **Friday, September 27**. Please direct your submission to:

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¹ Note: this weblink may also be viewed by visiting www.insurance.ca.gov, navigating to the blue "News" banner and selecting "Studies, Reports & Publications."