OBJECTIVES

- **Promote Strategic Thinking**: Create a space exclusively for legislators to think broadly and explore strategies about how to support California’s workforce demands by aligning higher education and workforce development.
- **Build and Strengthen Relationships**: Foster deeper relationships and conversations between legislators and experts in higher education and workforce policy.
- **Exchange Ideas**: Discuss successes, challenges, and insights while enjoying a meal together and having fun.

SCHEDULE

5:00 p.m. **Pre-Event Reception**
Legislators and California Competes Board of Directors members and staff will have the opportunity to meet and mingle over refreshments.

5:30 p.m. **Dinner and Fireside Chat on Higher Education and Workforce Alignment**
When higher education and workforce align, Californians get higher-paying jobs, employers get better-qualified candidates, communities get engaged citizenry propelling society forward, and our state builds a strong, inclusive, and sustainable economy fueled by a skilled, diverse workforce. We will host an engaging fireside conversation on the current landscape of higher education and workforce development and efforts underway to strengthen effective career pathways for all Californians.

6:55 p.m. **Closing Remarks**
Attendees will share a toast as select legislators provide closing remarks.

7:00 p.m. **Post-Event Reception**
Attendees are invited to continue the conversation.

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