

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**

**Monday, February 10, 2014
1:30 p.m.**

**Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan**

Location: *Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor*
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

Supervisor Keith Carson called the meeting to order.

I. Federal Legislative Update

The House and Senate are both in session this week however the House will only be in session until Wednesday and then adjourn for the Democratic issues retreat. The Senate will be in session the entire week. The House will take up legislation that would change the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to an independent commission led by a five-member board. The Senate will consider legislation to repeal a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for the military that was included in the bipartisan budget agreement last December.

Debt Ceiling

House Republicans will hold a meeting to continue discussing what their plan is regarding the debt ceiling. They will likely try to pass an extension until March 2015 and attach a repeal of the recent changes to the military COLA that was included in the Bipartisan Budget Agreement in December.

Immigration

Last week, Speaker Boehner held a press conference and stated that he does not think the House will consider immigration reform before the end of 2014.

Unemployment Insurance Extension

The Senate is at an impasse on passing some form of unemployment insurance. Democrats failed to break a Republican filibuster to consider a three (3) month extension that included a provision to pay for the unemployment insurance.

Senate Transportation Reauthorization Hearing

The Senate Environment and Public Works Committee will hold a hearing on Wednesday, February 12, 2014 entitled "MAP-21 Reauthorization: The Economic Importance of Maintaining Federal Investments in our Transportation Infrastructure."

Purpose:

Report progress

- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal legislative update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. State Legislative Update

Prison Overcrowding Decision

The Federal 3-Judge Panel issued an order this morning allowing the State an additional two years, until February 28, 2016, to reduce the State's prison population to 137.5% of design capacity. The order specifies that the State must reduce the population to 143% by June 30, 2014 and 141.5% by February 28, 2015. A Compliance Officer will oversee the State's efforts and will be empowered to release inmates to reduce the population to the designated capacity should the State miss a benchmark by 30 days. The State will be required to provide the Compliance Officer with a list of inmates considered to be at low risk of reoffending within 60 days and to update that list every 60 days thereafter. Once the State has reached the goal of 137.5% design capacity, the Compliance Officer will direct additional releases only if the State goes above that capacity two months in a row.

The State will report to the court monthly, beginning February 15th. The State will not be permitted to appeal the order and will not petition to change the order until it is in compliance with the requirement that prisons be at 137.5% of their design capacity.

Cap & Trade Proposal

The full Senate Committee on Budget & Fiscal Review has scheduled a hearing for February 13, 2014 to review the Governor's Cap & Trade budget proposal. This hearing will allow interest groups to express their thoughts on how Cap & Trade funds should be allocated. The Assembly Budget Subcommittee #3 has scheduled a hearing on the Cap & Trade budget for March 5th, and the Senate Budget Subcommittee #2 will hold another Cap & Trade hearing in March.

Coordinated Care Initiative

A Joint Hearing of the Senate Budget and Senate Health Committees convened on Thursday to receive information from Department of Health Care Services Director, Toby Douglas, as well as other stakeholders on the status of implementation of the Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI). The CCI is an eight (8) county demonstration project developed as part of the 2012 state budget to enroll more Medi-Cal recipients into Medi-Cal managed care. At the end of January, Orange County was disqualified from participating because of issues found in an audit of its Medicare Advantage D-SNP Plan. Toby Douglas stated in the hearing that Alameda County has some financial issues that need to be remedied prior to implementation and Santa Clara County requested a delay to allow them time to implement an appropriate billing system. Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego and San Mateo Counties are preparing to move most of their Medi-Cal beneficiaries to Medi-Cal managed care.

Republican Transportation Proposal

Last week, the Assembly Republican Caucus unveiled a proposal to place a measure on the ballot that would result in the redirection of \$11 billion in high-speed rail bonds to transportation projects. The proposal would also pay back \$2.5 billion in highway account loans made to the General Fund and redirect funds being used to pay for transportation bond debt back to transportation projects.

The proposal would require up to \$2.5 billion in unanticipated revenue to be used to repay all remaining debts owed to transportation accounts. Unanticipated revenue would be considered funds remaining after schools and other mandated programs receive their allocations.

California Transportation Infrastructure Report

The California Transportation Agency (CalSTA) established the California Transportation Infrastructure Priorities Workgroup (CTIP) last spring. The CTIP Workgroup consists of over 50 transportation-related representatives, which have met regularly over the past year. The initial report from the CTIP Workgroup has been released, including general findings that will guide future work of the group, but also identifying several near and long-term issues. Many of the short-term issues such as highway account loan repayments, Prop 1B appropriations, cap & trade funding to implement Sustainable Communities Strategies, and funding for rail modernization are addressed in the Governor's 2014-15 Budget Proposal.

The longer-term issues that the CTIP will continue to explore include lowering the voter threshold for enacting local sales taxes, exploring the use of a mileage-based user fee, expanding the use of express lanes, and reforming the STIP process to address the changing role of transportation.

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- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: State legislative update**

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Request for Legislation Position – Action Item

- i. SB 210 (Hancock) An act to amend Sections 1275 and 1318.1 of the Penal Code, relating to criminal procedure

Recommendation: Support: Brendon Woods, Public Defender, Alameda County

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Recommendation from PAL Committee: Approve. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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