

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

**Monday, February 29, 2016
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

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

The House and Senate are both in session this week. The Senate will focus on legislation that would provide aid funding to Flint, Michigan, clearing the way for the bipartisan energy legislation that has been stalled due to the contaminated water controversy in Flint. The House will continue hearings on various appropriations bills and will have further discussions on an FY17 budget resolution.

Budget and Appropriations

House Republican Leadership has been scrutinized over their budget plan by two of the more conservative caucuses within the House Republican Conference. Their decision to oppose the deal is an added pressure on Speaker Paul Ryan because the groups are demanding steeper cuts to discretionary spending by \$30 billion from the original discretionary limit that was set in the fall as part of the two-year budget deal for FY16 and FY17.

Speaker Ryan has said that a lower budget number would make it nearly impossible to pass any FY17 appropriations bills and will make passing a budget resolution extraordinarily difficult. If the appropriations process is not completed by October as Speaker Ryan has hoped, Congress will be forced to fund the government with another continuing resolution and/or an omnibus package.

This week, House Budget Committee Chairman Tom Price will continue meeting with his Republican colleagues who are divided over the particulars of a FY17 budget resolution. The slow pace of the talks makes it unlikely that the Budget Committee will mark up a budget resolution before the House leaves for a district work period beginning on Friday.

Senate Energy Legislation

This week, Senate leaders are hoping to finalize an agreement on an assistance package for Flint, Michigan and other cities affected by lead-contaminated water. In order to return to the energy legislation, Senate leaders will have to address the aid package being pushed by Senator Debbie Stabenow. A \$250 million compromise was unveiled last week that would allow for municipalities to apply for loans that would address the contamination issues. However, the attempt to reach unanimous consent for votes fell short and Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn indicated that the Senate would still be working on a compromise this week and that he was not in favor of the deal as currently proposed.

Senate Opioid Abuse Legislation

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell filed cloture to take up S. 524, the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act, legislation aimed at addressing the growing heroin and opioid epidemic with increased funding for treatment and local response efforts. The Senate will hold a procedural vote tonight on the legislation.

Democrats are pushing for a vote on an amendment from Senator Jeanne Shaheen that would authorize \$600 million in emergency funding. However, earlier this month, Leader McConnell's office pushed back on the amendment in an effort to adhere to the regular appropriations process. While top Democrats still plan to fight for a vote on the amendment, they have suggested they will not reject the overall legislation if it is not included.

If passed as is, the measure would authorize \$77.9 million a year from FY2016-2020 for grants awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Justice.

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 – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

The Legislature introduced thousands of bills in February ahead of the February 19, 2016 bill introduction deadline. Advocates have reviewed every bill introduced and have submitted bills of interest to the County. Within those bills that were introduced, hundreds of those bills were spot bills. It is expected that many of those spot bills will be gutted and amended to pertain to something different from the original bill. State advocates will monitor all gut and amend bills for any bills that may pertain to the County.

County Sponsored Legislation

Assemblymember Quirk has introduced AB 2471, regarding the dissolution of health care districts. Assemblymember Baker introduced AB 2575, currently a spot bill, which will soon be amended to include introduced AB 1702, regarding commercially sexually exploited children. The County is co-sponsoring this bill with the County Welfare Directors Association. AB 1702 has been referred to the Assembly Judiciary Committee and is currently scheduled to be heard on March 15, 2016

Managed Care Organization Fix

A deal on the Managed Care Organization (MCO) fix was reached last week and was approved by the Assembly and Senate today. This fix requires a two-thirds vote and on behalf of the County, we have been lobbying Republican legislators to support the MCO fix.

Transportation Special Session

The Special Session called by the Governor in the summer to address the issue of transportation funding is still open. There has not been much activity on the special session as the focus has been on the special session on healthcare to address the MCO tax.

Speaker Change

Assemblymember Rendon will officially take over as Speaker of the Assembly on Monday, March 7, 2016.

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Request for Legislation Position – Action Items

- i. **AB 1584 (Brown) Public Social Services: SSI/SSP**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Rebecca Gebhart, Acting Director, Health Care Services Agency*
- ii. **AB 1591 (Frazier) Transportation Funding Proposal**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency*
- iii. **AB 1809 (Lopez) CalWORKs Eligibility: Asset Limits**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Wilma Chan, District 3, Board of Supervisors and Lori Cox, Director, Social Services Agency*
- iv. **AB 2471 (Quirk) Health Care District Dissolution**
*Recommendation: **Sponsor and Support:** Wilma Chan, District 3, Board of Supervisors*
- v. **AB 2575 (Baker) Traffic Control Devices**
*Recommendation: **Sponsor and Support with amendments:** Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency*
- vi. **SB 1/SBX1-1 (Beal) Transportation Funding**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency*

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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