

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

**Monday, June 1, 2015
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 back in session after the Memorial Day recess. The Senate will focus on extending the PATRIOT Act surveillance provisions throughout the week. The House will consider the Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations bill and the Appropriations Committee will hold two additional markups for the Department of Defense and State-Foreign Operations spending bills.

PATRIOT Act

The Senate returned from the Memorial Day recess yesterday to take up an extension of the PATRIOT Act. In a rare Sunday session, the Senate moved to adopt the motion to proceed to the House-passed USA Freedom Act, by a vote of 77-17 on the bill. The bipartisan House-passed surveillance bill would turn phone-call data collection over to telecommunications companies and require the NSA to obtain court warrants to search it. Until the Senate passes the legislation and works out any differences with the House, three programs have been shut down including the NSA bulk data collection program.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has scheduled a cloture vote for tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

House Appropriations

This week the House Appropriations Committee scheduled two mark-ups, while the full House will take up the FY16 CJS Appropriations bill. Chairman of the Appropriations Committee Hal Rogers plans to meet early on June 2, 2015 to mark up the \$578.65 billion Department of Defense appropriations bill and report it to the floor. The bill represents almost half of the \$1.017 trillion in regular discretionary funds available to the committee under the Budget Control Act.

Chairman Rogers also announced that he plans to begin moving the annual State and Foreign Operations spending bill on June 3, 2015. The State-Foreign Operations Subcommittee chaired by Rep. Kay Granger plans to mark up its draft bill early on June 3, 2015.

The Appropriations Committee is preparing to go to the House floor with the annual Commerce-Justice-Science spending bill (H.R. 2578) as soon as June 3, 2015. The \$51.4 billion bill was marked up before the Memorial Day recess and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy put it on the floor schedule for this week.

Also on the floor schedule is the FY16 Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development spending bill (H.R. 2577). However, the \$55.27 billion bill remains problematic, because of the low funding levels. The full House may not take up that bill until next week at the earliest.

MAP-21 Extension:

As Members of Congress return from the Memorial Day recess, they will have just two months to reach an agreement to extend MAP-21 and find a funding mechanism for the Highway Trust Fund.

The Senate EPW Committee is expected to mark up a six-year transportation bill on June 24, 2015. House Democrats on the Ways and Means Committee also sent a letter to Chairman Paul Ryan earlier this month requesting that the Committee hold comprehensive, bipartisan hearings on a long-term funding solution for the Highway Trust Fund.

The Congressional Budget Office sent a letter to the House Ways and Means Committee stating Congress would need to find an additional \$8 billion in revenue to fund a short-term extension from August 1, 2015 through the end of the calendar year. The letter also stated Congress would need to find an additional \$80-\$90 billion to fund a six year bill at current levels.

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- 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 –Platinum Advisors

Budget Conference Committee

Today marks the beginning of the Budget Conference Committee hearings, whereby members of both houses meet to iron out any differences between their respective budget proposals before sending their combined effort to the Governor. This year the Conference Committee will be chaired by Senator Mark Leno and he will be joined by Senators Ricardo Lara and Jim Nielsen. Assemblywoman Shirley Weber will serve as Vice Chair and she will be joined by Assembly members Richard Bloom and Melissa Melendez. The Conference Committee is expected to meet daily in order to resolve their differences and send a budget to the Governor by June 15, 2015.

City Law Enforcement Grants

Public Safety Realignment (AB 109) went into effect in October of 2011. The implementation of the program was not well received by local law enforcement, with many police chiefs asserting that public safety would suffer. As part of the 2012-13 budget, the Governor proposed (approved by Legislature) a three-year grant program to provide state General Fund support to city law enforcement agencies to help address any increase in workload associated with public safety realignment.

The funds were initially approved at \$24 million per year but increased to \$27.5 million as proposed by the Governor for the 2013-14 fiscal year. The Governor proposed an increase to \$40 million for FY 2014-15 and again the legislature adopted the proposal. The Legislature approved the FY 2014-15 amount based on the expectation that the FY 2014-15 would be the final year of the program. However, the Governor's January budget included a request for \$40 million to continue the city law enforcement grants for a fourth year.

Neither the Senate nor Assembly Budget Subcommittee was supportive of the Governor's proposal. The subcommittees took different approaches to address the proposal, however neither provided the full \$40 million to local law enforcement in a manner that would allow discretionary spending.

This item will be taken up in the Budget Conference Committee in order to adopt a final budget action on the part of the Legislature. The current year budget allocated \$718,000 to various city law enforcement agencies in Alameda County and Oakland was one of several cities that received a \$1 million grant earmarked for communities with high crime rates.

Cap & Trade Revenues

The May Revise substantially increases the amount of Cap & Trade revenue available in 2015-16 for various programs from \$992 million to \$2.2 billion. This is in addition to the auction revenue generated in the 2014-15 fiscal year. Total Cap & Trade revenue for 2014-15 and 2015-16 increased from \$1.65 billion to \$3.35 billion, which is consistent with the LAO's low end estimate.

In addition to the \$2.2 billion expenditure plan, the Administration places in reserve \$500 million in auction proceeds. The large reserve opened the door for the Senate and Assembly to make additions to the expenditure plan. The Assembly added \$180 million in Cap & Trade spending, while the Senate spends the entire reserve for a total expenditure plan of \$2.7 billion.

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Request for Legislation Position – Action Items

- i. **AB 73 (Waldron) Prescriber Prevails Act - ~~WITHDRAWN~~**
Recommendation: Support: Alex Briscoe, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- ii. **SB 4 (Lara) Health Care Coverage: Immigration Status**
Recommendation: Support: Alex Briscoe, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iii. **SB 321 (Beall) Gasoline Excise Tax: Rate Adjustments**
Recommendation: Support: Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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