

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

Monday, June 4, 2018
1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan

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

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

The House and Senate are in session this week. The House will take up the first batch of FY19 appropriations bills, its WRDA bill, and Project Safe Neighborhoods. The Senate will continue to focus on nominations, and potentially its FY19 National Defense Authorization bill.

FY19 Appropriations

This week, the House plans to take to the floor its first three FY19 appropriations bills: Military Construction/VA, Legislative Branch, and Energy & Water. The Senate will continue to mark up its bills at subcommittee and full committee this week. Transportation HUD will be marked up at subcommittee on Tuesday and full Committee on Thursday.

H.R. 3249, Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program

The House plans to take up H.R. 3249, which was introduced by Rep. Comstock (R-VA). This bill, passed by voice vote in both the House and Senate, will establish a Justice Department grant program to combat gun and gang violence. The bill funds the Project Safe Neighborhoods program, which would reduce crime in communities by providing local law enforcement agencies with resources to combat crime, authorizing \$50 million annually from FY 2019-2021. It also seeks to build relationships between law enforcement and the public. 30% of annual funding would be set aside for Gang Task Forces in certain areas with increased gang activity. The original House bill would have consolidated several programs within the Department of Justice including Byrne Justice Innovation grants (of which the County has benefitted) and other violence prevention grants. The Senate amended the bill and struck that language and has now sent it back to the House for final passage.

Farm Bill

The House voted on the Farm Bill before the Memorial Day Recess and rejected the 5-year authorization on a vote of 198-213 with 30 Republicans voting against the measure. The ultra-conservative House Freedom Caucus said in exchange for their votes on the Farm Bill, they wanted a commitment from Republican Leadership that the House would take up the Goodlatte-McCaul immigration bill, HR 4760. The Freedom Caucus ultimately voted against the measure as House Leadership did not provide those assurances on the immigration bill. Despite its failure on the floor, Speaker Ryan (R-WI) asked for a motion to reconsider the vote on the Farm Bill which passed on a voice vote. Under House rules, that reconsideration of the Farm Bill must occur by June 22.

As previously reported, we expect the Senate to introduce their bipartisan Farm Bill as early as this week with mark up as soon as next week. Senate Agriculture Chairman Pat Roberts has stated he does not want to include work requirements and other major changes to SNAP program because he will not have the necessary votes to move the bill.

Immigration

Partly as a result of the Farm Bill standoff discussed above, House Leadership has pledged to focus on immigration issues after the Memorial Day recess. The House Republican Conference will hold a meeting this Thursday to try to reach an agreement on how to move forward. The House Freedom Caucus is pressing for floor consideration of HR 4760, the Goodlatte-McCaul bill, the most conservative of the leading immigration reform proposals in play. Meanwhile, the discharge petition to trigger the “Queen-of-the-Hill” votes on that bill, the DREAM Act, and the USA Act, currently has 213 signatures out of the required 218, including 23 Republicans and 190 Democrats. At least 5 more Republicans would be needed (assuming all Democrats were to sign), and pressure is mounting from House Republican leadership against the petition and in favor of a more controlled vote on HR 4760. Chairman Goodlatte is considering some changes to his bill, which may be enough to break the logjam and lead to a floor vote, which could occur the week of June 18. If he can’t get enough votes, and the more moderate Republicans are able to obtain the 218 signatures required, the discharge petition could be brought up on June 25, 2018.

HHS Proposed Rule on Title X

The Trump Administration proposed new rules to bar Planned Parenthood and other health-care providers from performing abortions at facilities that receive federal family planning funds. The HHS proposal would require physical and financial separation between facilities receiving the federal funding and those where abortion is performed, supported, or referred as a method of family planning. The proposed rule appeared in the Federal Register on June 1.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

II. State Legislative Update – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

On May 25, the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees took up items on the Appropriations Suspense File – a process by which bills with significant fiscal impact are considered all at once. Items that did not pass out of the suspense hearing were held in committee where they are now considered to be dead. The County had positions on 23 bills going into the suspense hearings. The County had positions on 12 Assembly Bills on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense File – 12 support bills and 1 sponsored bill. The Assembly held the following 3 bills in committee: AB 1795 (Gipson), AB 2623 (Holden), AB 2637 (O'Donnell). The County had positions on 10 Senate Bills on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File – 9 support bills and 1 oppose bill. The Senate held the following bill in committee: SB 1093 (Jackson). Following the subsequent house of origin deadline on June 1 – in addition to the 4 County position bills above that failed passage on the Appropriations Suspense files – AB 2995 (Carrillo), a bill within the lead paint package that the County took a support position on, failed passage on the Assembly floor. This bill would have defined lead-based paint on a residence or other building as a physical injury to property, and provide that civil actions to recover damages to property due to the presence of lead-based paint do not accrue until the aggrieved party has actual knowledge of the lead-based paint. AB 2074 (Bonta), another bill within the lead paint package, was sent to the inactive file before being voted on. The rest of the lead paint bills in the package have moved forward.

Budget Conference Committee

The Legislature now has less than two weeks to finish their work in Budget Conference Committee and send a final budget to Governor Brown. Last week, they began their work beginning with Education related items. Next they will deal with Health and Human Services, Resources and Transportation, and finally with General Government and Public Safety.

Among the items being debated in conference is the CalWORKs Single Allocation restoration – the Assembly is proposing to restore more of the funding than proposed by the Senate.

Another item of negotiation will be the IHSS automation backlog – the Assembly is proposing \$2.5 million for this request while the Senate has no proposal. Other high ticket items include proposals related to Safe and Affordable Drinking Water in response to the Governor’s trailer bill to impose a water tax on all water users and proposed changes by both houses to the Governor’s Cap and Trade Expenditure Plan – to name a few. We will continue to monitor the progress of Budget Conference Committee and relay pertinent information to County staff.

Update on County's Sponsored Bills

AB 2111 (Quirk), Alameda County’s sponsored bill, which will align CalWORKs sponsor deeming provisions with those used for CalFresh for sponsored non-citizens indigence determinations, passed on the Assembly Floor. The bill is now in the Senate awaiting committee referral.

Senate Homelessness Funding Trailer Bill

Last Friday, the Senate circulated a version of the homelessness funding trailer bill which uses the Continuums of Care (COC), Homelessness Point in Time Count, and limits any COC to 33% of the funds available. This language is not final and there are still ongoing negotiations between the Assembly and the Senate.

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. **AB 2328 (Nazarian) Youth Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Program Act of 2018**

Recommendation: **Support:** Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

ii. **AB 2601 (Weber) Pupil instruction: sexual health education: charter schools**

Recommendation: **Support:** Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

iii. **AB 2843 (Gloria) Mental Health Services Fund**

Recommendation: **Oppose:** Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

iv. **SB 774 (Leyva) Hazardous materials: California Toxic Substances Board**

Recommendation: **Support:** Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

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- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position**
- Other:

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

III. ADMINISTRATION

i. **A Resolution Supporting Strong Public Sector Unions Post a Janus v. AFSCME Supreme Court Decision**

Recommendation: **Support:** Wilma Chan, District 3, President, Board of Supervisors

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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