

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

Monday, July 30, 2018
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 Senate is in session this week. The House recessed for the month of August and will return the week of September 3. The Senate will focus this week on the second appropriations minibus and will likely vote to go to conference with the House on the 2018 Farm Bill. Other items the Senate could take up in August include, the FAA reauthorization, an extension of the National Flood Insurance Program, a reauthorization of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), and several judicial/executive nominations.

FY19 Appropriations

House Speaker Paul Ryan and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell met with President Trump last week to discuss a strategy to avoid a potential government shutdown this fall. In light of President Trump's request for additional funding for a border wall, both Leader McConnell and Speaker Ryan have suggested waiting to pass the Department of Homeland Security appropriations bill until after the midterms, but hope to have some of the more non-controversial bills signed into law by October 1, 2018.

Congressional staff is expected to hold informal conference meetings on the first minibus, H.R. 5895 (Military Construction-VA, Energy & Water, Legislative Branch) over the August recess and a formal meeting to take place in early September when the House return to Washington.

The Senate is expected to approve its second minibus (H.R. 6147) this week. It includes appropriations for Financial Services, Interior and Environment, Agriculture-FDA and Transportation-HUD. The Senate is also expected to move a third minibus during the month of August which includes the FY19 Defense and Labor-HHS-Education bills.

The House Appropriations Committee has now approved all 12 appropriations bills, after approving the FY19 Department of Homeland Security spending bill.

Farm Bill Conference

The Senate will likely vote this week to go to conference with the House on the 2018 Farm Bill. The House recently voted to go to conference and named 47 conferees. It is possible lawmakers will work to reach a deal on the Farm Bill prior to the 2018 midterms.

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

II. State Legislative Update – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

The Legislature will return from Summer Recess on August 6, 2018. Upon their return, they will immediately focus on sending fiscal bills to the floor and non-fiscal bills to the Governor for signature or veto before the August 31st deadline. As a reminder, below are important upcoming legislative deadlines:

- August 17 – Last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills.
- August 24 – Last day to amend bills on the floor.
- August 31 – Last day for each house to pass bills; final recess upon adjournment.
- September 30 – Last day for the Governor to sign or veto all bills sent to him before September 1.
- November 6 – General Election.

Update on County 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, was placed on the Appropriations Suspense File for action in August when the Legislature returns from Summer Recess.

Wildfire Conference Committee

On July 24, 2018, Governor Brown submitted a letter to the Conference Committee tasked with solving the wildfire and utility liability crisis along with a proposal for moving forward in solving the issue at hand. On July 25, 2018, the Conference Committee held its first meeting. Numerous stakeholders testified before the committee, with a goal of educating and evoking discussion on the very complex issues at hand. Numerous County Supervisors provided testimony before the committee, urging members to leave existing utility liability in place to protect those impacted in their communities. Supervisors implored the committee to focus on fuel reduction, forest management and improvements in utility fire safety policy and technology instead of changing utility liability law. After a long discussion, and many members of the committee and public leaving with possibly more questions than answers and solutions, the committee pledged to work diligently on narrowing their scope of work in the coming weeks, in order to have more productive conversations with solutions before the end of session. The next day, PG&E reported that it had lost nearly \$1 billion in the second quarter of 2017 – a very timely announcement given the release of the Governor's proposal and the work that conference committee seeks to accomplish in the following weeks. PG&E claims that while the proposal at hand is welcomed, it does not go far enough to protect utilities financial well-being.

CSAC Homelessness Funding Webinar

Last week, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) held an informational webinar titled "New Homelessness Funding: Thinking it Through." Representatives from the Department of Housing and Community Development and from the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency were included in the webinar. Both departments outlined what they are working on in terms of new homelessness funding programs and walked through tentative funding timelines.

Initiative Update

On July 25, 2018, a new initiative was filed with the Secretary of State, which would require United States citizenship in order to register to vote and vote in all state and local elections. The proponent is former Republican Congressman Doug Ose, who filed the initiative in response to San Francisco's 2016 ballot measure that went into effect in mid-July, which allows non-citizens to vote in school board elections as long as they have a child in the school system. This measure will expire in 2022 but may be renewed by the Board of Supervisors. Currently, California does not require the showing of personal identification before registering to vote or submitting a ballot. The measure does not specify how citizenship would be determined before registering or voting – however, it does create a new section in California's election law. The initiative will need 365,880 voter signatures to appear on the 2020 ballot.

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A. Informational item

Position taken under authority of the adopted 2018 Legislative Platform for immediate action by legislative advocates:

- i. **SB 212 (Jackson) Solid waste: pharmaceutical and sharps waste stewardship**
Recommendation: Support, but oppose any amendments to preempt Alameda County's local ordinance: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

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This item is informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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