

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

Monday, September 19, 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. Congress will be focused on trying to reach a final agreement on stopgap spending legislation that would fund the government through December 9.

Continuing Resolution

Although Congressional Leadership is hopeful that the House and Senate will pass a continuing resolution that will run through December 9, negotiators are still working to reach final agreements on key issues including, additional funding to combat the Zika virus, disaster relief funding following recent flooding in Louisiana and Texas, solutions for controversial policy riders, and whether to proceed with an omnibus appropriations bill or a series of smaller “minibuses” following the CR deadline in December.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has scheduled a procedural vote this evening on advancing the legislative vehicle for the CR. That vote to limit debate would put the Senate on track to consider and debate the CR once it’s ready for floor action. It is likely that the Senate would vote for passage and immediately adjourn to return to the campaign trail. However, we are hearing the timing of the vote could be delayed as members are trying to finalize the agreement. The House will take up the CR later this week following Senate passage.

Juvenile Justice Reauthorization

Last week, the House Education and the Workforce Committee met to markup H.R. 5963, the "Supporting Youth Opportunity and Preventing Delinquency Act," introduced by Rep. Carlos Curbelo. The bill reauthorizes and amends the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Act of 1974. The legislation aims to help local and state officials better address the needs of at-risk youth and set them on a path towards long-term success. The program hasn’t been authorized since 2007, but continues to receive annual appropriations.

Rep. Curbelo outlined the three main objectives of the legislation, including: positioning youth for long-term success by giving local leaders flexibility to address their needs; focusing on programs with proven track records and science-based practices; and improving oversight and accountability to limit waste and fraud within the system. The legislation would provide both formula and incentive grants to state and local governments.

The full House is expected to pass the legislation tomorrow. The Senate Judiciary Committee passed its version of the bill in July 2015 but Senator Tom Cotton (R-AR) has objected to bringing the bill to the floor.

Child Nutrition

Senators are looking to pass the long-stalled child nutrition bill as soon as this week. The bipartisan child nutrition bill would reauthorize nutrition programs for five years. The legislation would also ease rules on sodium and on whole grains, but it would broadly preserve the school meal standards pushed for by the Obama administration and implemented under the expired Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act.

Leaders of the Senate Agriculture Committee are now seeking unanimous consent to bring up the bill on the floor after they found a funding source to make up a shortfall in the bill after budget estimates came in higher than expected. The extra money is expected to come from FY16 savings in the Women, Infants and Children nutrition program.

Senate passage could set up the bill to be included in a year-end FY17 omnibus/minibus package. However, even if the Senate clears its legislation, the House version remains highly controversial because it would create a pilot program for block-granting meal programs.

Career & Technical Education Act

Last week in a bipartisan vote of 405 to 5, the House approved H.R. 5587, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act. The measure seeks to reauthorize and reform the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006 in an effort to help more Americans enter the workforce with the skills needed to compete for high-skilled, in-demand jobs.

The Senate Health, Education, Labor & Pensions Committee is scheduled to markup its companion bill, the Career and Technical Education Act of 2016, on Wednesday, September 21, 2016.

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

Governor's Action on Legislation

As of September 1st, there were nearly 800 bills on the Governor's desk. Now, with less than two weeks left to meet the constitutional deadline of September 30th to sign or veto all bills passed by the Legislature at the of August, the Governor has made significant progress.

Most notably, the Governor signed the Cap-and Trade Expenditure Plan last week. The two bills, SB 859 and AB 1613 will invest \$900 million in Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund revenues to reduce the State's greenhouse gas emissions, petroleum consumption and climate pollutants, enhance energy efficiency programs, and target support in disadvantaged communities negatively impacted by climate change. Additionally, the Governor signed the No Place Like Home bond financing bill, AB 1628. This bill outlines the process of diverting Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act money to finance and repay the \$2 billion in bonds that will be used to provide permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals who are also mentally ill.

On September 13th, the Governor signed the last of the budget bills, listed below. These final bills were signed more than two months after the 2016-17 fiscal year began:

- AB 1623 – Budget Act of 2016.
- AB 1624 – Education.
- AB 1625 – Human services.
- AB 1628 – No Place Like Home Program: financing.
- SB 835 – State government.
- SB 838 – Transportation.
- SB 839 – Public resources.
- SB 840 – Public resources: energy.

Additionally, the Governor vetoed the following bills that would have created new and expanded tax breaks worth hundreds of millions of dollars, in order to maintain California's fiscal stability:

- AB 717 – Sales and use taxes: exemption: diapers.
- AB 724 – Sales and use taxes: exemption: museum displays: Jimmy Doolittle Air and Space Museum Education Foundation. • AB 1561 – Sales and use taxes: exemption: sanitary napkins: tampons: menstrual sponges and menstrual cups.
- AB 2127 – Taxation: motor vehicle fuel: use fuel: alcohol fuels.
- AB 2728 – Insurance: community development investments.
- SB 898 – Sales and use taxes: exemption: animal blood.
- SB 907 – Personal income taxes: gross income exclusion: mortgage debt forgiveness.

Transportation Funding

The current transportation funding proposal, amended into Senator Beall's existing SBx1 1 and introduced in the Assembly Transportation Special Session as ABx1 26 (Frazier), includes over \$2.5 billion in new funding to be shared between cities and counties and also includes accountability and streamlining measures to enhance the delivery of transportation projects.

Due to the lack of action on this issue, over 60 organizations have sent letters to the Legislature and the Governor, urging their timely response in passing a comprehensive transportation bill before the adjournment of the Special Session. The Legislature has until November 30th, when the 2015-16 Legislative Session adjourns, to act on this critical issue.

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