

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

**Monday, September 24, 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 House and Senate are in session this week. The House will focus on approving the FY19 Defense and Labor-HHS-Education minibuss conference report while the Senate will focus on the confirmation of Supreme Court nominee, Brett Kavanaugh. This could be the last week the House is in session until after the mid-term elections.

FY19 Appropriations

The House returned this week after a week-long recess and is expected to approve the FY19 Defense and Labor-HHS-Education conference report. The Senate approved the report (H.R. 6157) last week as well as a continuing resolution through December 7th for the remaining appropriations bills (DHS, CJS, and State-Foreign Ops).

Negotiations are ongoing for the second minibuss which includes the Interior-Environment, Financial Services, Agriculture-FDA, and Transportation-HUD appropriations bills (H.R. 6147). There continues to be disagreement over several policy riders included in the House bill and we are hearing those remaining appropriations bills in the second minibuss package will likely be included in the CR.

SCOTUS

The confirmation of SCOTUS nominee Brett Kavanaugh has hit a roadblock as accusations of sexual assault have surfaced. One of Kavanaugh's accusers, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, is set to testify in a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday. Over this past weekend, another accusation was made by Deborah Ramirez related to an incident that occurred during Judge Kavanaugh's time at Yale University. Senate Republicans hold a slim 51-49 majority in the Senate and an 11-10 majority on the Judiciary Committee. They will have to hold their conference in line for the nomination to advance to the Senate floor.

Public Charge

Over the weekend, the Department of Homeland Security published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking related to changes in the definition of the public charge. The NPRM has yet to be posted in the Federal Register, but we do expect it to be published as soon as later this week. Once the NPRM is published, there will be a 60-day comment period.

Purpose:

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

II. State Legislative Update – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

The Governor now has until September 30th to sign or veto all bills sent to him by the Legislature. The Governor signed AB 626 (Garcia) that will allow for the sale of food from home kitchens and limit county's public health authority to monitor these activities, which the County opposed.

The Governor still needs to act on several County priority bills including the County's sponsored bill AB 2111 (Quirk), AB 2923 (Chiu) related to BART standards for transit-oriented development, AB 3115 (Gipson) related to community paramedicine programs and SB 905 (Wiener) related to alcoholic beverages hours of sale.

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, is currently on the Governor's desk.

Initiative Update

The California Budget and Policy Center, an organization which engages in independent fiscal and policy analysis and public education, recently released an analysis of Proposition 6, which would repeal California's transportation tax implemented by SB 1 and amend the state Constitution to require voter approval of any future fuel and vehicle-related tax and fee increases.

The analysis finds that if voters approve Proposition 6, the implications for public services include reduced funding for road improvements, decreased ability for the state to raise revenues for transportation infrastructure in the future, increased pressure on state and local budgets to finance transportation improvements, fewer jobs, and slower economic growth, to name a few. The report also estimates that eliminating the new revenues enacted in 2017 would result in the loss of \$5.1 billion annually for transportation infrastructure.

SB 1 Annual Expenditure Reports

SB 1 annual expenditure reports are due to the California Transportation Commission on October 1, 2018. These annual reports, along with project lists, are part of the annual reporting requirements for counties to receive critical transportation funding. The California State Association of Counties will be conducting a webinar to inform county officials on process of submitting an annual expenditure report, to ensure that all counties receive the maximum amount of funding.

State Auditor Report: Housing Bond Funds

The California State Auditor released its report, "California Department of Housing and Community Development: Its Oversight of Housing Bond Funds Remains Inconsistent," which finds that after conducted five audits of programs that distribute almost \$5 billion in affordable housing bonds passed by California voters in 2002 (Proposition 46) and 2006 (Proposition 1C), the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) continues to monitor its housing bond programs in an inconsistent manner.

The audit suggests that HCD cannot with complete certainty claim that the bond funds have benefitted target populations, reporting that the centralized database used by HCD to monitor housing programs is unreliable and that the department has repeatedly exceeded its 5% administrative spending allotment in two of its programs. The Auditor recommends that the Legislature require HCD to provide annual reports that demonstrate how bond funds have been used that prove that loans have been provided to eligible homeowners. HCD has less than 60 days to respond to the Auditor.

It is important to note that this report comes out less than two months away from the November 6 General Election, where voters will decide on a \$4 billion affordable housing bond, Proposition 1. It is noted in the audit report that Proposition 1 would provide more money to many of the programs in question above.

NACo Criminal Justice Webinars

The National Association of Counties (NACo) will be conducting criminal justice related webinars focusing on the benefits of intergovernmental coordination with the state and with cities. The first webinar will be held on September 27 and focuses on state collaboration in criminal justice planning. The second webinar will be held on October 11 and focuses on city and county collaboration in jail reduction.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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