

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

**Monday, April 9, 2007
1:30 pm**

**Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Scott Haggerty**

Location: Board Conference Room-5th floor-County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

Supervisor Scott Haggerty called the meeting to order.

I. FEDERAL LEGISLATION (Jim Copeland/Emily Bacque)

Legislative Update

The House and Senate were out of session last week for the spring recess. The Senate comes back in tomorrow, but the House will not return until April 16.

FY07 War Supplemental

The House and Senate have begun informal conference negotiations. The Administration continues to state that President Bush will veto the supplemental appropriations bill if it contains troop withdrawal language. In addition, Republicans and the Administration have voiced concern over the \$19 billion in non-defense spending. Democrats lack the votes to override a veto.

Senate Schedule

The Senate plans to debate legislation (S. 5) this week that would lift restrictions on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. The House passed its version of the bill in January. The Senate will likely have 66 members supporting the bill (one vote short of overriding a veto). The measure is similar to the bill vetoed last July by President Bush.

II. STATE LEGISLATION (Lynn Suter/Steve Wallauch)

Legislative Update

Several bills have come in during the Easter recess. Lynn Suter and associates will send updates; agency and department heads should review them to determine if they will be affected.

Budget subcommittees are continue to meet to finish the Governor's budget proposal before the May Revise.

This afternoon's budget hearing includes Health and Human Services dealing with community-based programs. One program is AB 2034 – Mental Health and Homeless program. The City of Berkeley and other surrounding counties are dependent on this state funding. In addition, the hearings will focus on administrative fund increases, for human services programs, which have been frozen at 2001 cost levels, leading to funding gaps for counties. The total loss for counties statewide is about \$800 million. Some county counsels have said the administrative fund increase violates Proposition 1A, by shifting costs to counties.

The Governor will hold two working groups on health care reform: 1) Group one will examine issues such as individual mandates, purchasing and enrollment funding; 2) Group two will examine cost containment. CSAC will be in both working groups. Meetings are invitation only.

Senator Perata is introducing legislation today to put a measure on the February ballot to call for an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq.

Bills to consider for PAL.

AB 508 – City of Oakland – Food Stamps for felons. The Social Services and Probation agencies do not oppose the bill. Department of Finance may oppose the bill.

AB 239 – Limited to Contra Costa and San Mateo Counties; allows an increase in county recordation fees that would be used to fund affordable housing. Alameda County could possibly be added to the bill.

AB 161 – Establishes collaborative opportunities for rehabilitation of employment. Awards grants to community based organizations working with local law enforcement agencies to implement a re-entry plan.

AB 501 – County sponsored Sharps bill – Lynn Suter and Associates to meet with pharmaceutical lobbyists on Wednesday to discuss issues with the bill.

Request for Legislation Position – Action Item

i. AB 220 (Bass) Firefighters

Recommendation: Oppose: Health Care Services Agency

This item was continued.

ii. SB 848 (Corbett) Engineering and Traffic Surveys-Speed Traps

Recommendation: Support: Sheriff's Office

This item was continued.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Supervisor Carson adjourned the meeting to April 16, 2007.

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