

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

Monday, March 18, 2019
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 not in session this week. Congress will return to session the week of March 25.

Update on Resolution of Disapproval

The Senate voted on Thursday on the House-passed resolution of disapproval of President Trump's emergency declaration. The resolution passed on a vote of 59-41 with the following Republican Senators voting with Democrats: Collins (R-ME), Murkowski (R-AK), Paul (R-KY), Alexander (R-TN), Romney (R-UT), Toomey (R-PA), Moran (R-KS), Portman (R-OH), Blunt (R-MO), Lee (R-UT), Rubio (R-FL), and Wicker (R-MS).

President Trump issued his first veto over the weekend, rejecting the resolution of disapproval to overturn the national emergency at the southern border. Speaker Pelosi announced the House will vote to override the President's veto on March 26, 2019. The House is not expected to come close to having the two-thirds majority that is necessary to override a presidential veto, but Democrats want House Republicans to take another difficult vote on the issue. The Senate will not take up the veto override legislation since it will fail in the House. Regardless, the strong bipartisan support for the measure, particularly in the Senate, will likely add support to states who have already filed lawsuits seeking to block the emergency declaration.

HR 6 – Dream and Promise Act

House Democrats introduced the Dream and Promise Act of 2019, H.R. 6, which would provide a path to citizenship for those with status under one of three temporary immigration programs: the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (“DACA”) program; those with Temporary Protected Status (“TPS”) from Honduras, Haiti, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Nepal, Somalia, Sudan, and South Sudan; and those with Deferred Enforced Departure (“DED”) status from Liberia.

Rep. Roybal-Allard (D-CA) introduced the Dream and Promise Act of 2019, joined by 207 other Democrats as co-sponsors, including 43 from California. At the House Judiciary Committee hearing last week, there was broad bipartisan support to address the DACA, TPS, and DED situation, but there is a partisan divide as to whether it would be necessary to bundle these fixes with increased border security measures or other enforcement provisions for the bill to be able to pass the Senate.

H.R. 1-10 are Democratic priority and messaging bills that will pass in the House on partisan lines but will likely die in the Senate.

House Oversight Hearing on 2020 Census

The House Oversight and Reform Committee held a hearing last week on the ongoing preparations for the 2020 Census and the addition of a citizenship question to the decennial census. Secretary of Commerce, Wilbur Ross, testified on the proceedings and progress of the census. The vast majority of the hearing was partisan with Democrats and Republicans criticizing one another. Democrats on the Committee were interested in learning more about the process in which Secretary Ross made the decision to include the citizenship question in the 2020 census, offering to let the Secretary correct his previous testimony. Republicans wanted to demonstrate that adding the citizenship question was simply routine as done in previous years.

The County submitted the Board of Supervisors resolution opposing the inclusion of the citizenship question on the decennial census to the Oversight Committee.

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Budget

Budget Sub Committees are in full swing. Last week they held marathon hearings in the Health and Human Services arena. Housing is also starting to heat up. With the release last week of the Governor's budget trailer bill, now the stakeholders have something to chew on. While many believe that the bill needs a lot of work at least we have an idea of what the Administration is considering.

There will be hearing today at 2:30 on the Assembly Subcommittee on Health and Human Services with the focus on mental health and housing, specifically highlighting the "No Place Like Home" initiative. Political Solutions will attend and report out.

Policy Committees and County Sponsored Legislation

AB 944 (Quirk) CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception

Our co-sponsored bill, AB 944 by Assembly Member Bill Quirk (D-Hayward), has been referred to the committee on Human Services and has been set for hearing on March 26th. We are picking up additional supporters and hope to add more to the list. We are also reaching out to the Department of Social Services and the Governor's policy staff so we can address any potential issues early in the process.

AB 143 (Quirk-Silva) Shelter crisis: homeless shelters

Additionally, we will be amending Alameda County into AB 143 (Quirk-Silva) now that the Orange County Board of Supervisors has adopted a support position on the bill. We will be working with the author, to ensure that the report required in the bill will follow the HEAP reporting requirements.

Governor Newsom's Master Plan on Aging

Staff from the Department of Health Care Services discussed the Master Plan on Aging during last Thursday's Senate Budget Sub Committee on Health and Human Services hearing, which likely be released this year. The stakeholders are expected to start meeting in the next couple of weeks. Some of the key issues to be discussed include, housing, food insecurity, healthcare, transportation and adult day care. The Administration would like this to be the blueprint for state and local government as well as all community-based organizations. The Administration wants to see these programs meet people where they are and have the programs work for people, because the way they are structured now is for government.

Key Dates/Deadlines

- April 11, 2019 – Spring Recess begins
- April 22, 2019 – Legislature returns from Spring Recess
- May 10, 2019 – May Revise released
- May 10, 2019 – Policy committee deadline
- May 31, 2019 – House of Origin deadline
- June 15, 2019 – Budget must be passed by midnight

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. SB 343 (Pan) Healthcare data disclosure

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

ii. SB 767 (Glazer) Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area

Recommendation: Support: Scott Haggerty, Board of Supervisors, District 1

iii. Child Support Services letter in support of increased funding for the child support program

Recommendation: Support: Phyllis P. Nance, Director, Department of Child Support Services

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

Informational Item

- i. Ellen Dektar, Senior Management Analyst for the Alameda County Early Care and Education Program/General Services Agency will participate in an early child care meeting with Assembly member Kevin McCarty, in Sacramento on March 22, 2019, to provide technical assistance on two legislative proposals on early childhood education.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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