

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

**Monday, October 4, 2021  
1:30 p.m.**

**Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair  
Supervisor Wilma Chan**

**Location: County Administration Building Room 255  
1221 Oak Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Oakland, CA 94612**

## **Summary/Action Minutes**

### **I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake**

#### **Schedule**

The Senate is in session and holding votes this week. The House is in a Committee work week.

#### **Continuing Resolution**

Last week, the President signed a continuing resolution to extend funding for the government until December 3, 2021. The bill also included billions for disaster relief and Afghan refugees and extended some programs that were due to expire, including TANF. The bill did not address the debt limit.

#### **Debt Limit**

Senate Majority Leader Schumer plans to hold a procedural vote today on a measure passed by the House to suspend the federal government's debt limit. Minority Leader McConnell has vowed to block the attempt. In a letter to Senate Democrats, Majority Leader Schumer set a deadline to act on the debt limit for the end of this week. Minority Leader McConnell sent a letter to President Biden reiterating his position that Democrats should raise or suspend the debt ceiling without Republican support. It's anticipated that it would take about two weeks to raise the debt ceiling through the budget reconciliation process, which is just enough time given Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen's conclusion that the federal government will default by October 18, 2021.

President Biden spoke late this morning on the need for Congress to address the debt ceiling.

#### **Infrastructure and Budget Reconciliation**

Neither the House nor the Senate held votes on the bipartisan infrastructure bill or the budget reconciliation package. As a result, the current surface transportation authorization act (FAST) expired on Friday. Congress ultimately passed a 30-day extension of FAST on Saturday.

In his letter setting a timeline for a debt ceiling vote, Senate Majority Leader Schumer said that he wanted to pass both infrastructure and reconciliation before the end of the month. President Biden is meeting with House progressives today and will meet with House moderates later in the week.

**Purpose:**

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

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

**Request for Legislation position – Action Item**

**i. [H.R. 5227](#) (Jayapal) Lifting Immigrant Families Through Benefits Access Restoration Act of 2021**

*Recommendation: **Support:*** Lori Cox, Director, Social Services Agency  
 Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency  
 Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency

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☒ **Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position**  
☐ Other:

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

**II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions**

The Governor has until Sunday, October 10, 2021, to sign or veto any bills that have made it to his desk. The Legislature adjourned on Friday, September 10, 2021, and will be returning on Monday, January 3, 2022.

The state continues to negotiate with the Federal government on the CalAIM proposal. While California is well positioned, many of the details around the 1915B and 1115 waivers are yet to be worked out.

**Alameda County Sponsored Bills**

- AB 368 (Bonta) Food prescriptions. Status: Held in Committee
- AB 1294 (Quirk) Child Care Pilot. Status: Enrollment, on the way to the Governor's desk
- Alameda's Child Care Pilot extension was included in budget bill AB 131 - signed by the Governor
- AB 924 (Wicks) Alameda Health System: hospital authority. Status: Has been turned into a 2-year bill at the request of the County

**Governor Gavin Newsom**

Today, the Governor held a signing ceremony for SB 65 (Skinner) Maternal care and services, also referred to as the California "Mommibus" Act. In summary the bill establishes a comprehensive program to improve maternal and infant outcomes, and does four main things (1) requires state and local investigating, tracking reviewing and reporting of maternal and infant deaths throughout the state; (2) enacts the Midwifery Workforce Training Act to increase the number of students educated and trained as certified nurse midwives and midwives prepared for service in specified neighborhoods and communities; (3) creates a workgroup related to Medi-Cal coverage for doulas; and, (4) enhances Cal WORKS benefits.

Alameda County has a support position on this bill

**Key Dates and Deadlines**

Governor's Sign/Veto Deadline – October 10, 2021  
 Legislature Returns – January 3, 2022

**Purpose:**

- ☐ Report progress
- ☐ Advocacy or Education
- ☐ Request PAL\_Committee Recommendation or Position
- ☒ **Other: State update**

**Request for Legislation position – Action Item**

i. **Comment letter on Doula Services as Medi-Cal Benefit**

*Recommendation: **Support:** Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency*

**Purpose:**

- ☐ Report progress
- ☐ Advocacy or Education
- ☒ **Request PAL\_Committee Recommendation or Position**
- ☐ Other:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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