

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

Monday, March 9, 2020

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 but will enter a week-long recess next week.

COVID -19

Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader Schumer are proposing measures to increase access to affordable testing and stronger protections for health workers. They have also called for making paid sick leave available to workers who have been affected by quarantine orders and school closings. There are six hearings this week to discuss options to lessen the burden of the coronavirus.

The Trump administration is expected to release a draft set of provisions to fight the economic fallout from coronavirus. This could include a tax package to assist impacted businesses, possibly a payroll tax cut.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness Funds Under the supplemental coronavirus appropriations bill passed last week, states were granted an addition of 90% of their annual Public Health Emergency Preparedness grant funding. California received just under \$42 million in 2019 and will receive an additional \$37.7 million for coronavirus-specific measures. In 2019, Los Angeles received a separate allocation of \$20 million in funds, and will receive an allocation of \$18 million for coronavirus prevention efforts (separate from the State allocation).

Paid Sick Leave

Rep. Rosa DeLauro and Sen. Patty Murray are pushing legislation to allow workers at businesses with at least 15 employees to earn up to seven days of paid sick leave each year. This works out to at least one hour of earned paid sick leave for every 30 hours worked. The bill will be the topic of a House Education and Labor subcommittee hearing on Wednesday. Rep. DeLauro first introduced this bill (H.R. 1784) in March of 2019, but support has increased since the outbreak of the coronavirus.

Immigration Legislation

Last week, House democratic leaders released a pair of House amendments that they would incorporate into H.R. 2486. The first amendment includes provisions from H.R. 2214, the “National Origin-Based Anti-discrimination for Non Immigrants Act,” or the NO BAN Act. This section would undo President Trump’s travel ban on people from several countries, particularly majority Muslim countries and prevent future bans. The second amendment would incorporate provisions from H.R. 5581, the “Access to Counsel Act.” It would also ensure that individuals who are detained while attempting to enter the US have access to legal representation.

War Powers Resolution

The House Rules Committee will meet today to discuss terms for a floor consideration of a bipartisan Senate-passed resolution to limit President Trump's military authority to strike Iran. After the resolution passed the Senate in February, the Trump White House released a statement in which they stated they would veto the resolution.

Senate Energy Package

The Senate plans to resume consideration of the energy package (S. 2657) developed by Senators Lisa Murkowski and Joe Manchin. The measure includes provisions from dozens of bills approved by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. The Senate will hold a procedural vote this evening to limit debate on Murkowski's substitute amendment to the measure. If cloture is not invoked, and no further agreement is reached, the Senate would vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the underlying bill.

Several programs related to renewable energy, efficiency, cybersecurity, and supply chain security would be established, expanded, or modified. The measure would also reauthorize the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) through fiscal 2025, expand nuclear energy research programs, and initiate several projects related to carbon use and storage.

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.

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

The Legislature is in full swing now with the primary election behind them. The budget-subcommittee process has begun hearing the Governor's budget proposals, stakeholder proposals, and member's budget priorities.

The policy committees have begun setting hearings to hear the 2,203 bills that were introduced by the February 21, 2020 deadline.

There are still a number of ballots left to be counted from the March primary. While many races have been called there continue to be some outstanding ones that are critical. PS will continue to monitor the close races and report out once results have been finalized.

Former Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian (R – San Luis Obispo) passed away on March 5, 2020. He was a moderate Republican who served for 6 years in the State Assembly. Prior to that, he served as a County Supervisor.

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- The Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services will hear issues related to the Health and Human Services Agency, Emergency Medical Services Authority, Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development, Department of Managed Health Care, Department of Health Care Services.

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

- The Joint Legislative Audit Committee, the Senate Environmental Quality Committee, the Senate Health Committee, the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee, and the Assembly Health Committee will hold a joint hearing titled "Childhood Lead Levels and the Millions of Children in Medi-Cal that Have Not Received Required Testing for Lead Poisoning."

Wednesday, March 11, 2020

- The Senate Governance and Finance Committee, the Senate Housing Committee, and the Senate Human Services Committee will hold a joint oversight hearing called “Confronting a California Crisis: Homelessness. Advancing Solutions to One of Our State’s Most Pressing Challenges.”
- The Assembly Budget Subcommittee on Health and Human Services will hear issues related to the Department of Aging, the Master Plan for Aging, the Department of Social Services, IHSS, SSI/SSP, Including Expansion of CalFresh to People with SSI Adult Protective Services.

Governor Gavin Newsom

As part of the state’s response to address the global COVID-19 outbreak, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a State of Emergency to make additional resources available, formalize emergency actions already underway across multiple state agencies and departments, and help the state prepare for broader spread of COVID-19. The proclamation comes as the number of positive California cases rises and following one official COVID-19 death.

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. [AB 1965](#) (Aguiar-Curry) Family Planning, Access, Care and Treatment (Family PACT) Program

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

ii. [SB 793](#) (Hill) Flavored tobacco products

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

iii. [Budget request for State funding of \\$15.97 million for Supportive Services Programs in the California Department of Aging](#)

Recommendation: Co-Sponsor and Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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