

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

Monday, April 12, 2021
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

Schedule

The House and Senate are back in session this week after the two-week spring recess.

Budget & Appropriations

President Biden kicked off the 2022 budget and appropriations process when he sent Congress a “skinny” budget for fiscal year 2022 ahead of lawmakers’ return from a two-week spring recess. The president will likely send a complete budget plan later this spring. The skinny budget includes increases to both defense and non-defense spending accounts, and this is the first time in recent history that non-defense accounts would receive a bigger increase than their defense counterparts (a nearly 16% increase for non-defense while defense would receive a 1.7% increase). FY22 budget hearings kick off this week as the House and Senate Appropriations Committees determine their priorities and hear from members of President Biden’s cabinet.

Infrastructure: American Jobs Plan

Last week, President Biden released an outline of his \$2.25 trillion American Jobs Plan. He will meet with both Republican and Democratic members of Congress today to discuss the plan. This meeting can be seen as an early test of political support for the proposal. The proposal includes provisions to:

- Fix highways, rebuild bridges, and upgrade ports, airports and transit systems.
- Deliver clean drinking water, a renewed electric grid, and high-speed broadband to all Americans.
- Build, preserve, and retrofit more than two million homes and commercial buildings, modernize our nation’s schools and childcare facilities, and upgrade veterans’ hospitals and federal buildings.
- Create jobs and raise wages and benefits for essential home care workers.
- Revitalize manufacturing, secure U.S. supply chains, invest in R&D, and train Americans for the jobs of the future.
- Create good-quality jobs that pay prevailing wages in safe and healthy workplaces while ensuring workers have a free and fair choice to organize, join a union, and bargain collectively with their employers.

The Biden administration is expected to release the second half of their Build Back Better proposal in the coming weeks. That package will include broad investment in what the administration is calling human infrastructure.

Nominations and Confirmations

The Senate continues working on confirmations of President Biden's nominees. Of note this week: The Senate will resume consideration of Polly Trottenberg to be deputy secretary of transportation and this evening the chamber will vote on the motion to invoke cloture, or limit debate, on her nomination. Later this week, The Senate Homeland Security Committee will meet on Wednesday to vote on the nominations of Deanne Bennett Criswell to be administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Jason Scott Miller to be deputy director for management at the Office of Management and Budget.

H.R. 40

The House Judiciary Committee will be marking up H.R. 40 this week. H.R. 40 would establish the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans. The markup will pave the way for a possible vote on an issue that has become more mainstream in recent years. The commission would be tasked with examining slavery and discrimination in the United States from 1619 to the present and recommend appropriate remedies. The commission would then publish a report identifying the role of the federal and state governments in supporting the institution of slavery, forms of discrimination in the public and private sectors against freed slaves and their descendants, and lingering negative effects of slavery on living African Americans and society.

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

Capitol Update

As the deadline nears to move fiscal bills out of their policy committees, the Legislature continues to hold policy committee hearings. Additionally, the Senate and Assembly held budget hearings this morning related to the Early Action budget and wildfire package.

Later this week, Thursday, April 15, 2021 marks the first day that all Californian's, over the age of sixteen, are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

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- The Assembly Budget Committee held an Informational Hearing on the subject of: Early Action Budget and Wildfire Package. An issue of interest for Alameda County, SB 92 (Budget) Juvenile Justice, was discussed. Please see notes attached.
- The Senate Environmental Quality Committee met to hear the following legislation:
SB 1 (Atkins) Coastal resources: sea level rise.
Position: Priority Watch
Vote: 5-1 re-referred to Senate Appropriations
- The Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee Hearing held a hearing related to Early Action Budget items.

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- The Assembly Health Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
AB 4 (Arambula) Medi-Cal: eligibility.
Position: Priority Watch
AB 114 (Maienschein) Medi-Cal benefits: rapid Whole Genome Sequencing.
Position: Priority Watch
AB 368 (Bonta) Food prescriptions.
Position: Sponsor
- The Senate Judiciary Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
SB 16 (Skinner) Peace officers: release of records.
Position: Priority Watch

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- The Assembly Appropriations Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
AB 26 (Holden) Peace officers: use of force.
Position: Priority Watch

Thursday, April 15, 2021

- The Senate Governance and Finance Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
 - SB 32 (Cortese) Energy: general plan: building decarbonization requirements.
 - Position: Priority Watch
 - SB 45 (Portantino) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2022.
 - Position: Priority Watch
 - SB 55 (Stern) Very high fire hazard severity zone: state responsibility area: development prohibition: supplemental height and density bonuses.
 - Position: Priority Watch
- The Assembly Elections Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
 - AB 37 (Berman) Elections: vote by mail ballots.
 - Position: Priority Watch
 - AB 53 (Low) Election day holiday.
 - Position: Priority Watch
- The Senate Housing Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
 - SB 9 (Atkins) Housing development approvals.
 - Position: Priority Watch

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

- AB 368 (Bonta) Food prescriptions.
Status: Assembly Health Committee – to be heard April 13th
- AB 1294 (Bonta) Child Care Pilot Permanency.
Status: Assembly Education Committee – awaiting hearing date
- AB 924 (Bonta) Alameda Health System: hospital authority.
Status: Referred to Assembly Local Government Committee – awaiting hearing date

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Policy Committee Deadline for fiscal bills – April 30, 2021
- Special Primary Election for AD-54/Kamlager Seat – May 18, 2021
- Special Election – July 20, 2021
- Policy Committee Deadline for non-fiscal bills – May 14, 2021
- Appropriations Committee Deadline – May 21, 2021
- Floor Session Only – June 1-June 4, 2021
- House of Origin Deadline – June 4, 2021

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. **AB 1163** (Nazarian) **Local government: taxation: prohibition: groceries**

*Recommendation: **Support:*** Supervisor Wilma Chan, Board of Supervisors, District 3
Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

ii. **SB 244** (Archuleta) **Lithium-ion batteries: illegal disposal: fire prevention**

*Recommendation: **Support:*** Supervisor Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4

iii. **SB 799** (Glazer) and **AB 1512** (Bauer-Kahan) **Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area: Alameda-Tesla Expansion Area**

*Recommendation: **Support:*** Supervisor David Haubert, Board of Supervisors, District 1

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☐ Other:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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