

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

**Monday, April 19, 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 in session this week. The House plans to vote on bills designating Washington, D.C. the 51st state and adding immigration protections, while the Senate moves forward on a bill to combat hate crimes against Asian Americans.

Joint Session of Congress Address

Last week, Speaker Pelosi invited President Biden to address a joint session of Congress on April 28.

Infrastructure: American Jobs Plan

President Biden will meet at the White House this afternoon with a bipartisan group of lawmakers as outreach continues on his \$2.25 trillion infrastructure-and-tax plan. White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki did not specify which members of Congress will be in the meeting.

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

Last Thursday, the Senate Finance Committee held a hearing on the nomination of Chiquita Brooks-LaSure to be administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Service. A committee vote is expected in the coming days and she is expected to eventually be confirmed. This week, the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee will meet on Wednesday to vote on the nomination of Julie Su to be deputy secretary of the Department of Labor.

SAFE Banking

The House will consider the SAFE Banking Act (H.R. 1996) under suspension of the rules today. The bill is considered under suspension of the rules require a two-thirds majority for passage. Under the legislation, banks and credit unions could provide financial services to state-authorized cannabis businesses without federal penalties.

The bill is intended to make it easier for marijuana dispensaries and growers, as well as real estate owners, law firms, and other businesses that engage with them, to access the banking system instead of relying on cash transactions. The measure was introduced on March 18 by Rep. Ed Perlmutter.

In the Senate, there has been no formal action on legislation related to marijuana and marijuana financing. It has been more than two months since Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer pledged to tackle federal marijuana legalization, there have been few details about what the bill might include, and no specific timeline has been announced for its introduction. Leader Schumer is working on the text of a bill with Senators Cory Booker and Ron Wyden.

H.R. 40

The House Judiciary Committee advanced HR 40 on Wednesday on a 25-17 party-line vote with all Republicans opposed. The bill would establish a federal commission to study reparations. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, who sponsored the legislation, said she is pushing for the House to vote on the bill by mid-year. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer has not yet scheduled a vote but previously pledged the bill would get to the floor if it were approved by the Judiciary panel.

Green New Deal for Public Housing

Senator Bernie Sanders and Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez unveiled a draft of legislation that would modernize public housing and lower carbon emissions. The package would include more than \$100 billion over a decade to modernize the public housing system and start a transition to renewable energy.

The bill would repeal limitations on the construction of public housing and create grant programs to ensure improvements that not only address unsafe and aging housing, but also reduce carbon emissions. When President Biden outlined his American Jobs Plan last month, he called for more than \$40 billion to improve public housing infrastructure.

Senator Sanders and Representative Ocasio-Cortez are part of a coalition of Democrats who are trying to expand the scope of the American Jobs Plan and address more progressive priorities.

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

This week is stacked with committee hearings as the deadline nears for fiscal bills to be heard in their respective policy committees.

Nomination hearings for Assemblymember Rob Bonta for California Attorney General will be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021.

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- The Senate Appropriations Committee met to hear the following legislation:
SB 1 (Atkins) Coastal resources: sea level rise.
Position: Priority Watch
Outcome: Moved to Suspense File

- The Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
AB 71 (Rivas) Homelessness funding: Bring California Home Act. - Position: Support

Wednesday, April 21, 2021

- The Assembly Appropriations Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
AB 112 (Holden) Medi-Cal eligibility. - Position: Priority Watch
AB 114 (Maienschein) Medi-Cal benefits: rapid Whole Genome Sequencing - Position: Priority Watch
AB 118 (Kamlager) Emergency services: community response: grant program. - Position: Priority Watch
- Nomination hearings for Assemblymember Rob Bonta for Attorney General

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- The Senate Governance and Finance Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
SB 9 (Atkins) Housing development: approvals - Position: Priority Watch
SB 10 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing development: density. - Position: Priority Watch
- The Assembly Governmental Organization Committee will meet to hear the following legislation:
AB 53 (Low) Election day holiday. - Position: Priority Watch

Tax Deadline and Budget Outlook

The May Revise is fast approaching and while the personal income taxes deadline was pushed back to May 17, 2021, the business and quarterly taxes that were due on April 15, 2021 and property taxes that were due on April 10, 2021 can provide a snapshot of what California's financial picture looks like.

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

- AB 368 (Bonta) Food prescriptions. -Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – awaiting hearing date
- AB 1294 (Quirk) 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

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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