

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

Monday, May 17, 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 will consider bills under suspension of the rules, including bills related to support for veterans and the STEM workforce. Later in the week, the House will consider legislation regarding environmental policy, financial services reform, and the medical supply chain. The House will also consider a supplemental spending bill to provide funding for U.S. Capitol security and to establish a commission to examine the January 6 attack on the building.

The Senate meets at 3:00pm today and will consider the bipartisan Endless Frontier Act (S. 1260) which aims to ramp up federal support for U.S. research and development to bolster competition with China. The main part of the bill would authorize more than \$100 billion over five years to boost research and development of innovative technology and manufacturing at colleges, universities and other institutions and create a new entity within the National Science Foundation to focus on technology.

Ongoing Infrastructure Negotiations

In meetings at the White House with key members from both sides of the aisle in Congress, President Biden admitted that he may be willing to divide his approximately \$2 trillion American Jobs Plan infrastructure proposal into separate bills in order to pass a traditional infrastructure package with bipartisan support.

A group of Republicans who met with the President last week, are expected to deliver a revised infrastructure counter proposal that includes roads, bridges, public transportation, broadband, and airports. They unveiled a \$568 billion plan in April. Senate Minority Leader McConnell has gone on record that he would be open to spending up to \$800 billion.

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure have stated that they intend to mark up their surface transportation reauthorization bills before Memorial Day. This timeline may shift back due to delays in drafting and ongoing negotiations.

Child Tax Credit

The Treasury Department announced today that the expanded Child Tax Credit included in the American Rescue Plan will kick in on July 15. Parents of approximately 88 percent of American children in 39 million households will start to receive monthly payments of as much as \$300 per child under the age of 6 and \$250 per child between the ages of 6 and 18.

Funds will be delivered on the 15th day of each month (unless that day falls during the weekend) for the next 12 months. President Biden's American Families plan would extend the program through 2025, and some Democrats are pushing for a permanent extension.

Emergency Rental Assistance II

On May 7, the Department of the Treasury announced allocations of \$21.6 billion under the Emergency Rental Assistance program included in the March American Rescue Plan in March. Treasury also released an updated FAQ, which provides further clarity on the program and outlines differences between the first Emergency Rental Assistance established under the December Consolidated Appropriations Act and this new funding.

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 focus for Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittees this week will be on the May Revise, which the Governor released last Friday. Budget hearings which are relevant to the county have been noted below.

Ahead of the Appropriations Committee Deadline on Friday, both houses will be holding their Suspense File hearings on Thursday, May 20th. This will give us an idea of what bills will continue to move this year. The PS team will keep your staff updated on outcomes for Alameda County priority bills.

Additionally, last Friday afternoon, the Governor signed SB 92 (Budget) Juvenile Justice. The bill makes technical changes necessary to implement the realignment of the Division of Juvenile Justice that was included in the 2020 Budget Act.

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The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 1 on Health and Human Services has scheduled a hearing related to the May Revise.

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 5 on Public Safety has scheduled a hearing related to the May Revise.

The Senate Appropriations Committee met today to hear the following legislation:

SB 12 (McGuire) Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.

- Position: Priority Watch
- Outcome: Moved to Suspense File

SB 63 (Stern) Fire prevention: vegetation management: public education: grants: defensible space: fire hazard severity zones: forest management.

- Position: Priority Watch
- Outcome: Moved to Suspense File

SB 83 (Allen) Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program

- ☐ Position: Priority Watch
- ☐ Outcome: Moved to Suspense File

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The Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3 on Health and Human Services has scheduled a hearing related to various departments and issues.

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 4 on State Administration has scheduled a hearing related to the May Revise.

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

The Senate budget Subcommittee No 4 on State Administration and General Government has scheduled a hearing related to various departments and issues.

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 1 on Health and Human Services has scheduled a hearing related to the May Revise.

Thursday, May 20, 2021

The Senate Appropriations Committee will meet to hear their Suspense File on thirty-one (31) County priority bills.

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

- AB 368 (Bonta) Food prescriptions.
Status: Referred to Suspense File
- AB 1294 (Quirk) Child Care Pilot Permanency.
Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee – May 12th
- AB 924 (Wicks) Alameda Health System: hospital authority.
Status: Has been turned into a 2-year bill at the request of the County

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Special Primary Election for AD-54/Kamlager Seat – May 18, 2021
Special Election – July 20, 2021
- Appropriations Committee Deadline – May 21, 2021
- Floor Session Only – June 1-June 4, 2021
- House of Origin Deadline – June 4, 2021
- Special Primary Election AD-18/Bonta Seat – June 21, 2021

Purpose:

- ☐ Report progress
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- ☐ Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- ☒ **Other: State update**

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. **[COVID-19 Impacts – Fiscal Assistance for California’s Independent Special Districts](#)**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Nate Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors*
- ii. **[AB 43 \(Friedman\) Traffic Safety](#)**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Nate Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors*
- iii. **[AB 45 \(Aguilar-Curry\) Industrial hemp products](#)**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Nate Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors*
- iv. **[AB 246 \(Quirk\) Contractors: disciplinary actions](#)**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Nate Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors*
- v. **[SB 59 \(Caballero\) Cannabis provisional licenses: local equity applicants](#)**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Nate Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors*

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☐ Other:

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

- vi. **SB 493 (Bradford) Local government financing: juvenile justice – No Action Taken**
*Recommendation: **Oppose:*** Marcus Dawal, Interim, Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department
- vii. **SB 784 (Glazer) State government: emergency services: nonprofit service provider – No Action Taken**
*Recommendation: **Support:*** Nate Miley, District 4, Board of Supervisors

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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