Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

The House and Senate are both in session this week before the Memorial Day recess next week.

Appropriations

Subcommittees in the House have completed mark-ups on several appropriations bills, including Commerce, Justice, and Science; Defense; Interior-Environment; and Energy and Water Development. Full committee mark-ups of these bills should be completed this week.

The House CJS bill includes an increase in Census Bureau funding above FY19 and above the FY20 budget request, but also includes a rider specifically blocking the use of the citizenship question on the 2020 Census form. The House CJS bill also includes an increase in funding for the COPS program.

Budget

Speaker Pelosi, House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Senate Minority Leader Schumer will meet this week to begin negotiations on a two-year deal to lift stiff budget caps. They will meet with senior White House officials to plot a path forward to avoid a continuing resolution or a government shutdown when the September 30th deadline passes.

DREAM Act

The House judiciary committee will be marking up H.R. 6 on Wednesday. H.R. 6 is a package of the Dream Act of 2019 and the American Promise Act of 2019. Minor traffic offenses and expunged convictions have been excluded from the felony and misdemeanor bars to Dream Act status.

Infrastructure

Speaker Pelosi, Senate Minority Leader Schumer, and Republican leaders will meet with President Trump on Wednesday to discuss their proposed $2 trillion infrastructure package. The President would likely need to endorse a revenue source to fund such an infrastructure package, such as an increase in the gas tax.

Climate Hearings

There are two scheduled climate change related hearings this week. Tomorrow at 10:00am, the House Science Committee’s Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight will hold a hearing on preparing America’s infrastructure for climate change. On Thursday, the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis will hold a hearing on creating a climate resilient America.
II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Budget

Budget Sub Committees are working to close out items and determine what will go to Budget Conference committee in the next two weeks. Additionally, the Legislature is working towards the House of Origin deadline of May 31st, so both houses will be meeting on the floor every day for the next two weeks as they attempt to get their bills to the other house.

Suspense File Hearings

Last Thursday, both the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees held hearings to dispense with their respective Suspense Files. Bills on the Suspense Files either passed out of committee, were made into 2-year bills, or held in committee – meaning they are no longer eligible to move through the legislative process. Below is a summary of the status of all Alameda County priority bills that were heard during the Suspense File hearings.

Priority Legislation – Moving

AB 4 (Bonta) Medi-Cal Eligibility
AB 125 (McCarty) Early childhood education: reimbursement rates
AB 388 (Limon) Alzheimer's Disease
AB 1001 (Ting) Child Care: Local Planning Councils
AB 1509 (Mullin) Solid Waste: lithium-ion batteries
AB 1593 (Reyes) Personal income taxes: earned income credit
SB 10 (Beall) Mental health services: peer, parent, transition-age & family support specialist certification
SB 29 (Durazo) Medi-Cal Eligibility
SB 58 (Wiener) Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale
SB 66 (Atkins) Medi-Cal: federally qualified health center and rural health clinic services
SB 174 (Leyva) Early childhood education: reimbursement rates
SB 389 (Hertzberg) Mental Health Services Act
SB 424 (Jackson) Tobacco products: single-use and multiuse components
SB 767 (Glazer) Off-highway vehicular recreation: Carnegie State Vehicular Recreation Area

2-year Bills

AB 1154 (Bonta) CA State University four county Pilot in 0-5 Early Care in Education Major
AB 1672 (Bloom) Solid waste: flushable products

Dead

AB 124 (McCarty) Preschool Facilities Bond Act of 2020
AB 229 (Nazarian) IHSS: written content translation
AB 261 (Mathis) Developmental services: regional centers: suspension of services
AB 311 (Frazier) Regional centers: billing: daily rates
AB 816 (Quirk-Silva) CA Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool Program
AB 1216 (Bauer-Kahan) Solid waste: illegal dumping
SB 26 (Caballero) Restore refundable Child Care tax credit
County Sponsored Legislation

AB 944 (Quirk) CalWORKS: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception.
County co-sponsored bill, AB 944 (Quirk) with the Western Center on Law and Poverty, was referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill was sent to the Appropriations Suspense File, which was heard on May 16, 2019 and the bill successfully moved to the Assembly floor, it will need to be taken up prior to the house of origin deadline of May 31, 2019.

AB 143 (Quirk-Silva) Emergency Shelter Housing.
County co-sponsored bill, AB 143, was heard on May 1, 2019, in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, on the consent calendar. The bill will now go to the Assembly Floor, where it is anticipated that it will remain on the consent calendar.

Key Dates/Deadlines
May 31, 2019 – House of Origin deadline
June 15, 2019 – State Budget must be passed by midnight
July 12, 2019 – Summer Recess begins
August 12, 2019 – Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess
September 13, 2019 – Legislature adjourns for the Fall Recess

Purpose:
☐ Report progress
☐ Advocacy or Education
☐ Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
☒ Other: State update

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. AB 15 (Nazarian) Student Financial Aid: Children’s Savings Account Program
   Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services, Agency

ii. Amended - AB 124 (McCarty) Childcare: local planning councils
   Recommendation: Support: Willie A. Hopkins, Jr., Director, General Services Agency

iii. AB 688 (Chu) Firearms Secure Storage
   Recommendation: Sponsor: Nancy O’Malley, District Attorney, Alameda County District Attorney’s Office and Wendy Still, Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department

iv. AB 723 (Wicks) Low-income housing incentives: leased rental housing: Counties of Alameda and Contra Costa
   Recommendation: Oppose unless amended: Alameda County Homelessness Council

v. AB 859 (Maienschein) Juveniles: dependency: judicial caseloads
   Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency

vi. AB 1105 (Gibson) Sickle cell disease
   Recommendation: Support: Wilma Chan, District 3, Board of Supervisors and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

vii. AB 1229 (Wicks) End Foster Youth Student Hunger in California Act of 2019
   Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency
viii. **ACA 6 (McCarty) Elections: disqualification of electors**

   **Recommendation:** Support: Wendy Still, Chief Probation Officer, Alameda County Probation Department and Supervisor Keith Carson, District 5, Board of Supervisors

ix. **SB 18 (Skinner) Keep Californians Housed Act**

   **Recommendation:** Support: Alameda County Homelessness Council

x. **State Budget request for provider rate increase of 8% across the board for Department of Developmental Services**

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

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

**Informational item**

   i. **Update on communicable disease funding requests – May revise funding (Approved by BOS 5/7/19)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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