

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

Monday, June 14, 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 returned from a committee work week today.

House Appropriations Top Lines

House Budget Committee Chair John Yarmuth released his topline number for the FY 2022 spending bills, which kicks off the appropriations season in earnest. Chairman Yarmuth set the discretionary spending total at \$1.506 trillion, which is roughly \$15 billion below what President Joe Biden called for in his proposed FY22 budget.

The House Appropriations Chair De Lauro (D-CT) has said she wants to markup bills at subcommittee and full committee during the month of June with an expectation that the full House would take up bills in July before they adjourn for the August recess.

Infrastructure

INVEST Act

On Thursday, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved its STR bill, the INVEST in America Act, by a vote of 38-26, with two Republicans voting with Democrats in support of the bill. The Committee adopted 15 amendments. Of those, there were six Democratic and nine Republican amendments. The Ways and Means Committee will be tasked with producing a revenue portion to go with the bill but, as in past years, this remains the most significant hurdle to overcome. The full House plans to vote on the INVEST Act the week of June 28.

The INVEST in America Act is the backbone of what Speaker Pelosi and Democrats want to turn into a broader infrastructure package for the House to pass by July 4. The Speaker will likely add some climate change provisions to the package, which is expected to grow to the \$1 trillion range.

Bipartisan Senate Infrastructure Proposal

A bipartisan group of ten senators released a \$974 billion infrastructure proposal last week, but it is considered unlikely that it will gain the support of five more Republicans while simultaneously holding the support of all 50 Democrats. Senators Kyrsten Sinema and Rob Portman are leading the efforts, and they have pledged to continue to work with their colleagues to garner support for their proposal. There are still serious questions about the pay-fors and how the bipartisan group intends to enact the proposal without tax or deficit increases.

Senate Commerce

Last week the Senate Commerce Committee released a bipartisan five-year surface transportation bill authorizing \$78 billion for rail, freight, safety and research programs. This bill is a companion to the Senate EPW Committee's recently advanced \$303.5 billion Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021. The Commerce Committee has also scheduled a markup of the bill this Wednesday.

H.R. 256

The House Rules Committee is convening today to set the terms for debate of H.R. 256, setting up a vote on the floor later this week. H.R. 256 is sponsored by Rep. Barbara Lee and would repeal the 2002 authorization for the use of military force against Iraq. The Biden administration has come out in support of the bill. The House Foreign Affairs Committee approved the bill on March 25 by a vote of 28-19.

The House has passed a repeal of the Iraq war authorization three different times since 2019. It has never become law due to opposition in the Senate.

Senate Work on Nominations and Budget Hearings

Judges

This evening the Senate will vote on the confirmation of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to be a judge for the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals. During committee proceedings, Judge Jackson received support from Senators Lindsey Graham, Susan Collins, and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska). Judge Jackson is currently a judge in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and would fill the D.C. Circuit seat vacated by Attorney General Merrick Garland when he was confirmed to his post at the Department of Justice.

Budget Hearings

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Education Secretary Miguel Cardona, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen will each testify in front of Senate Appropriations Subcommittees with regard to President Biden's FY22 budget request. Secretary Yellen will also be testifying in front of the House Ways and Means Committee.

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 passed their version of the 2021-22 State Budget Bill on Monday afternoon, meeting the constitutional deadline set for June 15. In a joint statement by Legislative Leadership, they stated that the budget “reflects responsible budgeting as the Legislature’s top priority” and that the plan included “continued stimulus funding for vulnerable individuals and families, help for the small businesses ... support for future generations through investments in childcare, increased financial support for housing, and substantial commitments to address climate change and wildfire prevention.” Behind-the-scenes negotiations between the Governor and the Legislature continue in order to reach an agreement on the final form of the 2021-22 State Budget Bill.

On March 19, 2020, the Governor Gavin Newsom announced a statewide shelter-in-place order to slow the spread of the pandemic. Now, over a year later, California officially reopened on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. California now moves “Beyond the Blueprint,” marking the end of social distancing, capacity restrictions, county tiers and masks in almost all settings. Lastly, policy committee hearings continue in both houses, significantly ramping up next week.

County Sponsored Bill Update

AB 1294 (Quirk) Child Care Pilot Permanency – AB 1294 has been set for hearing in Senate Education Committee for June 23, 2021. Given the pilot's sunset date of July 1, the PS team continues to pursue the budget process for achieving permanency. Budget Committees approved making the pilot permanent, and it now awaits the finalization of the budget between the Governor and legislative leadership.

AB 368 (Bonta) Food Prescriptions -- AB 368 was held in Assembly Appropriations Committee and will not be moving. The PS team has been working on a complementary budget request and will continue to pursue.

AB 924 (Wicks) Alameda Health System: hospital authority -- AB 924 has been turned into a 2-year bill at the request of the County.

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The Senate Budget Committee held a hearing on “AB 128 (Budget) Budget Act of 2021,” the bill passed out of committee and was sent back over to the Assembly. The Legislature passed the 2021-22 state budget bill on Monday afternoon.

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

The Assembly Public Safety Committee met to hear the following legislation: SB 73 (Wiener) Probation: eligibility: crimes relating to controlled substances.

Position: Priority Watch

Vote: 6-1 measure passes

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

The Senate Health Committee met to hear the following legislation:

AB 4 (Arambula) Medi-Cal: eligibility.

Position: Priority Watch

Vote: 8-2 measure passes

AB 114 (Maienschein) Medi-Cal benefits: rapid Whole Genome Sequencing

Position: Priority Watch

Vote: 10-0 measure passes

Governor Gavin Newsom

Governor Newsom, LA County Board of Supervisor President Hilda Solis, Assemblymember Adrin Nazarian, and Senator Robert Hertzberg, announced the full reopening of the state through the Beyond the Blueprint program and named the winners of the “Vax for the Win” program

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Budget Bill must be passed by midnight – June 15, 2021
- Special Primary Election AD-18/Bonta Seat – June 29, 2021
- Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills – July 14, 2021
- Summer Recess begins upon adjournment – July 16 – August 13, 2021

Purpose:

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. AB 1 (Garcia) Hazardous Waste

Recommendation: Request to submit a comment letter with suggested amendments:
Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

ii. AB 125 (Rivas) Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2022

Recommendation: Support: Wilma Chan, Board of Supervisors, District 3

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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