

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

Monday, June 17, 2019

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

The House and Senate will be back in session tomorrow after an extended weekend in celebration of Fathers' Day.

FY20 Appropriations Update

House Democrats are set to move funding for most of the federal government this week, even as lawmakers have struggled to reach a budget caps deal. The two minibuses will cover nine of the twelve individual appropriations bills that Congress needs to pass by October 1st in order to avoid a government shutdown. The House will start work on the bills Tuesday, as lawmakers return to DC after Fathers' Day weekend.

The House will take up two funding packages: a roughly \$1 trillion package that includes Labor-HHS-Education, Defense, State and Foreign Operations, and Energy and Water Development. The House is completing consideration of roughly 200 amendments to the bill before voting on final passage.

Lawmakers will then take up a separate \$383 billion package that includes: Commerce, Justice, Science; Agriculture and FDA; Interior and Environment; Military Construction and Veterans Affairs; and T-HUD. This leaves only the Financial Services, Homeland Security, and Legislative Branch appropriations bills pending.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has yet to move on any of the 12 appropriations bills, but they will start work this week on a defense bill that authorizes billions in spending.

Budget Caps

Senate Republicans are continuing their efforts to reach a deal with the White House to increase spending caps to avoid a budget impasse and potential sequestration early next year. Senate Republicans met with senior White House officials last week however Democrats were not involved in those discussions. Any negotiations with Democrats will most likely stall until Senate Republicans and the White House agree. The agreement would also include a deal to raise the debt ceiling before it is potentially hit near the beginning of October 2019.

Border Supplemental

The Senate Appropriations Committee is meeting on Wednesday to mark up a supplemental spending measure to provide funds for humanitarian needs at the southern border.

It is expected that the bill will provide more than \$3 billion for food, medical care, and shelter for unaccompanied children and families crossing the border.

Lawmakers have yet to determine whether they can reach a bipartisan, bicameral agreement that would allow the bill to pass through both chambers, or if House Democrats will release their own measure. Democrats agree that a border supplemental is necessary, though Republicans have criticized them for dragging their feet. The Trump administration requested an additional \$4.5 billion on May 1 and has warned that the Health and Human Services Office of Refugee Resettlement could run out of funds for its care of unaccompanied children this month.

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said today that he would be calling a standalone vote on border supplemental appropriations before the Fourth of July recess. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer has also committed to that chamber passing a bill by the end of this month.

Census

The Supreme Court is still considering whether the Trump administration can put the citizenship question on the 2020 Census. No decision was issued by the Court today, but an additional session to announce decisions was added for this Thursday. After that, there is only one Monday remaining this Term, although the Court could add one or more additional sessions next week.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Week in Review at the Capitol

The Legislature was focused on getting the budget passed after closing out Budget Conference Committee on Sunday, June 9, 2019. They did successfully pass the main budget bill, AB 74 (Ting) and sent it to the Governor. There remain many unresolved issues related to both the main budget bill and the budget trailer bills. Negotiations continued over the weekend but have slowed down significantly. The Legislature has until the end of session (September 13, 2019) to continue to work on those items. The Senate full budget committee was scheduled to meet today but cancelled that hearing this morning.

Governor Gavin Newsom

The Governor has twelve (12) days to sign or veto the budget bill, which began on Thursday, June 13, 2019. He has yet to announce any signing ceremony at this point. He wanted to have agreement on the federal tax conformity issue, and as we understand it, there is a bill that will be heard today in the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee.

County Sponsored Legislation

AB 944 (Quirk) CalWORKS: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception.

Our co-sponsored bill, AB 944 (Quirk) with the Western Center on Law and Poverty, was referred to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill passed the Senate Human Services Committee 5-0 on June 10, 2019. It will now be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee however a hearing date has not been set.

AB 143 (Quirk-Silva) Emergency Shelter Housing.

Our co-sponsored bill, AB 143, was heard on May 1, 2019, in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, on the consent calendar.

The author agreed to amend the bill when it gets to the Senate if language is not amending in the budget related to the reporting requirements. The bill has been double referred to Senate Housing Committee and Senate Environmental Quality Committee. The bill passed the Senate Housing 9-0 on June 4, 2019 and will be heard in Senate Environmental Quality on June 19, 2019.

Key Dates/Deadlines

- July 12, 2019 – Policy committee deadline
- July 12, 2019 – Summer Recess begins upon adjournment
- August 12, 2019 – Legislature Reconvenes from Summer Recess
- August 30, 2019 – Fiscal committee deadline
- September 13, 2019 – Last day for any bill to be passed
- October 13 – Deadline for Governor to Sign/Veto bills

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. **AB 715 (Wood) Medi-Cal: program for aged and disabled persons**

Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

ii. **AB 1022 (Wicks) California Anti-Hunger Response and Employment Training Act of 2019**

Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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