

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

Monday, June 22, 2020

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

Congressional Schedule

The House and Senate are in session this week. The Senate will hold votes beginning this afternoon, while the House will hold votes on Thursday and Friday.

Appropriations Schedule

The House Appropriations Committee plans a member day on fiscal 2021 appropriations tomorrow, as a precursor to the COVID-19-shortened appropriations season.

On Friday, House Appropriations Chairwoman Nita Lowey told members that the House plans to hold all 12 subcommittee markups in three days, from July 6 to 8. The full committee plans to hold markups later that week and into the following week.

Senate Appropriations Subcommittee markups, which were originally scheduled to begin this week, have been postponed amid disagreements over amendments on additional funding to address the coronavirus and criminal justice issues.

Police Reform

Last Wednesday, the House Judiciary Committee marked up the Justice in Policing Act, which has been renamed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. The bill has 230 cosponsors. Republicans offered 12 amendments to the bill, all of which were rejected by House Democrats. The Committee ultimately passed the bill 24-14 on a party-line vote.

Senator Tim Scott (R-SC) introduced a Republican-led police reform bill, the Just and Unifying Solutions to Invigorate Communities Everywhere (JUSTICE) Act. The bill would strengthen training methods and tactics; restrict chokeholds; require state and local law enforcement to retain disciplinary records; increase use of body cameras, require full reporting to the FBI on weapon discharge and use of force; require reporting on no-knock warrants; make lynching a federal crime. Senate Democrats say that the bill does not go far enough to address the problem or create meaningful change. The Senate will hold a procedural vote on Wednesday on a motion to consider the bill. That procedural vote will require 60 votes to pass.

Speaker Pelosi has indicated that she hopes that a police reform package can be negotiated in conference as quickly as possible.

Infrastructure Package

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a mark-up of its surface transportation reauthorization bill last week. The Committee accepted amendments from both Democrats and Republicans, and the bill was approved on a party line vote.

The INVEST Act is the highways and transit portion of a larger \$1.5 trillion infrastructure plan, which was originally released in January before it's re-release on Friday. The infrastructure package includes funding for drinking water projects, broadband, clean energy projects, low income schools, upgrades to hospitals, public housing, the postal service, and there are also many climate change provisions. Speaker Pelosi announced the House will vote on the package next week. The package has enough Democratic support to pass the House, it faces opposition in the GOP-controlled Senate and by President Trump.

DACA

The Supreme Court blocked the Trump administration's attempt to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program put in place by President Obama in 2012. In a 5-4 ruling, the Court found that the administration violated the Administrative Procedures Act (APA) when it announced the end of DACA. In Justice Roberts' opinion, he made clear that the administration had the authority to end DACA, but that it failed to comply with the APA's procedural safeguards by not sufficiently weighing its options or considering the hardship on DACA's approximately 700,000 beneficiaries.

DACA advocates say that this decision provides temporary relief, and the President and Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf have stated that they intend to challenge DACA in court again. It is important to note that legal experts say it is highly unlikely that the Trump administration would have time to file another challenge to DACA during this term.

Hearings and Markups

Tuesday, June 23

- Senate HELP Committee Hearing: "COVID-19: Lessons Learned to Prepare for the Next Pandemic." at 10:00 AM
- House Committee on Energy and Commerce Hearing: "Oversight of the Trump Administration's Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic." at 11:00 AM
- House Committee on Appropriations Hearing: Member Day Testimony for FY21 Appropriations at 11:00 AM
- House Committee on Ways & Means, Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support Hearing: "The Child Care Crisis and the Coronavirus Pandemic" at 2:00pm

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 and the Administration continue to focus on the importance of COVID-19 management and response, gears have shifted towards budget with legislature hoping to reach an agreement with the Governor. They have until June 27, 2020 to reach a final agreement, they worked through the weekend and we are awaiting their final product.

Schedule

- Assembly on Summer Recess
- June 22 – Senate Floor Session
- June 23 – Senate Appropriations Committee
- June 23 – Senate Floor Session
- June 24 – Senate Floor Session

Budget

Today, June 22, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom, Senate President pro Tempore Toni G. Atkins and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon announced in a press release that they have reached an agreement on the 2020-21 state budget.

Deadline Extensions Due to COVID-19

- Taxes – The state and federal tax filing deadline was moved from April 15, 2020, to July 15, 2020.
- Census -- The Census Bureau has extended several of their timelines by 2-3 weeks. This includes their final data collection deadline, which was moved from July 31, 2020, to August 14, 2020.
- Real ID – The deadline to obtain a Real ID enforcement deadline to October 1, 2021

Issues for later summer discussion

- Further development of BSCC grant program (\$9.6 million statewide)
- Additional specifics on state oversight
- Development of a new dispositional track for these youth
- Continued DJJ commitment for certain youth, until DJJ closes
- Continued operation of Pine Grove as fire camp option for youth

Governor Gavin Newsom

Thursday, June 19, 2020

Governor Gavin Newsom released a statement regarding the Supreme Court of the United States' decision on the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. He stated that a permanent solution for undocumented Californians.

Friday, June 19, 2020

Governor Newsom visited Queen Sheba Ethiopian Cuisine in Sacramento, where he helped prepared meals for Great Plates Delivered — a first-in-the-nation program that partners with local businesses to deliver nutritious meals to older Californians and other adults at high risk from COVID-19.

Monday, June 22, 2020

Governor Newsom held a press conference today providing an update on the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The conference focused on the face mask mandate and highlighting the small increase in positive COVID cases.

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