

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

Monday, June 28, 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 is in session this week and will leave Washington on Thursday night for the July 4th recess. The Senate is out of session.

Infrastructure

Infrastructure negotiations became even more complicated at the end of last week and throughout the weekend. At a press conference to announce a bipartisan agreement on an infrastructure package, President Biden stated that he would not sign the bill into law without a firm agreement on a larger budget reconciliation package that addresses the programs outlined in his administration's American Families Plan. Congress and the administration are weighing their options on the bipartisan deal. Some Republicans have threatened to tank the deal, unless moderate Democrats promise to withhold support from the partisan reconciliation measure that could total more than \$4 trillion. Meanwhile, some Democrats have said they'll only allow the bipartisan deal to move forward once the reconciliation measure is advanced. Minority Leader McConnell has called on Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Schumer to explicitly decouple passage of the bipartisan infrastructure package from the reconciliation package.

The House is pressing forward on the \$715 billion INVEST in America Act this week which includes a FAST Act reauthorization drafted by the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee and clean and drinking water authorization bills drafted by the Energy and Commerce Committee. Democrats plan to pass the bill before they adjourn at the end of this week for the July 4th recess.

Appropriations

The FY22 appropriations process is in full swing in the House of Representatives. So far, the following House Appropriations Subcommittees have released their FY22 spending bills:

- Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and the Food and Drug Administration
- Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations
- Subcommittee on Interior and Environment
- Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs
- Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch
- Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

Agriculture-FDA

The Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and FDA approved their spending bill on Friday, June 25. The bill includes the following provisions:

- \$6 billion in discretionary funding for WIC, including \$834 million to increase the amounts of fruits and vegetables in the WIC Food Package
- \$26.9 billion in funding for child nutrition programs. This is an increase of \$1.774 billion above the FY 2021 enacted level
- \$45 million for the Summer EBT program
- \$35 million for school kitchen equipment grants
- \$10 million for school breakfast expansion grants
- \$105.7 billion in required mandatory spending for SNAP, including \$3 billion for the SNAP reserve fund

Negotiations within the House and with the Senate are still ongoing, and these numbers will likely change. The Senate has not yet set their spending limits on appropriations bills.

January 6th Vote

The House will vote on Wednesday on a resolution to create a select committee to look into the violent January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol. Speaker Pelosi and Democrats have decided to go this route after Senate Republicans blocked the creation of a bipartisan commission in May. There are positives and negatives to the select committee approach. If the select committee is approved, Democrats will not need Republican support for subpoenas and the scope of the committee will not be restricted, but Republicans will likely dismiss any of the committee's conclusions as partisan in nature. Speaker Pelosi has not yet announced who will lead and serve on the 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

Budget Committee Chairs Senator Nancy Skinner and Assemblymember Phil Ting put out a statement on the status of the 2021-22 State Budget saying that the agreement represents “nearly the final budget agreement, with just a few key issues outstanding.” Budget Trailer Bills have been put into print over the weekend and we can expect more to be released, please refer to the table on the last two pages for a list of all budget trailer bill to date. Both the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees met today to discuss the Budget Bill Junior and some of the budget trailer bills.

Policy Committee hearings are scheduled throughout the week, with just a little over two weeks left before the Policy Committee Deadline on July 14, 2021.

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

- AB 368 (Bonta) Food prescriptions. Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee
- AB 1294 (Quirk) Child Care Pilot Permanency. Status: Senate Human Services – July 6th, included in the Legislature's budget
- AB 924 (Wicks) Alameda Health System: hospital authority. Status: Has been turned into a 2-year bill at the request of the County

Purpose:

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- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: State update**

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Request for Legislation Position – Action Items

i. **AB 1358 (Murastuchi) Demographics: ancestry and ethnic origin**

Recommendation: Support: Wilma Chan, District 3, Board of Supervisors and
Keith Carson, District 5, Board of Supervisors

ii. **AB 1487 (Gabriel) Legal Services Trust Fund Commission: Homelessness Prevention
Fund: grants: eviction or displacement**

Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency and
Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency

Purpose:

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- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position**
- Other:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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