

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

Monday, September 23, 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

On Friday, September 27, 2019, the House and Senate will enter a two-week recess, returning on Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

**FY20 Appropriations
Continuing Resolution**

The Senate faces a one-week deadline to clear a House-passed continuing resolution to fund the government past the end of the fiscal year on September 30, 2019. The bill would fund the government through November 21, 2019. This week the Senate plans to mark up four appropriations bills. Commerce-Justice-Science, Homeland Security, and Interior-Environment will be in front of their respective subcommittees on Tuesday and Legislative Branch is scheduled to be in front of the full committee on Thursday.

The Senate Appropriations Committee has marked up T-HUD, Ag-FDA, Financial Services, Defense, and Energy-Water. This week they will mark up Commerce-Justice-Science, Homeland Security, Interior-Environment, and Legislative Branch. Labor-HHS-Education, Military Construction-VA, and State-Foreign Ops have not passed their subcommittees.

Senate Appropriations Committee Markups

Senate Appropriations markups continued last week with Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (T-HUD), Agriculture-Food and Drug Administration (Ag-FDA) and Financial Services made it through full committee on September 19, 2019. Defense and Energy-Water made it through committee on September 12, 2019. Military Construction-VA will not be marked up will most likely face strong opposition from Senate Democrats, as the president has requested \$3.6 billion in border wall funds in the bill.

Senate T-HUD Housing Details

The Senate Appropriations Committee passed its Transportation HUD bill last week. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has not scheduled floor time yet. Details include

- \$45.1 billion in funding for Affordable Housing efforts, including \$23.8 billion in Tenant-based rental assistance, \$7.5 billion in public housing, and \$12.6 billion for Project-based Section 8 housing assistance

- \$2.8 billion in funds to prevent and end homelessness including \$2.76 billion in Homeless Assistance Grants, \$280 million in Emergency Solutions grants, \$50 million in Rapid Rehousing projects, as well as \$40 million for VASH vouchers
- \$1.25 billion in funds for the HOME Investment Partnerships program, which was set to be eliminated under the President's Budget proposal
- \$3.3 billion in funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which was set to be eliminated under the President's Budget proposal as in previous years
- The bill provides a combined \$330 million to address lead-based paint and other environmental hazards in low-income and HUD-assisted housing. Of this amount, \$290 million is provided for the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, an increase of \$11 million from fiscal year 2019. This includes up to \$181 million for lead hazard reduction grants, of which no less than \$100 million is reserved for communities with the highest lead-based paint abatement needs

H.R. 2203

The House will consider a measure H.R. 2203 sponsored by Rep. Veronica Escobar (D-Texas) containing several provisions addressing border detention facilities. The measure will likely be modified again before the floor vote with a manager's amendment that would strike some language aimed at reversing policies.

HR 2203 will do the following:

- Authorize \$3 million to create a commission with subpoena powers to investigate how the Trump administration responded to the surge of migrant families and children at the southern border
- Create an ombudsman to investigate complaints regarding DHS border enforcement activities
- Require DHS border agents and officers to use body cameras
- Direct DHS to report migrant deaths to Congress within 24 hours
- Bar the use of physical restraints on pregnant women in DHS custody
- Ensure lawmakers and oversight offices can inspect migrant detention facilities

Hearings this Week

House Budget America's Infrastructure: Today's Gaps, Tomorrow's Opportunities, and the Need for Federal Investment will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, from 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m.

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

With the Legislature officially adjourned for the first year of the 2019-2020 legislative session, bills that have successfully moved through the legislative process await action from the Governor. The Governor has until October 13, 2019 to sign or veto any bills that have made it to his desk. We will continue to keep your staff updated as bills are acting upon.

Governor Gavin Newsom

Today Governor Gavin Newsom delivered opening remarks at Climate Week in New York.

Last Friday, the Governor announced executive action to leverage the State's pension investments, transportation systems, and purchasing power to help strengthen climate resiliency.

The executive order will advance California's climate goals by leveraging: State investments, transportation systems, state assets and operations, and vehicle and electric vehicle infrastructure.

County Sponsored Legislation

AB 723 (Quirk) Transactions and use taxes: City of Fremont: County of Alameda.

AB 723 was successfully amended to include the County, which will allow the County to go to the voters to increase sales and use tax by .5%. This bill has passed and is currently on the Governor's desk awaiting his action.

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

The County's co-sponsored bill, AB 944 with the Western Center on Law and Poverty passed and is currently on the Governor's desk awaiting his action.

AB 143 (Quirk-Silva) Shelter crisis: homeless shelters: Counties of Alameda and Orange: City of San Jose. An urgency clause was added, and Senator Skinner has also been added as a principal co-author. The bill is on the Governor's desk awaiting his action.

Key Dates/Deadlines

October 13, 2019 – Deadline for Governor to Sign/Veto bills

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: State update**

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. **AB 1486 (Ting) Surplus Land**

*Recommendation: **Oppose:** Willie A. Hopkins, Jr., Director, General Services Agency and Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency*

Purpose:

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

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

III. Resolution of the County of Alameda Board of Supervisors in Support of Full Parity for Mental Health Patients and Clinicians at Kaiser Permanente

*Recommendation: **Support:** Richard Valle, Board of Supervisors, District 2*

[Attachment](#)

Speakers

Jessica Dominguez, adult provider at Kaiser Permanente in Richmond, stated that the wait is 6-8 weeks for a therapist; there is one clinician for every 3,000 patients; each therapist has approximately 400 patients; Kaiser failed to address the need for mental health clinicians. Supports the resolution.

Clement Papazian, clinician at Kaiser Permanente, supports the resolution and the need for Kaiser to hire more clinicians.

Carolyn Bowden, NUHW member, stated that a several Alameda County constituents have Kaiser benefits and could be suffering. Ms. Bowden thanked the County for taking up the resolution and supports the resolution.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- 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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