

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

Monday, March 12, 2018
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 are in session this week. The Senate will vote this week on legislation to give small and medium sized banks relief from Dodd-Frank regulations. The House and Senate will continue appropriations negotiations with the hope that the House can vote on the FY18 omnibus appropriations bill by Friday and the Senate would follow next week.

FY18 Appropriations

The House and Senate are continuing negotiations on the FY18 appropriations bills. Most subcommittees have finalized their bills while some are still negotiating over specific policy riders. Since the omnibus package is one of the only must-pass bills for the foreseeable future, Members are trying to attach various pieces of legislation to the package. The outstanding items include, funding for Planned Parenthood and teen pregnancy prevention grants, issues related to the Gateway Tunnel Project in the Northeast Rail Corridor, and border wall funding.

As a reminder, the current continuing resolution (CR) runs through March 23, 2018. Again, we should see an increase of \$63 billion in discretionary domestic spending above the current caps.

Apprenticeships

The Department of Labor is set to issue guidelines this week on a new privately led apprenticeship program. President Trump signed an executive order last June creating the program that seeks to encourage private businesses to train the next generation of white-collar workers. The program aims to scale up “work-and-learn” programs as an alternative to four-year colleges. Those skeptical of the Administration’s apprenticeship approach have questioned how companies will remain accountable with industry officials in charge.

The draft document, which is set to be released on March 16, will describe how the federal government will certify business groups charged with overseeing the apprenticeship programs. However, the most pressing issue is the funding component for the program. President Trump pledged to double funding to nearly \$200 million for apprenticeships when he signed the executive order last year, but the DOL document does not include any language related to funding.

Gun Reform Legislation

Earlier today, President Trump issued a statement supporting a pair of gun related bills including, Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn and Senator Chris Murphy’s legislation to improve background checks for gun purchases (S. 2135, the Fix NICS Act) and the STOP School Violence Act, which would repurpose a \$50 million Department of Justice program focused on school safety.

Yesterday, the White House also expressed support for a DOJ program that would help states that seek to train teachers and other personnel to carry firearms. Additionally, the Administration announced that Education Secretary Betsy DeVos will chair a federal commission on school safety. The commission will address issues including, whether to repeal Obama-era school discipline efforts, the impact of video games on youth violence, and the effects of press coverage of mass violence.

The Fix NICS Act currently has 61 cosponsors, one vote more than needed to pass the Senate. However, Leader McConnell has not yet scheduled floor time for the bill. We expect the Senate to take up legislation addressing online sex trafficking and the FY18 omnibus appropriations bill next week before the current CR expires. The Senate is then scheduled to take a two-week recess, however there could be increased pressure to take up the legislation in mid-April following the student-led gun control demonstration which is planned for March 24, 2018

Purpose:

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

II. State Legislative Update – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

The Legislature has been busy the past week in their respective Budget Subcommittees and they will continue to hear and negotiate budget proposals through the May Revision and until the 2018-19 Budget is enacted. Homelessness and housing continues to be at the forefront of the Legislature's minds heading into budget season and we continue to monitor Senator Beall and Senator Skinner's proposal for funding, which has been linked to a budget trailer bill, as well as Assemblymember Ting's proposal to establish a Homeless Persons Services Block Grant program.

Update on County Sponsored Bills

AB 2111 (Quirk), Alameda County's sponsored bill, which will align CalWORKs sponsor deeming provisions with those used for CalFresh for sponsored non-citizens indigence determinations, will be heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee sometime in April.

Initiative Update

Four of the initiatives we are tracking for Alameda County have acquired 25% of signatures needed to qualify for the November ballot. The first would require a legislative supermajority approval in order to enact new local taxes and potentially nullify enacted revenue measures if certain requirements are not met. The second, related to the Costa Hawkins Rental Housing Act, would expand local government authority to enact rent control on residential property. The third related to lead-based paint, would eliminate certain liabilities for paint manufacturers. The last would restrict parole for non-violent offenders and expand felony sentences to certain offenses currently classified as misdemeanors.

Below is a comprehensive list of initiatives currently in circulation with at least 25% of the signatures needed to qualify for the November ballot:

- Authorizes Bonds to Fund Projects for Water Supply and Quality, Watershed, Fish, Wildlife, Water Conveyance, and Groundwater Sustainability and Storage
- Changes Requirements for Certain Property Owners to Transfer Their Property Tax Base to Replacement Property
- Authorizes State Regulation of Kidney Dialysis Clinics. Limits Charges for Patient Care
- Division of California into Three States
- Decriminalization of Psilocybin
- Establishes New Standards for Confinement of Certain Farm Animals; Bans Sale of Certain Non-Complying Products
- Eliminates Recently Enacted Road Repair and Transportation Funding by Repealing Revenues

- Dedicated for those Purposes. Requires any Measure to Enact Certain Vehicle Fuel Taxes and Vehicle Fees be Submitted to and Approved by the Electorate
- Establishes New Consumer Privacy Rights; Expands Liability for Consumer Data Breaches
- Expands Local Governments' Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property
- Requires Private-Sector Emergency Ambulance Employees to Remain on Call During Work Breaks.
- Changes Other Conditions of Employment
- Restricts Parole for Non-Violent Offenders. Authorizes Felony Sentences for Certain Offenses

Currently

- Treated Only as Misdemeanors
- Authorizes Bonds Funding Construction at Hospitals Providing Children's Health Care
- Eliminates Certain Liability for Lead-Paint Manufacturers. Authorizes Bonds to Fund Structural and Environmental Remediation Projects
- Expands Requirement for Supermajority Approval to Enact New Revenue Measures –

California Immigration Laws Challenged

The U.S. Department of Justice recently announced that it has filed a lawsuit against California, challenging its three recently enacted immigration laws – SB 54, AB 103, and AB 450. Governor Brown and California state Attorney General Xavier Becerra have since pledged to fight back against the attempts to nullify the state's immigration protections. In a press conference last week, Governor Brown called the actions a "political stunt" and characterized the Administration as being at "war" with California.

SB 54 (de León), also known as the California Values Act, supported by Alameda County, prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies from engaging in immigration enforcement, to ensure that California's schools, health facilities and courthouses will remain safe and accessible to all California residents regardless of immigration status. The measure was signed by the Governor on October 5, 2017.

Juvenile Justice Practitioners' Toolkit

The Council for a Strong America recently released a toolkit for a Juvenile Justice Practitioners, which provides an overview of the justice system for youth under general supervision, extended foster care, and probation foster care, suggestions for collaboration, funding opportunities and the delivery of resources related to placement and housing, health and mental health, and education and employment. Also included in the toolkit is five local case studies that highlight youth connections to comprehensive services.

LAO Report – "Building Reserves to Prepare for a Recession"

The Legislative Analyst's Office recently released a report which describes how a recession leads to a budget problem, California's policies and practices on reserves, and considerations on the Governor's reserve proposal for the 2018-19 budget in comparison to years past and among other states. The report finds that Governor Brown's proposal to keep nearly \$16 billion in reserves will make building upon reserves in later years more difficult, because once the maximum reserve level is reached, additional funds have nowhere to go but to be spent on infrastructure.

Trauma Recover Centers Funding

The California Victim Compensation Board (CalVCB) recently posted a Notice of Funds Available for Trauma Recovery Centers (TRCs) for fiscal years 2018-19 and 2019-20. TRCs provide trauma-informed mental health treatment and case management to underserved crime victims who may not be eligible for victim compensation or who may be fearful of reporting a crime to law enforcement. Grant applications are due on Friday, March 30, 2018 no later than 2:00 PM.

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Request for Legislation position – Action Item

- i. **S.B. 906 (Beall/Anderson) Medi-Cal: mental health services: peer, parent, transition-age and family support specialist certification**

*Recommendation: **Support:** Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency*

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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