

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

Monday, March 31, 2025

1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Lena Tam, Chair
Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas

Location: **Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor**
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Schedule

Both chambers are in session this week. They will be in Washington until April 11th when they will recess for two weeks for the Easter recess.

Reconciliation

The Senate may vote on a revised budget resolution as soon as this week as House and Senate Republicans get closer to moving on President Trump's expansive legislative agenda.

Moving on the Budget Resolution will be contingent on a ruling made by the Senate Parliamentarian, Elizabeth MacDonough, regarding Republicans' plans to use an accounting tactic known as the "current policy baseline". The accounting tactic would make it look like the extension has no cost, potentially allowing Republicans to add on more tax cuts or reduce offsetting spending cuts. The Parliamentarian would have to rule on her interpretation before the Senate Majority Leader would bring the resolution to the floor.

Senate Majority Leader Thune wants to advance a new budget resolution that lets the House and Senate set their own spending cut minimums, in the interest of both chambers adopting the same budget resolution before leaving town on April 11th for a two-week recess.

If the Senate Parliamentarian goes along with Republican plans, the Senate could then hold another budget vote-a-rama to consider amendments to the budget resolution; many if not all of which, will be defeated. If the Senate Parliamentarian rules against the Republicans it poses a new challenge for Thune and Speaker Johnson to pass a significant part of President Trump's agenda.

FY26 Appropriations

With the completion of FY25 funding, via a six month continuing resolution, Congress has now turned its attention to FY26 appropriations. Many congressional offices have already set deadlines for program and project funding requests. House and Senate appropriators have delayed committee markups on FY26 as they wait on the President to submit his official budget request, which is projected to be delivered to Congress in May. With the ongoing work on reconciliation and a late start to formal consideration of FY26 appropriators in both chambers, Congress is preparing to operate under compressed timelines.

TEFAP Funding Diverted

Last Wednesday, the Trump Administration paused nearly \$500 million in previously approved funding for food banks and other emergency food providers through The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Food banks across the country have reported cuts in federal funding. Days earlier, the USDA also cancelled two federal programs that helped schools and food banks buy fresh food directly from local farmers—the Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) program, which would have funded about \$500 million this year for food banks, and the \$660 million Local Food for Schools program.

26 Democratic Senators sent a letter pressing the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) for more information about the cancellation of federal funding. Senator Schiff signed the letter.

ILMS DOGE'd

Today, DOGE staff notified the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS) today that the entire staff is being put on administrative leave effective immediately.

They will be cancelling huge swaths of grants/contracts and starting a Reduction in Force (RIF) to minimum staffing levels. [IMLS has an annual budget of \\$294 million](#), and provides grants to states for museums and public libraries, all of which are on hold.

HHS to Cut 10,000 staff members

The Trump Administration will reduce the HHS workforce by nearly 20 percent and undergo a significant reorganization. HHS Secretary Kennedy announced he will reduce HHS's 28 divisions to 15 and create a new Administration for a Healthy America that includes several core functions. The number of regional offices will drop from 10 to five. FDA is set to lose 3,500 employees and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will lose 2,400 employees.

This reorganization is taking place under the backdrop of HHS canceling more than \$12 billion in federal grants to states that were being used for tracking infectious diseases, mental health services, addiction treatment and other urgent health issues administered by the CDC.

Top Democratic appropriators in the House and Senate [wrote to Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#) pressing for answers on the significant changes he has promised for federal health agencies.

Confirmations

Representative Elise Stefanik's nomination for U.N. Ambassador has been withdrawn, a strategic move to maintain the GOP's House majority. Additionally, Dr. Oz's confirmation hearing to be CMS administrator is slated within the next two weeks, signaling another key appointment ahead of the recess.

Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, hearing titled "Constructing the Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill: United States Secretary of Transportation's Perspective."

Purpose:

- ☐ Report progress
- ☐ Advocacy or Education
- ☐ Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- ☒ **Other: Federal Legislative Update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

II. State Legislative Update

Legislative Update: The legislature is observing Cesar Chavez Day and will resume the next day.

Bill Amendments:

- SB 16 (Sen. Blakespear): Requires counties to fund at least 50% of city homelessness shelters under the next round of state homelessness assistance. Supported by the mayors of San Diego and San Jose; counties are concerned.
- SB 331 (Sen. Menjivar): Amends the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act and the CARE Act; under review by county staff.
- SB 75 (Sen. Smallwood-Cuevas): Launches a reentry pilot project for formerly incarcerated individuals in Alameda, LA, and San Diego Counties, focusing on skilled trades training and support.

Budget Hearings:

Assembly Budget Subcommittee #5 reviewed the state's encampment resolution funding and the Governor's reorganization proposal.

The Governor's reorganization plan aims to streamline housing/consumer protection efforts but has drawn criticism over potential administrative inefficiencies and role overlap. Concerns raised over lack of outcome data on housing placements and overall program effectiveness.

Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 (Health & Human Services) discussed juvenile justice funding and oversight. Sen. Menjivar expressed concern about misuse of block grant funds, calling for stronger audit and accountability measures.

The legislature will begin spring recess after April 10th and will reconvene on April 21st, 2025.

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Request for Legislation position – Action items

- AB 435 (Wilson) Vehicles: child passenger restraints**
Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health
- AB 998 (Hadwick) Household hazardous waste: vape pens**
Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health and Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4
- SB 501 (Allen) Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act**
Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health and Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4

iv. **SB 561 (Blakespear) Hazardous Waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act**

Recommendation: Support: Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4

v. **State Budget Request: Support of 211 Services in the 2025-26 Budget**

Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency

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- ☐ Other:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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