

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

Monday, March 3, 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. The main focus in Washington will be Fiscal Year 2025 funding bills. Both chambers are scheduled to be in recess next week.

Appropriations

Congress has yet to finalize FY25 spending bills, and the current continuing resolution (CR) funding the government expires this Friday, March 14. Over the weekend, Republicans released the text of a six-month, “clean” CR that would lock funding at 2024 levels through the end of the fiscal year and avert a government shutdown. The House could vote on the bill as soon as Tuesday with the Senate to follow later in the week.

In a letter to House Democrats on Friday, Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries and Minority Whip Katherine Clark stated that Democrats are ready to oppose a long-term extension of government funding at current 2024 levels. They cited concerns over cuts to funding for healthcare, nutritional assistance and veterans benefits.

If all Democrats oppose the six-month CR then Speaker Johnson will need to have nearly every Republican member vote in support of the measure for passage. At the same time, Senate Republicans could need as many as eight Democrats to support the CR.

Presidential Address to Congress

President Trump’s address to Congress showcased his policy priorities and the deep political divisions in Washington. He supported his new 25% tariffs on Canada and Mexico, stating that the measures were necessary to protect American industries.

The speech also highlighted the President’s broader legislative agenda, including his push for tax cuts, such as eliminating taxes on tips and overtime, and repealing the CHIPS and Science Act, a bipartisan measure designed to boost semiconductor manufacturing in the U.S. He largely avoided discussing healthcare policy or the upcoming government shutdown deadline, instead focusing on issues like transgender rights, immigration and border security, reforming the federal bureaucracy, and his opposition to diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

Confirmations

The Senate voted to confirm Linda McMahon as Secretary of the Department of Education on Monday, March 3. President Trump now has twenty of his twenty-two cabinet members confirmed. The final two nominees are former U.S. Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer for Secretary of the Department of Labor and Elise Stefanik for Ambassador to the U.N. The Senate will likely confirm Chavez-DeRemer this week, but it will take longer for Stefanik. Speaker Mike Johnson is dealing with a slim majority in the House, and Stefanik's vote was critical in advancing the House's budget resolution providing the framework for Trump's agenda. As soon as Stefanik is confirmed as U.N. Ambassador, Johnson's already small House majority will shrink by one.

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

Several subcommittees are currently reviewing provisions of the Governor's proposed budget, with policy committees also beginning to meet as bills become eligible.

Proposition 36

A joint hearing by the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Budget Subcommittee 5 focused on Prop. 36. Legislators acknowledged strong voter support for the measure and emphasized the need for proper funding, which is currently absent in the Governor's budget. Discussions centered on state-local partnerships, equitable cost-sharing, and challenges like workforce shortages and inconsistency across counties.

Human Services

The Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 2 discussed topics such as CalFresh, a guaranteed income pilot program, emergency food bank funding, CalWORKs, immigration services, federal threats to services, disaster response, and a new housing and homelessness complaint resolution proposal.

Health and Human Services

The Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 3 reviewed the Department of Health Care Services' budget, Medi-Cal estimates, the managed care organization tax under Prop. 35, and implementation of various legislative items.

Hearings will continue this week, with a comprehensive report to follow.

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Request for Legislation position – Action item

i. **State Budget Request: Medically Supportive Food and Nutrition Advisory Workgroup (Bonta)**

Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director,
Alameda County Health

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- ☐ Other:

Informational item: State Budget Advocacy Letter

Lena Tam, Vice President, Board of Supervisors, District 3

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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