

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

Monday, April 20, 2015
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 both in session this week. The Senate will focus on the deadlock over Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act and will also consider the Attorney General confirmation this week. The Senate will then move to vote on a bipartisan compromise bill requiring Congressional review of an Iran nuclear agreement before sanctions against Iran could be lifted. The House will vote on legislation to limit funding to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and will also consider legislation to encourage private sector businesses to share information about suspected cyber intrusions with the government.

Senate Update

Human Trafficking Legislation/Attorney General Confirmation

Senate leaders are attempting to break a deadlock over a Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act. Senate Democrats have blocked it numerous times because it contains permanent restrictions on providing abortion funding from the measure's \$30 million victims fund. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has refused to bring up Loretta Lynch's Attorney General nomination until the trafficking bill receives a vote.

House Update

Estate Tax/Tax Deductions/SGR

Last week the House voted to repeal the estate tax and to permanently extend tax deductions for state and local taxes. Neither of was offset and are estimated to cost the Federal government \$311 billion in lost revenue over 10 years. The Medicare payment bill or the "doc fix" which was reported on last week was not offset either. It is estimated to add \$141 billion over 10 years to the deficit. Before completing a budget or beginning the appropriations process, the House is approving tax breaks that add to the deficit and will put more pressure on domestic spending.

House Appropriations

The House Appropriations Committee is scheduled to vote on allocations for each of the 12 FY 2016 appropriations bills. This action will begin the appropriations process, which should be completed by the end of the fiscal year. The House Appropriations Committee will also hold its first bill markup of the year, Energy and Water.

Budget

House and Senate conferees met to try to negotiate a final joint House/Senate budget agreement. Republican leaders want negotiations completed in the next two weeks.

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 –Platinum Advisors**Transportation Subcommittee Actions**

The Governor's budget proposal included two transportation trailer bills. The first would expand the authority for the CTC to authorize the construction and operation of express lanes, and the second would enact a streamlined process for relinquishing highways to local control. The Senate Budget Subcommittee sent both proposals to the policy committee.

Road User Charge Pilot Program

The Senate Subcommittee deferred action on the Administration's proposal for funding the Road User Charge Pilot Program. The proposed budget includes \$9.6 million in order to implement SB 1077. This includes \$8.8 million for Caltrans to contract with consultants and about \$780,000 for staffing at Caltrans and the CTC. The proposal would specifically allow Caltrans to encumber the consultant funds over the next two fiscal years. The LAO has expressed concerns about the proposal as Caltrans has already entered into the consultant contract before the funds were appropriated. The Subcommittee did not adopt the staff recommendation and this item will be heard in a future hearing.

Senate Transportation Plan

Senator Beall unveiled his transportation funding proposal last week. The proposal has been amended into SB 16 and provides a funding plan that directs additional revenue to maintain state highways and local streets and roads without impacting the General Fund. The Senate proposal would generate up to \$3.6 billion annually over the next 5 years. The proposal noted that Alameda County would receive \$21.2 million in street and road maintenance funds and cities within Alameda County would split on a population basis \$26.5 million.

Proposed revenues for the plan include:

- 10 cent increase in the excise tax for gasoline
- 12 cent increase in the excise tax for diesel
- Phase in over five years the return of truck weight fees to transportation accounts
- Phase in over five years a .35% increase to the Vehicle License Fee to pay for debt service on transportation bonds
- Repay existing loans made from transportation account over three (3) years
- Increase the base vehicle registration fee by \$35
- Increase the vehicle registration fee for zero emission vehicles by \$100

In addition, there are other allocation and reporting requirements associated with this proposal.

Legislation

AB 1159 was passed in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. The measure would establish a 10 year product stewardship pilot program for sharps and batteries, requiring producers of batteries and sharps to create and fund a program for their disposal. The bill will now be heard in the Assembly Local Government

Committee. AB 45 (Mullin) which the County has an oppose-in-concept position would require local governments to increase collection and diversion of household hazardous waste. It will also be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

SB 277 (Pan) Vaccines was heard in the Senate Education Committee last week, which would only allow exemptions to vaccinations for medical reasons or if a child is home-schooled. Committee members were extremely concerned that parents may choose not to send their children to school and asked that the author consider amendments. The Committee is scheduled to vote on the bill on April 21, 2015.

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Request for Legislation Position – Action Items

- i. **Increase state funding for court-appointed dependency counsel**
Recommendation: Support: Alex Briscoe, Director, Health Care Services Agency
[Attachment](#)
- ii. **[AB 366](#) (Bonta) Medi-Cal: reimbursement rates**
Recommendation: Support: Alex Briscoe, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iii. **[AB 648](#) (Low) Community-based services: Virtual Dental Home Program**
Recommendation: Support: Alex Briscoe, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iv. **[AB 1461](#) (Gonzalez) New Motor Voter Act**
Recommendation: Support: Keith Carson, District 5, Board of Supervisors
- v. **[SB 328](#) (Hueso) Landlords: notice of pesticide use**
Recommendation: Support: Alex Briscoe, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- vi. **[SB 521](#) (Liu) CalFresh employment and training program**
Recommendation: Support: Alex Briscoe, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- vii. **[SB 621](#) (Hertzberg) Mentally ill offender crime reduction grants**
Recommendation: Support: Alex Briscoe, Director, Health Care Services Agency

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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