

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

Monday, May 22, 2017
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. Before adjourning for the Memorial Day recess, the Senate will continue to vote on nominations while the House will consider various bills under suspension of the rules.

FY18 Budget Request

President Trump's FY18 budget request will be sent to Congress tomorrow. The budget proposal will include a request for \$54 billion in additional defense spending for FY18 for a total of \$603 billion. This additional defense spending would be offset by proposed cuts to domestic discretionary programs. Additionally, President Trump plans to propose \$1.7 trillion in cuts to major social and safety net programs for lower-income Americans, as part of an effort to balance the budget within a decade. The proposed budget will include \$274 billion in cuts over 10 years to means-tested anti-poverty programs, which includes, cutting \$193 billion from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The cuts to SNAP, which would amount to an approximate 25 percent reduction, would be achieved in part by limiting eligibility and by mandating a work requirement. The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is also set to be reduced by \$21 billion over 10 years. We are hearing the budget request will also include a reduction to the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit by \$40 billion and calls for \$800 billion in cuts to Medicaid as provided for in the House-passed American Health Care Act.

With many Republicans already opposing the President's request to offset the increase in defense spending with cuts to domestic programs, it remains to be seen if Congress instead will try to raise the budget caps or use emergency war funding to accomplish the defense increase.

A Continuing Resolution (CR) is expected for FY18 since Appropriators are getting such a late start. It may prove difficult for members to reach a consensus on a year-long funding agreement due to the timeframe as well as the cuts that are expected in the FY18 budget. Over the course of the next few weeks, Congress will hold multiple hearings related to the FY18 budget process.

AHCA Update

Today, the White House announced plans to ask a federal court for another 90-day delay in a lawsuit over Obamacare insurance subsidies, leaving the future of the health care marketplaces in limbo through late August. The suit, *House v. Price*, centers on the Affordable Care Act's cost-sharing program, which reimburses health insurers to help low-income people make co-payments at the doctor or hospital.

House Republicans originally filed a lawsuit against the Obama Administration to stop the payments from being made without Congressional consent. The Trump administration still will not commit to making further cost-sharing reduction payments to insurance companies after May.

Some Senate Republicans have discussed taking up a short-term health care package in June because insurers need to decide whether to participate in Affordable Care Act federal exchanges in 2018 by June 21. That creates a hard deadline for Congress if it wants to help shore up marketplaces in states like Iowa, which might have no carriers next year.

In the Senate, the working group led by Ted Cruz has convened multiple times but there is no consensus on a pathway forward. A bipartisan group of Senators has met as well, but they also have not been able to find a compromise. The Congressional Budget Office has said it will release the cost estimate for the House-passed version of the American Health Care Act on Wednesday afternoon.

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 – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

Friday, May 19, 2017, was the deadline for policy committees to meet prior to June 5, 2017. The next deadline is Friday, May 26, 2017, the last day for fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the floor. All fiscal bills on the suspense file will be dealt with on May 25th and 26th where bills will either be passed to the Floor or held on suspense. Budget Subcommittees meet this week to close out open items, before full Budget Committees regroup. Budget Conference Committee will convene in the next couple of weeks, to reconcile the differences between the Senate and Assembly Budgets. The 2017-18 Budget must be passed by June 15, 2017.

Update on County Sponsored Bills

AB 333 (Quirk), Alameda County's Sponsored bill to transfer ownership of a portion of State Route 185 at East 14th Street and Mission Boulevard within unincorporated Alameda County, is currently on the Appropriations Suspense File and will be heard on May 26, 2017.

AB 435 (Thurmond), Alameda County's Child Care Pilot Program cleanup bill, is also on the Appropriations Suspense File and will be dealt with on May 26, 2017.

SB 703 (Skinner), Alameda County's Sponsored bill, to enable the County to impose a transactions and use tax at a rate of no more than 0.5% above the combined statutory rate limit of 2%, given voter approval, passed out of the Senate and will now make its way to the Assembly for committee referral.

Senate Committee Changes

On May 15, Senate President pro Tempore Kevin de León announced changes to Senate standing committees and their membership. Senator de León announced having appointed Senator Bill Dodd as the new Chair of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee. Senator Dodd replaces Senator Glazer, who recently resigned from his chairmanship but remains a member of the committee.

Senator de León also recreated the Senate Insurance, Banking and Financial Institutions Committee, which took effect May 18, and is a combination of both the Senate Insurance Committee and the Senate Banking and Financial Institutions Committee.

The new committee will be chaired by Senator Mendoza, and Senator Gaines will serve as Vice-Chair. Senator de León made the following statement regarding the change: “The Senate is consolidating the financial service industries into a single committee to provide a more complete understanding of those industries and how they impact California consumers.”

Coordinated Care Initiative (CCI) Update

CSAC staff is working with Department of Finance (DOF) staff to draft the budget trailer bill language to implement the agreement reached on the CCI. It is expected that the Budget Subcommittees will adopt placeholder language while awaiting the language that is being drafted.

NPLH Advisory Committee

The NPLH Advisory Committee assists and advises the California Department of Housing and Community Development in the implementation of the program, reviewing and making recommendations on program guidelines, and reviewing the progress in distributing awards. On May 18, Governor Brown announced that he had appointed Albert Jones to the NPLH Advisory Committee, as a Resident of Supportive Housing.

Jones has been a custodian at California State University, Fresno Association Inc. since 2003. This appointment is not subject to Senate Confirmation.

State Controller’s April Cash Report

In the most critical month for collections, the State Controller reports April revenues of \$15.98 billion falling short of projections in the Governor’s proposed 2017-18 budget by \$1.05 billion, or 6.2%.

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. [AB 614](#) (Limón) Area agency on aging: Alzheimer’s disease and dementia: training and services

Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Rebecca Gebhart, Interim Director, Health Care Services Agency

ii. [AB 1505](#) (Bloom) Land use: zoning regulations

Recommendation: Support: Rebecca Gebhart, Interim Director, Health Care Services Agency and Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency

iii. [AB 1521](#) (Bloom) Land use: notice of proposed change: assisted housing developments

Recommendation: Support: Rebecca Gebhart, Interim Director, Health Care Services Agency and Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency

iv. [AB 1598](#) (Mullin) Affordable housing authorities

Recommendation: Support: Rebecca Gebhart, Interim Director, Health Care Services Agency and Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency

v. [SB 213](#) (Mitchell) Placement of children: criminal records check

*Recommendation: **Support and Amend:** Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency*

vi. [SB 362](#) (Galgiani) Department of Motor Vehicles: records: confidentiality

*Recommendation: **Support:** Rebecca Gebhart, Interim Director, Health Care Services Agency*

vii. [SB 438](#) (Roth) Juveniles: legal guardianship: successor guardian

*Recommendation: **Support:** Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency*

III. Resolution to Recommend that the 2017-2018 California State Budget Return Appropriate Funding to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Program

*Recommendation: **Support:** Keith Carson, District 5, Board of Supervisors*

[Attachment](#)

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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