

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

Monday, June 11, 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 House will focus on numerous opioid-related bills while the Senate begins consideration of the FY19 National Defense Authorization Act.

House Action on Opioid Bills

The House is expected to consider 26 bills tomorrow under suspension, meaning they are expected to pass in a bipartisan fashion with very little debate and no chance for amendment:

1. H.R. 449 – Synthetic Drug Awareness Act of 2018
2. H.R. 3331 – To amend title XI of the Social Security Act to promote testing of incentive payments
3. H.R. 4284 – INFO Act
4. H.R. 4684 – Ensuring Access to Quality Sober Living Act of 2018
5. H.R. 5002 – ACE Research Act
6. H.R. 5009 – Jessie’s Law
7. H.R. 5041 – Safe Disposal of Unused Medication Act
8. H.R. 5102 – Substance Use Disorder Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2018
9. H.R. 5176 – Preventing Overdoses While in Emergency Rooms Act
10. H.R. 5197 – ALTO Act
11. H.R. 5202 – Ensuring Patient Access to Substance Use Disorder Treatments Act of 2018
12. H.R. 5228 – SCREEN Act
13. H.R. 5261 – TEACH to Combat Addiction Act of 2018
14. H.R. 5272 – To ensure that programs and activities that are funded by a grant, cooperative purpose
15. H.R. 5327 – Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers Act 2018
16. H.R. 5329 – Poison Center Network Enhancement Act of 2018
17. H.R. 5353 – Eliminating Opioid-Related Infectious Diseases Act of 2018
18. H.R. 5473 – Better Pain Management Through Better Data Act of 2018
19. H.R. 5483 – Special Registration for Telemedicine Clarification Act of 2018
20. H.R. 5582 – Abuse Deterrent Access Act of 2018
21. H.R. 5583 – To amend title XI of the Social Security Act
22. H.R. 5587 – Peer Support Communities of Recovery Act
23. H.R. 5685 – Medicare Opioid Safety Education Act of 2018
24. H.R. 5800 – Medicaid IMD ADDITIONAL INFO Act
25. H.R. 5812 – CONNECTIONS Act (Rep. Griffith – Energy and Commerce)
26. H.R. 4275 – Empowering Pharmacists in the Fight Against Opioid Abuse Act

On Wednesday, the House is expected to consider 10 bills under suspension of the Rules:

1. ● H.R. 5294 – Treating Barriers to Prosperity Act of 2018 (Rep. Barletta – Transportation and Infrastructure)

2. ● H.R. 5752 – Stop Illicit Drug Importation Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. Blackburn – Energy and Commerce)
3. ● H.R. 6902 – REGROUP Act of 2018 (Rep. Rothfus – Judiciary)
4. ● H.R. 5889 – Recognizing Early Childhood Trauma Related to Substance Abuse Act of 2018 (Rep. Brat – Education and the Workforce)
5. ● H.R. 5890 – Assisting States’ Implementation of Plans of Safe Care Act (Rep. Garrett – Education and the Workforce)
6. ● H.R. 5891 – Improving the Federal Response to Families Impacted by Substance Use Disorder Act (Rep. Grothman – Education and the Workforce)
7. ● H.R. 5892 – To establish an Advisory Committee on Opioids and the Workplace to advise the Secretary of Labor on actions the Department of Labor can take to address the impact of opioid abuse on the workplace (Rep. Lewis (MN) – Education and the Workforce)
8. ● House Amendment to S. 1091 – Supporting Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Act (Sen. Collins – Education and the Workforce)
9. ● H.R. 2147 – Veterans Treatment Court Improvement Act of 2018, as amended (Rep. Coffman – Veterans’ Affairs)
10. ● H.R. 4635 – To direct VA to increase the number of peer-to-peer counselors providing counseling for women veterans, and for other purposes, as amended (Rep. Coffman – Veterans’ Affairs)

The remaining three bills will be taken up on Thursday and Friday and will go regular order so can be amended on the floor. They are as follows:

- H.R. 5788 – Securing the International Mail Against Opioids Act of 2018 (Rep. Bishop (MI) – Ways and Means)
- H.R. 5735 – Transitional Housing for Recovery in Viable Environments Demonstration Program Act (Rep. Barr – Financial Services)
- H.R. 2851 – Stop Importation and Trafficking of Synthetic Analogues Act of 2017 (Rep. Katko – Energy and Commerce)

FY19 Appropriations

Last week, the House approved the first appropriations minibus for FY19 on a vote of 235-179. The package included three appropriations bills including, the Energy & Water bill, Military Construction/Veterans Affairs bill, and the Legislative Branch bill. In an effort to avoiding passing an omnibus in September, Congress has decided to pass several minibus appropriations packages. On the Senate side, the Appropriations Committee also unanimously approved its FY19 THUD bill on Thursday.

THUD - Housing and Urban Development

The bill provides \$44.5 billion for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, an increase of \$1.8 billion above the FY18 enacted level and \$900 million above the FY19 House bill.

Bill Highlights:

- \$30.3 billion for tenant-based Section 8 vouchers and public housing, about level with the FY18 omnibus and \$500 million below the FY19 House bill.
- \$11.7 billion for project-based Section 8, \$232 million above the FY18 enacted level and the same as the FY19 House bill;
- \$678 million for Housing for the Elderly, \$46 million above the FY19 House bill;
- \$154 million for Housing for Persons with Disabilities, the same as the FY19 House bill.
- Community Planning and Development – \$7.8 billion for Community Planning and Development programs, \$99 million above the FY18 enacted level and \$200 million above the FY19 House bill.
- The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) formula program is funded at \$3.3 billion, the same as FY18 and the FY19 House bill.
- Homeless Assistance Grants are funded at \$2.6 billion, \$133 million above the FY18 enacted level and \$100 million above the FY19 House bill. The bill includes several provisions aimed at improving HUD’s delivery of housing and services to address particularly vulnerable populations, including veterans, youth, and survivors of domestic violence.

The bill includes \$20 million for new family unification vouchers to prevent youth exiting foster care from becoming homeless. An additional \$80 million is provided for grants and technical assistance to test comprehensive efforts to end youth homelessness in urban and rural areas. In addition, the bill provides \$50 million for rapid rehousing assistance for domestic violence, and \$40 million for new HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers

○ The HOME program is funded at \$1.4 billion, \$40 million above the FY18 enacted level and about \$200 million above the FY19 House bill;

On Wednesday, the full House Appropriations Committee is scheduled to mark up the FY19 defense and financial services bills while the State-Foreign Operations Subcommittee marks up its respective bill. On the following day, the Senate is scheduled to mark up the Interior-Environment bill, the Commerce-Justice-Science bill, and the Legislative Branch bill.

Senate Farm Bill

The Senate Agriculture Committee plans to hold a mark-up on Wednesday of the 2018 Farm Bill. The Senate bill does not include changes to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) unlike the House version (H.R. 2) that failed (198-213) on the House floor on May 18. Agriculture Committee Chairman, Pat Roberts (R-KS) and Ranking Member, Debbie Stabenow, have indicated that the mark-up will be bipartisan and we expect the legislation to be approved.

Immigration

The House Freedom Caucus continues to press for floor consideration of H.R. 4760, the Goodlatte-McCaul bill, the most conservative of the leading immigration reform proposals in play. Meanwhile, the discharge petition to trigger the “Queen-of-the-Hill” votes on that bill, the DREAM Act, the bipartisan USA Act, and a fourth compromise proposal, currently has 215 signatures out of the required 218, including 23 Republicans and 192 Democrats. At least two more Republicans would be needed, assuming all Democrats were to sign, or 3 Republicans if Rep. Cuellar (D-TX) continues to hold out over “wall” construction. Pressure is mounting from House Republican leadership against the petition and in favor of a more controlled vote on a revised H.R. 4760 or some alternative compromise legislation. Chairman Goodlatte is considering some changes to his bill, which may be enough to break the logjam and lead to a floor vote on that bill as soon as next week or the beginning of the following week.

Republicans held a closed door meeting last week to try to reach a deal regarding moving forward on various immigration bills. Part of the conversation was aimed at avoiding the Queen of the Hill/discharge-petition process, with moderates agreeing to hold off on adding the remaining 3+ signatures while the Speaker works on a compromise bill with variations in play of “three-pillar” or “four-pillar” solutions, one of which will be a DACA solution. The window is narrow for this process and finding a bill that can garner 218 votes could prove to be challenging for leadership. The discharge petition would trigger a vote that could only be held on the second or fourth Monday of the month, meaning that it would need to be completed early this week to proceed on June 25th; otherwise the issue would be moved back into mid-July.

Senate HELP Hearing

Secretary of Health and Human Services, Alex Azar, will testify tomorrow before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. The hearing is entitled the “Cost of Prescription Drugs: Examining the President’s Blueprint ‘American Patients First’ to Lower Drug Prices.”

Purpose:

- Report progress
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II. State Legislative Update – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck

This week, the Governor and Legislature will be focused on enacting the final budget prior to the June 15 constitutional deadline. Policy Committees will also be meeting in order to refer all fiscal bills to fiscal committees prior to the June 29 deadline. As for other upcoming deadlines – June 28 is the last day for a legislative measure to qualify for the November 6 General Election.

On June 7, Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins announced changes to four Senate standing committees. The designated committee chairs and membership will be adopted by the Senate Rules Committee today. The changes made include: **Senator Ricardo Lara** (D-Bell Gardens) will be the Chair of the Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations. **Senator Anthony Portantino** (D-La Cañada-Flintridge) replaces Senator Lara as Chair of the Committee on Appropriations. **Senator Richard Pan** (D-Sacramento) replaces Senator Hernandez (D-West Covina) as Chair of the Committee on Health. Senator Hernandez will remain as a member of the Committee on Health. **Senator Mike McGuire** (D-Healdsburg) is appointed to the Education Committee as a member to fill the current vacancy. **Senator Ben Allen** (D-Santa Monica) remains the Chair of the Committee on Education.

Today, the Legislature will swear in two new members: Jesse Gabriel (D) of the 45th Assembly District and Luiz Rivas (D) of the 39th Assembly District. These two new members bring Assembly Democratic membership to 55, while Assembly Republican membership remains at 25.

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 Senate Human Services Committee tomorrow, June 12.

2018-2019 Budget Deal Reached

On June 8, the Governor, Senate President pro Tempore Toni Atkins, and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon announced that a deal had been reached on the 2018-2019 Budget. Below are some of the highlights from the budget deal announced: □ Provides funding to fully fund the Rainy Day Fund, bringing the total to \$13.8 billion.

Governor's proposal to eliminate the 340B Drug Pricing Program was rejected.

CalWORKs Single Allocation – \$23.5 million to partially (half) restore the cut to employment services. Cost of Living Adjustment to the State Supplemental Payment and CalWORKs grants beginning 2022-2023.

Rescinded the action to approve child support request, instead provides only \$3 million General Fund ongoing for the child support program.

Maintains the May Revision proposal regarding Juvenile Justice Reform and revised trailer bill language.

Health Care – \$5 million for a taskforce charged with identifying how to accomplish universal coverage/unified publicly financed health care. In a trailer bill, language directing Covered California to present a subsidy program for legislative consideration next year and intent language declaring the intention to accomplish universal care. Items also of interest include:

Provide premium assistance via tax credits for individuals 200-600% of federal poverty covered under Covered California.

Increase to Medi-Cal for aged, blind and disabled.

Expansion of Medi-Cal to young adults and seniors regardless of immigration status.

Housing/Homelessness – An agreement was made on the housing and homelessness package between all parties, now included in SB 850 (Committee on Budget And Fiscal Review). The main components of “this bridge” package are below:

Emergency Aid Block Grants:

\$500 million (\$250 million above May Revise) in one-time General Fund for emergency aid to local governments for homelessness, including the following:

\$250 million to the Continuums of Care (COC) based on 2017 homeless persons point-in-time count broken down as follows:

- ☐ COC with point-in-time count of over 20,000 persons – \$40 million.
- ☐ COC with point-in-time count between 4,000 and 19,999 persons – \$60 million.
- ☐ COC with point-in-time count between 2,500 and 3,999 persons – \$30 million.
- ☐ COC with point-in-time count between 1,800 and 2,499 persons – \$48 million.
- ☐ COC with point-in-time count between 1,500 and 1,799 persons – \$18 million.
- ☐ COC with point-in-time count between 1,000 and 1,499 persons – \$32 million.
- ☐ COC with point-in-time count between 750 and 999 persons – \$12 million.
- ☐ COC with point-in-time count between 250 and 749 persons – \$7 million.
- ☐ COC with point-in-time count of less than 250 persons – \$2 million.

\$150 million direct allocation to a city (or city and county) with populations over 330,000.

\$100 million allocated based on a Continuum of Care’s proportionate share of total homeless population based on 2017 count.

Housing and Homelessness Trailer Bill Language: adopts Senate’s action on No Place Like Home trailer bill and the Assembly’s action with amendments to the trailer bill language on Office of Migrant Services.

June 5 Election Recap

On June 5, California voters took to the ballot to decide on numerous statewide and district races as well as decided the fate of the numerous propositions before them. Counties are expected to finishing their vote counting by July 6, 2018. In the meantime, below is an update on how the votes are turning out, as of last Friday.

Statewide Races

Governor: Gavin Newsom (D) 33.4%; John Cox (R) 26.2%

Treasurer: Fiona Ma (D) 43.2%; Greg Conlon (R) 22.0%

Lieutenant Governor: Eleni Kounalakis (D) 23.5%; Ed Hernandez (D) 20.7%; Cole Harris (R) 18.3%

Attorney General: Xavier Becerra (D)(incumbent) 45.3%; Steven Bailey (R) 25.3%

Secretary of State: Alex Padilla (D) (incumbent) 51.5%; Mark Meuser (R) 32%

Insurance Commissioner: Ricardo Lara (D) 40.5%; Steve Poizner (NPP) 41.4%

Controller: Betty Yee (D)(incumbent) 60.9%; Konstantinos Roditis (R) 35%

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Marshall Tuck 37.1%; Tony Thurmond 34.4%

U.S. Senate: Dianne Feinstein (D) (incumbent) 43.9%; Kevin de León (D) 11.3%

Special Election Contests

Senate District 29: 59.5% of voters voted to recall Senator Josh Newman

Candidates to Succeed Newman: Ling Ling Chan (R) 34.4%; Joseph Cho (D) 20.2%

Assembly District 39

Luiz Maria Rivas (D) 69.8% Ricardo Antonio Benitez (R) 30.2%

Senate District 32

Rita Topalian (R) 25.3%; Vanessa Delgado (D) 16.3%

Assembly District 45

Jesse Gabriel (D) 63.8%; Justin Clark (R) 36.2%

Alameda County Delegation Contests

Senate District 10: Bob Wieckowski (D) (incumbent) 70.4%; Victor G. San Vicente (R) 25.4%

Assembly District 25: Kansen Chu (D) (incumbent) 50.0%; Bob Brunton (R) 24.9%

Assembly District 16: Catharine Baker (R) (incumbent) 58.0%; Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D) 42.0%

Assembly District 20: Bill Quirk (D) (incumbent) 100%

Assembly District 18: Rob Bonta (D) (incumbent) 87.8%; Stephen Slauson (R) 12.2%

Assembly District 15: Buffy Wicks (D) 31.4%; Dan Kalb (D) 15.1%

Ballot Initiatives

Proposition 68 – Natural Resources Bond YES 56%

Proposition 69 – Transportation Revenue: Restrictions and limits YES 80.4%

Proposition 70 – Greenhouse Gas Reduction Reserve Fund NO 63.3%

Proposition 71 – Ballot Measures: Effective Date YES 76.8%

Proposition 72 – Property Tax: New Construction: Rain Capture YES 83.3%

Proposition 69, which requires that revenue from the diesel sales tax and Transportation Improvement Fee implemented by SB 1 be used for transportation-related purposes and exempts revenue generated by SB 1 tax increases and fee schedules from the state appropriations limit, passed overwhelmingly with 80.4% of the votes. This is a clear indication that voters support the use of SB 1 revenue to be spent on transportation projects as the bill promises. However, SB 1 still faces the possible repeal on the November ballot. If passed, thousands of local transportation projects that have already begun will be put on hold. For all other election outcomes, please click [here](#).

State Controller's May Cash Report

The State Controller reports total May revenues of \$8.25 billion are below the monthly estimates in the Governor's 2018-2019 May Revise by \$784.2 million, or 8.7%. With one month left in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, total revenues of \$115.38 billion are \$784.2 million less than estimates in the May Revise, but \$4.52 billion higher than expected in the enacted budget. Total fiscal year-to-date revenues are \$10.10 billion higher than for the same period in 2016-2017.

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. [AB 2459](#) (Friedman) **Personal income taxes: credits: health insurance premiums**
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- ii. [AB 2565](#) (Chiu) **Affordability assistance: cost sharing**
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iii. [AB 2626](#) (Mullin) **Child Care and Development Services Act**
Recommendation: Support: Willie A. Hopkins, Jr., Director, General Services Agency

- iv. **SB 1255 (Hernandez) Health insurance market: financial assistance**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency*

- v. **SB 1464 (Weiner) Medi-Cal: benefits: enrollees with special dental care needs**
*Recommendation: **Support:** Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency*

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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