

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

Monday, December 5, 2022

1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair  
Supervisor David Brown

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 the House and Senate are in session this week.

**FY23 Appropriations**

The current continuing resolution (CR) is set to expire in less than two weeks (December 16th) and progress seems to be moving at a slow pace. Currently there is no agreement on topline numbers for FY2023 spending and as a result appropriators cannot draft the 12 individual annual spending bills. There is a lack of agreement on non-defense spending. Democrats want to see an increase in spending on social programs to go along with an increase in defense spending. However, Republicans are arguing that Democrats already received new funding from the budget reconciliation bill, the Inflation Reduction Act.

There will need to be another CR and it will likely extend funding until December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Office of Management and Budget is preparing for a year-long CR scenario by sending a list of CR anomalies to Congress early this week. There is a lot of concern from the Pentagon and national security officials on having to operate under a year-long CR. This sentiment is shared by members of Congress on both sides of the aisle.

President Biden invited Senators Patrick Leahy and Richard Shelby for lunch at the White House this afternoon to discuss a spending package.

**Leadership Elections and Committee Assignments**

On Thursday, Senate Democrats will hold their leadership elections. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer will be formally nominated for another two years in his post and is expected to win unanimously. Schumer has already been Senate Democratic leader for three terms. On Tuesday, House Democrats will meet to elect the ranking member of the House Budget Committee and will vote on the Battleground Leadership Representative. Also, House Democrats will put together their Steering and Policy Committee and will nominate ranking members by the end of the week. Next week the House Democratic caucus will then vote on its committee leaders.

On the Republican side, The House Republican Caucus will meet on Wednesday to decide on uncontested committee chairmanships. The Conference has not yet scheduled elections for the contested committees. One we will be watching closely is the contest for the Ways and Means Committee.

**Purpose:**

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

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

**Request for Legislation position – Action Items**

- i. [H.R. 3297](#) (Crow) **Public Health Workforce Loan Repayment Act of 2021**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- ii. [H.R. 8546](#) (Speier) **Clinical Trial Coverage Act**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iii. [S. 3506](#) (Smith) **Strengthening the Public Health Workforce Act**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iv. [Expanding Access to Anti-Obesity Medications](#): **Congress, Health and Human Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid to include coverage of Food and Drug Administration approved anti-obesity medications (AOMs) for seniors on Medicare and low-income Medicaid recipients**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

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**Recommendation from the Personnel Administration Legislation (PAL) Committee:** Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

**II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions**

Work has commenced with members of the Legislature returning for an organizational session and swearing-in ceremonies. The agenda for today included the election of Speaker and Speaker-designate, appointment of Speaker Pro Tem and a Special Session called by the Governor concerning proposed penalties on gasoline price gouging. Following today, the Legislature will recess until January 4, 2023.

**Price Gouging Penalty on Big Oil**

Today, Governor Gavin Newsom and Senator Nancy Skinner (D-Berkeley) unveiled their proposal for a “price gouging penalty on oil companies’ excess profits” in response to rising gas prices.

**Key Dates & Deadlines**

- 2023-24 Organizational Session – December 5, 2022
- Statutes Take Effect – January 1, 2023
- Legislature Reconvenes – January 4, 2023
- Governor Must Submit January Budget – January 10, 2023
- Last Day to Submit Bill Requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel – January 20, 2023
- Bill Introduction Deadline – February 17, 2023
- Spring Recess Begins – March 30, 2023

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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