

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

Monday, March 23, 2020

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 Senate continues negotiations on a third package of COVID-19 relief measures. Members of the House were told not to return to the Capitol until the Senate finishes its work on the stimulus package. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer notified members last week that the chamber won't resume its session until the Senate is done working on a massive economic stimulus measure and voting procedures will be adjusted to follow the recommendations of health officials.

Third Coronavirus Relief Package

Senator Schumer continues to negotiate a third coronavirus relief package with Secretary Mnuchin and Leader McConnell. Yesterday, Democrats led by Senator Schumer blocked consideration of the Senate Republican bill they said gave the Trump administration too much leeway with loan agreements and didn't help hospitals enough, among other complaints. Today, Democrats again blocked a procedural vote to allow the bill to move forward, citing the same issues and ongoing negotiations. Speaker Pelosi will likely release her own bill, Take Responsibility for Workers and Families Act. We have attached a summary.

State and Local Government Issues

A major issue of the Senate bill for Coronavirus is the issue of general financial support for states and local governments. Preliminary summaries released by Senate Republicans outlined important, substantial appropriations for many tailored federal programs that are either managed by or assist state and local governments, a later-released version of the Senate GOP package appears silent on the issue of broader financial support and paid/sick leave provisions for local governments.

- 1) State Stabilization Fund – the Senate bill includes \$425 billion for industries, state and local governments.
- 2) The market for state and local government is currently broken, with retail investors selling off securities in a panic to convert to cash assets. As a result, municipal bond funds are facing massive outflows. State and local governments will need extra capital immediately to offset increased costs of the COVID-19 outbreak and declining revenues.
- 3) The Second Stimulus bill (H.R. 6201) the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which was signed into law on March 18, 2020, creates paid sick leave and family medical leave requirements for all state and local public agency employers. The bill treats private companies and public employers very differently. Private sector employers will receive a tax credit to offset costs. Public sector employers are prohibited from receiving the tax credits.

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 Item

i. **H.R. 5187 (Waters) Housing is Infrastructure Act of 2019**

Recommendation: Support: Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency

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

Informational Item

i. **H.R. 6201 (Lowey) Families First Coronavirus Response Act**

Recommendation: Support: Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

a. **Removal of Immigrant Exclusion from COVID 3.0 Health and Economic Relief**

Recommendation: Support: Supervisor Wilma Chan, Board of Supervisors, District 3

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

The Legislature and the Administration remain focused on COVID-19 management and response. The Legislature has adjourned under a joint recess until April 13, 2020 however legislators and staff continue working remotely on priority issues. The joint recess may extend beyond April 13th.

The State has pushed back the tax deadline to match the July 15, 2020, date set by the federal government. It is unknown what effect this will have on the release of the May Revise.

Governor Gavin Newsom

March 20, 2020

Governor Newsom announced the deployment of California National Guard members to provide short term food security to isolated and vulnerable Californians. The Governor issued an executive order to permit vote-by-mail procedures to be used in three upcoming special elections, protecting public health and safety during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Saturday, March 21, 2020

Governor Newsom issued an executive order that expands the state's response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The order gives the state the ability to increase the health care capacity in clinics, mobile health care units, and adult day health care facilities. It also allows local governments more flexibility to utilize the skills of retired employees and reinforces the importance of the delivery of food, medicine, and emergency supplies.

The Governor directed more than \$42 million in emergency funding to expand California's health care infrastructure and secure equipment and services to support California's response to COVID-19. Of this amount, \$30 million will allow the state to lease Seton Medical Center in Daly City and St. Vincent Medical Center in Los Angeles for a three-month basis. Additionally, California received a shipment of medical personal protective equipment and medical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile.

Sunday, March 22, 2020

Governor Newsom announced that President Donald Trump has approved California's request for a presidential Major Disaster Declaration to bolster California's COVID-19 emergency response efforts. The Major Disaster Declaration includes any and all individual assistance programs to assist those affected by the outbreak and lessen the economic impacts of the crisis. It will provide additional assistance, including but not limited to, mass care and emergency assistance, crisis counseling, disaster case management, disaster unemployment assistance, disaster legal services and Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance."

LAO Federal COVID-19 Response Action Series

The LAO has a developing resource available regarding COVID-19 federal actions affecting California. It launched a series of posts describing federal COVID-19 response actions and their effects on California., This series will include write ups on the federal emergency declaration, unemployment insurance, health care and public health, food assistance, and others.

County Sponsored Legislation

- Individualized County of Alameda Child Care Subsidy Plan
- Father-Friendly Principles
- CalFresh Under-utilization
- CALWORKs Sponsored Noncitizen Indigence Exemption
- Food as Medicine AB 3118 (Bonta)

Key Dates and Deadlines

- March 20–April 12 – Joint Recess
- April 24 – Fiscal bill policy committee deadline
- May 1 – Non-fiscal bill policy committee deadline
- May 26-29 – Floor session only
- May 29 – Deadline for bills to pass off the floor in their house of origin

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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