

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

Monday, June 21, 2021
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

Schedule

The House and Senate are both in session this week. The House plans to vote this week on three Congressional Review Act resolutions that would overturn rules issued by the Trump administration. The Senate will confirm more of President Biden's nominations and likely hold a procedural vote on S. 1, the For the People Act.

Infrastructure

A group of 21 Senators, composed of 11 Republicans and 10 Democrats, is close to finalizing a bipartisan infrastructure package by early this week. The plan includes \$579 billion in new spending to rebuild America's roads and bridges, improve public transit systems, invest in broadband infrastructure, and upgrade airports. The group proposes spending \$360 billion for roads, bridges and major projects; \$48.5 billion for public transit; \$66 billion for rail; \$55 billion for water infrastructure; \$65 billion for broadband and \$73 billion for power infrastructure. In addition, the group is proposing spending \$47.2 billion on climate resiliency, \$25 billion for airports, \$10 billion on electric buses and \$16 billion for ports.

The future of this proposal remains uncertain as many House and Senate Democrats have expressed their concerns over the lack of climate-related provisions, or appropriate pay-fors. The Biden Administration has also expressed concerns regarding some of the pay-fors, including a user fee on electric vehicles and indexing the gas tax to inflation. The proposal falls below the \$2.3 trillion target set by President Biden's American Jobs Plan.

Meanwhile, Senate Budget Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders has started work on a budget reconciliation bill in the event that bipartisan negotiations again fail and Senate and House Democrats choose to pass a bill on a partisan basis. Today, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki stated that President Biden would like to see the reconciliation process on infrastructure move forward, pointing out that many of his proposals are missing from a bipartisan framework released by moderates and Republicans last week. She also stated that while the President is "encouraged" by the bipartisan talks, he would like to see the reconciliation process moving forward at the same time.

On a parallel track, Speaker Pelosi stated that she intended on putting the House Transportation and Infrastructure STR bill, the INVEST Act and water infrastructure bills on the House floor next week, meeting her goal of passing an infrastructure bill before the July 4th recess. This bill is expected to pass the House.

The Senate Commerce Committee passed their STR bill covering the rail and highway safety titles last week. The Senate Banking Committee has yet to announce a markup for its section of the STR on transit programs. Neither the House Ways and Means nor the Senate Finance Committee, which are responsible for paying for STR programs, have announced markups either.

S.1 For the People Act

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer plans to hold a procedural vote tomorrow on S. 1, the For the People Act, which sets national standards for election laws, including no-excuse-needed mail-in voting and automatic voter registration, require new campaign finance disclosures and impose new ethics provisions for all three branches of the federal government.

This action comes after a closed-door meeting on the voting rights legislation between Senate Democrats and Senator Joe Manchin, who has vocally opposed the measure. Last week, Senator Manchin put forth a series of modifications to S. 1 that modifies parts of the original text to address ethics laws, campaign finance, and partisan gerrymandering, but also includes new voter ID restrictions, which most Democrats oppose. The vote will be on whether to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed, which requires 60 votes to overcome. It is expected that the motion will fail to get the 10 Republicans required to invoke cloture and the motion will fail.

H.R. 256 - Repeal of the Authorization for the Use of Force in Iraq

The House voted 268-161 last week to pass Rep. Barbara Lee's bill to repeal the 2002 Authorization for the Use of Military Force for the war in Iraq. As I mentioned last week, the Biden Administration also put out a press release in support of the bill. Majority Leader Schumer said last week that he would bring it up for a vote in the Senate later this year.

Appropriations

The House Appropriations Committee has released details of its markup schedule outlined below. Chair DeLauro has already stated the bills may not make it to the floor as top line numbers have not yet been agreed to with the Senate. We will likely have some sort of CR into the new fiscal year with an expectation that bills can be wrapped up in an omnibus bill by the end of the year. The Senate has not yet outlined when it may start to mark up bills at the subcommittee and full committee levels.

House Subcommittee Markup Dates:

June 24, Thursday: Financial Services and General Government – Legislative Branch

June 25, Friday: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

June 28, Monday: Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies – State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

June 30, Wednesday: Defense (Closed) – Homeland Security

July 12, Monday: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies – Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies – Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

Senate Full Committee Markup Dates:

June 29, Tuesday: 302bs – Legislative Branch – Financial Services and General Government

June 30, Wednesday: Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies – Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies

July 1, Thursday: State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs – Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies

July 13, Tuesday: Homeland Security – Defense

July 15, Thursday: Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies – Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies

July 16, Friday: Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies – Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies – 302bs

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.

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

This week the Legislature will continue to move bills through the second house and relevant committee hearings. The Legislature’s version of the budget currently sits on the Governor’s desk as negotiations between Legislative Leadership and The Administration continue.

Monday, June 17, 2021

The Senate Appropriations Committee met to hear the following legislation: AB 246 (Quirk) Contractors: disciplinary actions.

- Position: PAL Support BOS Pending
- Outcome: Moves to Senate Floor

The Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee has scheduled a hearing to hear the following legislation: SB 219 (McGuire) Property taxation: delinquent penalties and costs cancellation: public health orders.

- Position: Watch
- Outcome: Passed on Consent Calendar

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

The Assembly Health Committee has scheduled a hearing to hear the following legislation: SB 56 (Durazo) Medi-Cal: eligibility.

- Position: Priority Watch

The Assembly Housing Committee has scheduled a hearing to hear the following legislation: SB 9 (Atkins) Housing development: approvals.

- Position: Priority Watch

SB 10 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing development: density.

- Position: Priority Watch

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

The Assembly Natural Resources Committee has scheduled a hearing to hear the following legislation: SB 1 (Atkins) Coastal resources: sea level rise.

- Position: Priority Watch

SB 63 (Stern) Fire prevention: vegetation management: public education: grants: defensible space: fire hazard severity zones: forest management.

- Position: Priority Watch

SB 83 (Allen) Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program

- Position: Priority Watch

The Assembly Local Government Committee has scheduled a hearing to hear the following legislation: SB 12 (McGuire) Local government: planning and zoning: wildfires.

- Position: Priority Watch

The Senate Education Committee has scheduled a hearing to hear the following legislation: AB 1294 (Quirk) Childcare: individualized county childcare subsidy plans

- Position: Co-Sponsor

The Senate Health Committee has scheduled a hearing to hear the following legislation: AB 45 (Aguiar-Curry) Industrial hemp products.

- Position: PAL Support BOS Pending

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

AB 368 (Bonta) Food prescriptions. Status: Held in Assembly Appropriations Committee – PS team working on a budget play

AB 1294 (Quirk) Child Care Pilot Permanency. Status: Senate Education Committee – June 23rd, included in the Legislature’s budget

AB 924 (Wicks) Alameda Health System: hospital authority. Status: Has been turned into a 2-year bill at the request of the County.

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. AB 14 (Aguiar-Curry) Communications: broadband services: California Advanced Services Fund

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

ii. AB 665 (Garcia) Care facilities: internet access

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

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- Other:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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