

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

Monday, July 6, 2020

1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan
Administration Building

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor

County

1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Congressional Schedule

The House is handling committee work over the next two weeks including appropriations markups, with no floor votes expected until the week of July 20. The Senate is in recess and will return on Monday, July 20, 2020.

Additional Funding Assistance

The House passed the HEROES Act in May and has been urging the Senate to begin negotiations. Republican Senate leadership said they would begin negotiations when they return to Washington the week of July 20th. Discussions regarding additional assistance to address the pandemic are ongoing. Leader McConnell has said his priorities are to, protect kids, protect jobs and reform liability laws.

Appropriations

Schedule

House Appropriations subcommittees are scheduled to markup their appropriations bills on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week. The full Appropriations committee will consider the first slate of bills on Thursday and Friday and will continue into next week. FY21 Ag Appropriations -include:

- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) – The bill provides \$5.75 billion in discretionary funding for WIC, \$298 million above the budget request.
- Child nutrition programs – The bill provides for \$25.131 billion in mandatory funding for child nutrition programs. This is an increase of \$1.516 billion above the FY 2020 enacted level.
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – The bill provides for \$68.277 billion in required mandatory spending for SNAP. This includes \$3 billion for the SNAP reserve fund.
- Language is included to block the Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents final rule (ABAWD) and the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) proposed rule.

FY21 Homeland Appropriations

The Department of Homeland Security would receive level funding as FY20 for a total of \$50 billion. The bill does not include any funding for additional border agents or border barriers. Language is also included to prohibit the administration from shifting money toward the border wall.

The bill also slashes funding for Customs and Border Patrol, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

FY21 Military Construction Appropriations

The Military Construction-Veterans Affairs bill would also bar funding for a wall on the southern U.S. border, and block the Trump administration from funding military construction projects where money has been reprogrammed to build border barriers. The administration shifted funds from military construction projects to build the wall beginning in February 2019.

Confederate Restrictions

Military installations named after Confederate officers would be barred from receiving Military Construction funding in the Military Construction-Veterans Affairs bill. The Republican-led Senate Armed Services Committee's annual defense authorization bill (S. 4049) includes an amendment that would establish a commission to implement a name-removal plan within three years. President Donald Trump has threatened to veto the bill over the provision. The House defense authorization bill (H.R. 6395) would give officials one year to identify and start renaming military bases and other infrastructure with the names of Confederate generals.

World Health Organization

The House's State and Foreign Operations bill would require the President to send \$200 million to the World Health Organization, despite his plan to cut off payments to the group.

Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act - H.R. 1425

Last week, the House passed H.R. 1425, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act, a House Democrats messaging bill. The bill would expand the Affordable Care Act's tax credits, encourage states to expand Medicaid programs with the promise of more federal funds, and cap what any person may pay for coverage premiums at 8.5% of their income.

Emergency Housing Protections and Relief Act of 2020 - H.R. 7301

The House passed H.R. 7301, which authorizes about \$194 billion in housing aid, expand moratoriums on foreclosures and evictions, authorize federal loans for rental property owners and mortgage servicers, and offer bankruptcy relief. Several of these provisions were included in the HEROES Act, which passed the House in May.

Paycheck Protection Program Extension

On Saturday, the President signed a measure to extend the Paycheck Protection Program for small businesses through August 8, 2020. The House gave final last-minute congressional approval on Wednesday to extend the PPP hours after the deadline for applications lapsed with over \$130 billion still available.

Hearings

Tuesday, July 7

Hearing: Committee on Financial Services, Paycheck Security: Economic Perspectives on Alternative Approaches to Protecting Workers Pay During COVID-19, 12:00 PM

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

COVID-19 continues to be a focus for the Legislature and the Administration as concerns grow about a spike in cases. The Governor lowered the dimmer switch on 19 counties that had increases in their COVID-19 numbers to include closing in-door dining, movie theaters, among other things. The Governor has resumed daily noon briefings to update on COVID response. On Monday, June 29th Governor Newsom signed the 2020 Budget Act – a \$202.1B spending plan. We anticipate more budget discussion and action after both houses return from their summer recess on July 13, 2020. The PS team continues to screen bills as they are amended and make additions to the County's bill lists by issue area.

On Thursday, July 2, 2020 Summer Recess began for the Senate upon adjournment. The Assembly left for their summer recess on June 19, 2020 but returned on June 26, 2020 to complete the budget. Both houses will return on July 13, 2020 to finish their work until the end of session, which is August 31, 2020.

Budget

Governor Newsom signed the 2020 Budget Act on Monday, June 29th, 2020 – a \$202.1 billion spending plan. He stated that the Budget makes critical investments to save lives and promote economic recovery by continuing critical purchases of personal protective equipment and other safeguards necessary to safely reopen the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic. It protects education and supports Californians facing great hardships. Finally, the Budget supports job creation, economic recovery and opportunity by recognizing and supporting the critical role small businesses play in job creation in the state.

Governor Gavin Newsom

As COVID-19 cases rise throughout the state and in advance of the Fourth of July weekend, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the "Wear A Mask" public awareness campaign encouraging Californians to use face coverings – one of the best ways people could protect themselves and others from the virus. The campaign is taking an aggressive approach to slowing the spread of COVID-19, which will save lives and allow the state to reopen the economy. The campaign, which will continue until at least the end of the year, will kick off in English and Spanish and then expand into other languages later this month. T

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Governor Newsom announced that four more counties have been added to the monitoring system: Colusa, Madera, Marin, Merced, and San Diego. The Governor explained that the monitoring systems are being used for technical assistance to engage local health officers or officials working within the county to address the criterion they attested to put forward that may need to be monitored or supported by the state.

The Governor is making enforcement a prioritization, which consists of targeting counties in the monitoring list, known violators, and high-risk workplaces. Extra attention will also be given to industries that should be operating outdoors or should be closed.

November Ballot Initiative Numbers

Secretary of State Alex Padilla released the official numbers for 2020 ballot initiatives:

Proposition 14: Authorizes stem cell bonds.

Proposition 15: "Split roll" change to lift commercial property tax

Proposition 16: Constitutional amendment to remove voter-passed prohibition on affirmative action in university admissions, public hiring and contracting.

Proposition 17: Constitutional amendment allowing felony parolees to vote.

Proposition 18: Constitutional amendment allowing 17-year-olds to vote in primaries and special elections if they will be 18 for the general election.

Proposition 19: Constitutional amendment allowing elderly and disabled Californians, and wildfire victims, to retain lower property tax rates when they change properties.

Proposition 20: Rolls back sentencing and parole reforms enacted via Propositions 47 and 57.

Proposition 21: Removes statewide constraint on local governments enacting rent control.

Proposition 22: Allows gig tech companies like Uber and DoorDash to continue classifying their drivers/delivery people as independent contractors.

Proposition 23: Authorizes new regulation of kidney dialysis clinics.

Proposition 24: Expands California's online consumer privacy law.

Proposition 25: Referendum to overturn California's prohibition on cash bail.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

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