

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

**Monday, October 20, 2025
1:30 p.m.**

**Supervisor Lena Tam, Chair
Supervisor Nikki Fortunato Bas**

Location: *Board of Supervisors Chamber – 5th Floor*
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislation

A. Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Schedule

The Senate will be in session this week while the House remains out with 48 hours' notice of any potential scheduled votes.

Government Shutdown

The federal government shutdown has entered Day 20 with no resolution in sight.

At the core of the spending impasse is the expiration of the enhanced Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium tax credits, which sunset at the end of this year. While some House Republicans have expressed openness to extending the credits, leadership has signaled that they would rather negotiate the subsidies after the government funding is restored.

Senate Democrats have attempted ten times to advance a continuing resolution (CR) that includes an extension of the ACA tax credits, but each effort has failed. Senate Republicans, in turn, have been unable to pass the House-passed CR, leaving both chambers deadlocked. The Senate will vote again tonight (11th vote) on the House-passed CR. We do not expect any changes in terms of additional Democrats supporting the bill.

Senate Majority Leader John Thune has floated a potential vote this week on standalone legislation to retroactively pay federal employees, who are working during the shutdown. This vote could occur as early as Wednesday or Thursday but as of now, we do not expect enough Democrats to support it. If it does pass, Speaker Johnson has said he would bring back the House to take a vote on the stand-alone legislation.

There is currently no immediate path forward for reopening the government.

Federal employees are set to miss their first full paycheck on Oct 24, a significant milestone in the longest full government shutdown in history. The SNAP and the WIC programs are also bracing for state reserve funds to be expended and a lapse of benefits to recipients come Nov. 1.

On Friday, the Office of Management and Budget announced that the US Army Corps of Engineers would pause \$11 billion in infrastructure projects in 12 states that voted for Democratic nominee Kamala Harris in 2024.

Purpose:

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

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

B. Request for Legislation Position – Action Item

i. [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) FY25 Notice of Funding Opportunity and Permanent Housing Cap](#)

Recommendation: Oppose – requested by Aneeka Chaudry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health

Action

Supervisor Fortunato Bas and Supervisor Tam concurred with the recommendation to oppose the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) FY25 Notice of Funding Opportunity and Permanent Housing Cap and concurred to move the legislation request to the full Board of Supervisors with the recommended oppose position.

II. State Legislative Update

Last week, the Governor completed the final round of bill signings and vetoes, officially ending the 2025 legislative year. In this first year of the two-year session (including the early special session) lawmakers introduced over 2,800 bills. About 1,100 were marked as “two-year” bills, meaning they can be revisited in 2026. Over 1,200 measures reached the Governor’s desk, where he signed 1,124 and vetoed 123.

Alameda County opposed SB 404 on the grounds that it would exempt metal shredder facilities from compliance with the Hazardous Waste Control Law. The Governor vetoed the bill last week due to the lack of clear definitions for hazardous waste. County staff worked closely with Full Moon Strategies to ensure that concerns were effectively communicated to the Governor’s office and relevant agencies, contributing to this successful outcome.

The Legislature will reconvene on January 5, 2026.

- Bills introduced in 2025 must pass their house of origin by January 31, 2026, to remain active.
- New 2026 bills must be submitted to the Legislative Counsel by January 24, 2026, and formally introduced by February 21, 2026.

California Attorney General Rob Bonta and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) joined a multistate coalition to sue the U.S. Environmental Agency (EPA) for unlawfully terminating the \$7 billion Solar for All Program, which aimed to bring solar power to low-income and disadvantaged communities. The coalition argues the Trump Administration’s decision violates federal law and breaches contractual obligations, cutting off critical funds already approved by Congress. Attorney General Bonta condemned the move as an attack on affordable, clean energy that would have lowered bills and created union jobs. California stands to lose nearly \$250 million in funding for community solar and workforce training. The lawsuits, filed in the Court of Federal Claims and the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington, seek to restore the program and reinstate funding nationwide.

Governor Gavin Newsom, at an affordable price of no more than \$55 per five-pack (about \$11 per pen). As the first state to produce and distribute its own insulin, California is taking a major step to lower prescription drug costs and expand access to essential medications. Partnering with Civica Rx and Biocon Biologics, the state will offer a high-quality, interchangeable biosimilar to Lantus, ensuring patients can seamlessly switch without increased cost. Governor Newsom emphasized that “no Californian should have to ration insulin or go into debt to stay alive,” highlighting the state’s commitment to affordable health care. The initiative builds on California’s broader CalRx program, designed to reduce drug prices, promote transparency, and make lifesaving medications accessible to all residents.

Alameda County Bill Position – 2025 Outcome

Bill Number	Title	Author	Position	Status
SB 12	California Immigrant and Refugees Affairs Agency	Lena Gonzalez	Support	Two-year bill
SB 48	Safe Access to Schools	Lena Gonzalez	Support	CHAPTERED

AB 1153	Solid waste disposal and co-disposal site cleanup: illegal disposal site abatement	Bonta	Support	Two-year bill
AB 804	Medi-Cal Housing Support Services	Wicks	Support	Two-year bill
AB 1288	Registered environmental health specialists	Addis	Support	CHAPTERED
AB 998	Household hazardous waste: vape pens	Hadwick	Support	Two-year bill
SB 501	Household Hazardous Waste Producer Responsibility Act	Allen	Support	Two-year bill
SB 561	Hazardous Waste: Emergency Distress Flare Safe Disposal Act	Blakespear	Support	Two-year bill
AB 762	Disposable, battery-embedded vapor inhalation device: prohibition	Irwin	Support	Two-year bill
AB 564	Cannabis:excise tax: rate increase repeal	Haney	Support	CHAPTERED
SB 81	Health and care facilities: information sharing	Arreguin	Support	CHAPTERED
AB 1261	Immigration: unaccompanied undocumented minors: right to legal counsel	Bonta	Support	CHAPTERED
SB 554	Law enforcement: immigration enforcement	Jones	Oppose	Two-year bill
SB 304	Expansion and Modernization of the Port of Oakland's Public Trust Lands	Arreguin	Support	CHAPTERED
AB 396	Needle and Syringe Exchange Services	Tangipa	Oppose	Two-year bill
AB 315	Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Waiver	Bonta	Support	Two-year bill
AB 543	Medi-Cal: street medicine	Gonzalez	Support	CHAPTERED
SB 404	Hazardous materials: metal shredding facilities	Caballero	Oppose	VETOED
AB 349	Increasing Infant Supplement to Support Parenting Foster Youth	Dixon	Support	CHAPTERED
AB 864	Hazardous Waste: Solar Photovoltaic Modules	Ward	Support	Two-year bill
AB 1242	Language Access	Nguyen	Support	Two-year bill
AB 346	Reintroduction of IHSS paramedical form	Nguyen	Support	Two-year bill

AB 871	Mandated reporters of suspected financial abuse of an elder or dependent adult	Stefani	Support	Two-year bill
AB 350	Health care coverage: fluoride treatments	Bonta	Support	Two-year bill
SB 660	California Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework	Menjivar	Support	CHAPTERED
SB 454	PFAS Mitigation Program, State Water Resources Control Board	McNerney	Support	VETOED
AB 554	Health care coverage: antiretroviral drugs, drug devices, and drug products	Gonzalez	Support	VETOED
AB 309	Hypodermic needles and syringes	Zbur	Support	CHAPTERED
AB 607	CalWORKs: Home Visiting Program	Rodriguez	Support	CHAPTERED
AB 736	Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026	Wicks	Support	Two-year bill
SB 417	The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026	Cabaldon	Support	Two-year bill
AB 1037	Public health: substance use disorder	Elhawary	Support	CHAPTERED
SB 617	California Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act.	Arreguin	Sponsor	CHAPTERED

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