

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

Monday, February 24, 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 Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Schedule

Both chambers are in session this week.

Reconciliation

The Senate passed their budget resolution early on Friday morning after a 10-hour vote-a-rama during which any Senator was allowed to submit an amendment for consideration. Prior to passage, President Trump publicly stated his support for the much broader House GOP resolution which would include an extension of the 2017 tax cuts. Senate passage gives Congressional Republicans and President Trump flexibility if the House is unable to pass their own budget resolution.

House leadership currently anticipates having the budget resolution ready for a floor vote tomorrow. Once the House passes their version of the bill they will need to conference it with the Senate version and then both chambers must pass the final text. Once these steps are complete, the budget reconciliation process will begin in earnest and committees will need to make specific policy and funding decisions to pay for the bill.

Appropriations

House and Senate spending leaders have not agreed yet on topline numbers for last year's (FY25) spending bills. The current Continuing Resolution (CR) runs through March 14th, so Congress will need to come to an agreement on either an additional CR to extend funding or a full fledged agreement on their FY25 bills.

Impending Cuts to HUD

There are reports that the administration is planning to cut the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD's) workforce by 50 percent or nearly 4,300 staff, with staffing cuts ranging from 10 percent to 84 percent. The Administration is planning to cut The Office of HUD's Community Planning and Development by 84 percent, according to a document obtained by The New York Times. The number of workers would be cut to 150 from 936. CPD manages the CDBG, Meals on Wheels, Congressionally Directed Spending projects, and many more HUD programs. The plan has not yet been made official, but it is expected to take place in the coming days.

Executive Orders

Last week, President Trump signed several executive orders relating to domestic energy, education, the federal workforce, and funding to sanctuary jurisdictions.

Executive Order—Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders

Requires each agency to identify all federally funded programs administered by the agency that currently permit illegal aliens to obtain any cash or non-cash public benefit. The order also instructs agencies to ensure, consistent with applicable law, that Federal payments to States and localities do not, by design or effect, facilitate the subsidization or promotion of illegal immigration or abet so-called "sanctuary" policies that seek to shield illegal aliens from deportation; and to enhance eligibility verification systems, to the maximum extent possible, to ensure that taxpayer-funded benefits exclude any ineligible alien who entered the United States illegally or is otherwise unlawfully present in the United States.

Executive Order 14212—Establishing the President's Make America Healthy Again Commission

Reprioritizes federally funded research to study chronic diseases, instructs federal agencies to ensure the availability of expanded treatment options and the flexibility for health insurance coverage. It also establishes the President's Make America Healthy Again Commission. It will advise and assist the President on how best to exercise his authority to address the childhood chronic disease crisis and submit to the President the Make Our Children Healthy Again Assessment, which will include an assessment of over-utilization of medication, certain food ingredients, certain chemicals, and certain other exposures pose to children with respect to chronic inflammation or other established mechanisms of disease.

Executive Order—Keeping Education Accessible and Ending COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates in Schools

The EO directs, within 90 days of the date of this order, the Secretary of Education, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, a plan to end COVID-19 school mandates. It also prohibits the administration from providing discretionary Federal funds to support educational institutions that require students to have received a COVID-19 vaccination to attend any in-person education program.

Executive Order—Establishing the National Energy Dominance Council

Establishment of the National Energy Dominance Council headed up the DOI Secretary Doug Bergum. The Council is charged with improving the processes for permitting, production, generation, distribution, regulation, transportation, and export of all forms of American energy,

Executive Order—Expanding Access to In Vitro Fertilization

Within 90 days of the date of this order, the Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy shall submit to the President a list of policy recommendations on protecting IVF access and aggressively reducing out-of-pocket and health plan costs for IVF treatment.

Executive Order—Ensuring Accountability for All Agencies

Requires independent agencies, with the exception of Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or to the Federal Open Market Committee in its conduct of monetary policy, submit for review all proposed and final significant regulatory actions to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) within the Executive Office of the President before publication in the Federal Register. This action functionally ends the independent nature of agencies that operate separately from the White House as part of the unitary executive theory pushed by President Trump.

Executive Order—Commencing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy

Reduced the following quasi-federal agencies to the to the minimum presence and function required by law: the Presidio Trust; the Inter-American Foundation; the United States African Development Foundation; and the United States Institute of Peace.

Executive Order—Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of Government Efficiency" Regulatory Initiative

Instructs each department to coordinate with DOGE and with OMB to initiate a process to review all regulations subject to their sole or joint jurisdiction for consistency with law and Administration policy. Within 60 days of the date of this order, agency heads shall, in consultation with the Attorney General as appropriate, following classes of regulations are subject to review:

- “(i) unconstitutional regulations and regulations that raise serious constitutional difficulties, such as exceeding the scope of the power vested in the Federal Government by the Constitution;
- (ii) regulations that are based on unlawful delegations of legislative power;
- (iii) regulations that are based on anything other than the best reading of the underlying statutory authority or prohibition;
- (iv) regulations that implicate matters of social, political, or economic significance that are not authorized by clear statutory authority;
- (v) regulations that impose significant costs upon private parties that are not outweighed by public benefits;
- (vi) regulations that harm the national interest by significantly and unjustifiably impeding technological innovation, infrastructure development, disaster response, inflation reduction, research and development, economic development, energy production, land use, and foreign policy objectives; and
- (vii) regulations that impose undue burdens on small business and impede private enterprise and entrepreneurship.”

Agency heads are required to consult with their DOGE Team Leads and the Administrator of OIRA on potential new regulations as soon as practicable.

Cabinet Nominees & Confirmations

Last week, the Senate approved the confirmation of Howard Lutnick for Secretary of the Department of Commerce, Kelly Loeffler for Administrator of the Small Business Administration, and Kash Patel for Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The full Senate is scheduled to vote this week on Jamieson Greer to serve as U.S. Trade Representative. The remaining nominees awaiting Senate action are as follows:

- U.S. Trade Representative: Jamieson Greer (vote this week)
- Department of Labor: Lori Chavez-DeRemer (vote in committee this week)
- Department of Education: Linda McMahon
- Ambassador to the United Nations: Elise Stefanik

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.

II. State Legislative Update

Federal Funding & Budget Updates

Assembly Budget Subcommittee #7 held a hearing focused on federal funding and its impact on California and its residents.

The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) handout was provided, showing an overview of federal funds, especially the large share going to Health and Human Services.

The Department of Finance has reported that personal income tax slightly exceeded projections. Corporate and sales taxes are underperforming both monthly and year-to-date. The Legislative Analyst's Office reported an income tax uptick, attributing it to a volatile stock market.

The bill introduction deadline passed last Friday. Legislators were limited to 35 bills each. A total of 2,350 bills were introduced—over half in the final 4 days.

Governor's Press Conference

The Governor launched accountability.ca.gov, a new tool for tracking homelessness and housing data by county. There is \$42 million in unallocated Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding with an additional \$760 million coming soon in round 6.

County-Sponsored Legislation

SB 617, related to WARN Act notices, was introduced by Senator Arreguin.

Prop 35 creates a "lockbox" for savings from the Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax. It ensures funds are used specifically for rate increases, especially in Health and Human Services. This structure can increase pressure on the general fund for other spending needs. The MCO tax requires federal approval, which California has already received, securing Medicaid funding for community-based organizations and health systems.

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None.

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