

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

Monday, March 17, 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

Congress is in recess this week. Both chambers will return on Monday, March 24.

FY 25 Appropriations

The House voted on Tuesday to pass a six-month “clean” continuing resolution (CR) by a vote of 217-213. The vote was nearly party-line, with only one Democrat voting in favor of the bill and one Republican voting against it. The Senate followed suit on Friday afternoon and passed the bill by a vote of 54-46. Earlier in the week, there was talk among Senate Democratic leadership about blocking the bill, but on Thursday, Minority Leader Chuck Schumer came out in support of the measure. His announcement provided crucial political cover to Senate Democratic centrists who wanted to keep the government from shutting down even though they may not agree with the bill.

Confirmations and the House Majority

The Senate voted to confirm former U.S. Representative Lori Chavez-DeRemer as Secretary of the Department of Labor. The Senate has not yet voted on Rep. Elise Stefanik to serve as Ambassador to the U.N. She is the last cabinet nominee awaiting a vote. Once Stefanik is confirmed, she can no longer vote in the House, and Speaker Johnson’s majority will be one vote slimmer at 217-213.

There are currently four vacancies in the House. Two of those seats are in safe Republican districts, and two are in safe Democratic districts. The first two seats will be filled on April 1 in special elections in two historically Republican districts in Florida. Special elections have not been scheduled for the other two vacancies. We will likely see a vote on Stefanik after the April 1 special elections.

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

The California Department of Finance approved a \$3.44 billion General Fund loan to support critical Medi-Cal payments due to higher-than-expected medical expenditures for the 2024–25 year. This increase was not accounted for in the 2024 Budget Act and is driven by rising caseloads, especially among seniors and immigrants.

Legislative Analyst Report: A new report shows growing Medi-Cal enrollment. While legislative leaders support Medi-Cal expansion, some Senate members question the Administration’s caseload projections.

Homelessness Action Plan: The California Interagency Council on Homelessness released a 2025–2027 plan with five goals focused on reducing and preventing homelessness, increasing housing, and supporting transitions from unsheltered conditions.

Budget Subcommittees:

Senate Subcommittee on Health & Human Services reviewed the Public Health Department’s budget and discussed MyCaVax (a vaccination tracking system). Funding cuts drew criticism, especially from Senator Weber.

Assembly Subcommittee on Human Services addressed mandated reporting, foster care, and programs like BH Connect and Bring Families Home, with emphasis on funding and implementation concerns.

Homelessness Data Oversight: The Assembly Budget Committee on Accountability and Oversight reviewed the Governor’s new homelessness data website. Panelists want city-level and subpopulation-specific data, including inflow/outflow tracking.

Team Update: Giles Dantes joined Full Moon Strategies, focusing on Alameda County matters.

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Request for Legislation position – *Action item*

i. [Request to Delay California Children’s Services \(CCS\) Monitoring & Oversight Initiative](#)

Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director,
Alameda County Health

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- Other:

Move to the full Board of Supervisors with no recommendation from the PAL Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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