

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

**Monday, April 21, 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

The House and Senate are both in recess this week for the Easter Holiday. They are scheduled to return to Washington, D.C. next Monday, April 28, 2025.

FY26 Appropriations

The FY26 appropriations process remains in its early stages. The House Appropriations Committee released initial deadlines and guidance in early April, however the Senate has yet to issue its own timeline. President Trump is expected to release his “skinny budget” in the coming weeks, followed by the full Presidential FY26 budget submission to Congress in May. Many staff remain focused on the pending budget reconciliation process, which may reshape federal spending priorities significantly ahead of the broader appropriations negotiations this summer.

Reconciliation

House and Senate Republicans are working swiftly to meet a tight internal timeline for budget reconciliation. Following the agreement on a budget resolution earlier this month, Congressional committees have been instructed to begin drafting proposals to meet their respective savings targets.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee (E&C), chaired by Rep. Brett Guthrie, is preparing for a markup on May 7th. E&C has been tasked with identifying \$880 billion in savings, a target that places Medicaid at the epicenter of discussions. Other potential offsets are under consideration however Medicaid remains the most politically sensitive.

The Ways and Means Committee is not expected to hold its markup until later in May. Behind the scenes, members are reviewing a host of proposed revenue raisers, including changes to tax credits and new offsets.

House leadership aims to move the package through committee markups quickly upon return from recess. Authorizing committees such as Homeland Security and Armed Services to mark up their sections on April 29th, Judiciary will meet April 30th to debate immigration policies, Financial Services is eyeing an April 30th markup, with Energy and Commerce, and Agriculture following close behind the week of May 5th.

Federal Program Rescissions

The White House is expected to transmit a formal rescissions package to Capitol Hill this week, totaling approximately \$9.3 billion in proposed spending cuts to programs previously funded by Congress.

The majority—roughly \$8 billion—is focused on foreign aid, with additional reductions targeting the State Department, NPR, and PBS.

White House officials have briefed Republican aides in both chambers ahead of the submission. House GOP leaders are tentatively planning a floor vote on the package during the week of May 5, framing the move as part of a broader push for reducing federal spending.

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- ☐ 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

California Spring Break

Last week was relatively quiet. Today, the California Legislature returns from Spring Recess.

California Federal Reactions

After keeping relatively quiet on Federal matters, the Governor and AG Bonta announced via a livestream that they are suing in Federal court over the President's use of emergency powers to enact tariffs. Specifically, the lawsuit claims that the President's use of the International Economic Emergency Powers Act (IEEPA) is unlawful. On Thursday, the Governor stated on social media that he also plans to sue the Trump Administration over reports that DOGE will cut funding for AmeriCorps.

Both lawsuits come on the heels of the Governor and Legislative leaders response to the recent Presidential Executive Order regarding the State's Cap and Trade program.

These lawsuits represent the latest in California's legal response to the current Administration's policies. Earlier this month, Attorney General Rob Bonta co-led a coalition of 23 states and the District of Columbia in filing a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services over the termination of \$11 billion in public health funding. Of that money, more than \$972 million is due to California that state and local health agencies rely on for efforts such as tracking infectious diseases, access to vaccines, and providing mental health and substance abuse services, as mentioned in the court filing. On April 3rd, U.S. District Judge Mary S. McElroy in Rhode Island temporarily blocked the Trump Administration from making the cuts.

Special Elections Update

As previously reported, Governor Newsom was slated to call a special election for Assembly District 63 by April 17th to fill the vacancy created when incumbent Republican Bill Essayli resigned to take a position with the Trump Administration as US Attorney for the Central District of California. The Governor's proclamation announced that the special election primary would be held on June 24th. If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, a runoff will be held on August 26th.

Natasha Johnson (Republican) and Christopher Shoults (Democrat) are the only two candidates in the race thus far. Much of the local GOP establishment, including former incumbent Essayli, have endorsed the Lake Elsinore City Councilmember, Natasha Johnson. Previously, Christopher Shoults received endorsements for the November 2024 General Election for AD 63 from the California Democratic Party, various Labor Unions, and Courage California.

Recent & Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

The policy committee deadline for fiscal bills is May 1, 2025.

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Request for Legislation position – *Action items*

- i. **AB 470** (McKinnor) Telephone corporations, carriers of last resort
Recommendation: Oppose: Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4
- ii. **SB 304** (Arreguin) Expansion and Modernization of the Port of Oakland's Public Trust Lands
Recommendation: Support: Lena Tam, Vice-President, Board of Supervisors, District 3
- iii. **State Budget Request: Continue State Funding for Alameda County Diaper Banks**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency

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

SB 607 (Wiener) California Environmental Quality Act: categorical exemptions: infill projects was withdrawn from the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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