

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

Monday, April 28, 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 returning from recess this week after the Easter Holiday.

Reconciliation

The title of the GOP reconciliation package is the “Renewing the American Dream Act.” There are several House committee markups scheduled for the reconciliation package. The focus remains on extending expiring tax cuts, increasing defense and border security spending, making spending cuts (with significant focus on committees overseeing programs like Medicaid), and addressing the debt ceiling. Treasury Secretary, Scott Bessent, stated today that Congressional Republicans are aiming to pass the bill by July 4th.

The House Judiciary Committee released text this afternoon. The bill would establish a minimum \$1,000 asylum application fee, a \$1,000 fee for parolees, a \$3,500 fee for sponsors of unaccompanied children and a \$550 fee for work permits for a number of applicants, among other new fees. It would also provide recruitment and retention bonuses for CBP officers, money for additional segments of the U.S.-Mexico border wall. The bill also includes a new version of the REINS Act, which would require Congressional approval on major rules that increase federal revenue.

Congressional Review Act

The Congressional Review Act (CRA) is a federal law enabling Congress to review and overturn new regulations issued by federal agencies before they take effect. Lawmakers have a 60-day window, based on days Congress is in session, to introduce a joint resolution disapproving a rule that has been published and sent to Congress. If both chambers pass the resolution before the deadline and the President signs it the rule is invalidated and agencies become restricted from issuing a similar rule. The House will take up five CRA resolutions this week targeting the following Biden Administration regulatory actions:

- H.J. Res. 87 – Blocking California’s mandate for zero-emission trucks.
- H.J. Res. 88 – Overturning California’s ban on gas-powered cars by 2025.
- H.J. Res. 89 – Targeting California’s nitrogen oxide emission standards.
- H.J. Res. 78 – Repealing endangered species protections for the longfin smelt.
- H.J. Res. 60 – Repealing off-road vehicle restrictions in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

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 5th, framing the move as part of a broader push for reducing federal spending.

Sanctuary City Executive Order

President Trump is expected to sign an Executive Order later today that would direct the attorney general and the secretary of Homeland Security to identify within a month cities and states that are not complying with federal immigration laws, designating them as “sanctuary jurisdictions.”

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- ☐ Report progress
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- ☐ Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- ☒ **Other: Federal Legislative Update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

Request for Legislation position – *Action items*

- i. [Federal Advocacy for Head Start programs](#)
Recommendation: Support: Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4 and Nikki Fortunato Bas, Board of Supervisors, District 5
- ii. [H.R. 1464 \(Fitzpatrick, Bonamici\) MODERN WIC Act of 2025](#)
Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health

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

II. State Legislative Update

April 2025 Finance Bulletin

The Department of Finance released its April 2025 Finance Bulletin. The General Fund revenues were \$144 million below the Governor’s Budget forecast in March and \$4.4 billion above the fiscal year-to-date estimates. Personal income tax (a volatile revenue source), which was \$389 million above forecast in March and \$3.5 billion above forecast for the fiscal year to date, was driven largely by \$3.4 billion in higher-than-expected withholding. Refunds were also lower than projected. Sales and use tax revenues were \$68 million below forecast in March and \$326 million below for the year.

However, last week Caucus members were warned that the budget year could see a \$15-\$20 billion deficit. This can grow in the fall of next year to over \$25 billion as the federal tariffs take full effect. Given the timing of federal deliberations and decisions that do not align with the constitutional State Budget deadlines, it seems possible the Budget may need to be revisited in the Fall to account for Federal adjustments. The Governor has until May 14th to release the May Revise.

CA Becomes 4th Largest Economy

The Governor announced that California has jumped to the fourth-largest economy in the world. He also noted, “California’s nominal GDP reached \$4.1 trillion, surpassing Japan’s \$4.02 trillion, and placing California behind only the United States, China, and Germany in global rankings.”

Recent Amendments of Note

AB 470 (McKinnor) Telephone corporations: carriers of last resort (COLR)

AB 470 is AT&T’s proposal to phase out its obligation as a Carrier of Last Resort (COLR). The bill was significantly amended last week to include clarifications and more specifics on AT&T’s proposed process. The bill lacks details on the standard of a ‘comparatively priced’ alternative service; the complaints that impacted consumers can be raised are limited to whether the area is well-served, versus other issues such as comparatively priced alternative services. Lastly, there is no standard for the amount of funding provided in the bill, and it flows through the State versus the impacted local jurisdiction. This bill will be heard on April 30th in the Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee.

SB 16 (Blakespear D) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program: housing element: unsheltered and chronic homelessness: assessment and financing plan.

Recent amendments to SB 16 have removed the previously proposed requirement that counties contribute at least 50% of the costs for city-operated homelessness projects as a condition of regional participation in the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program. The revised SB 16 now focuses on defining governmental responsibilities and ensuring reliable funding mechanisms to support homelessness initiatives. It directs the state to develop a comprehensive plan to end unsheltered homelessness within 10 years, promoting more collaborative and flexible approaches to addressing homelessness without imposing specific financial obligations on counties.

Hearings

Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 Health and Human Services

On April 24, 2025, the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services held a hearing on the Department of Child Support Services (DCSS), reviewing the Governor’s proposed 2025–26 budget of \$1.2 billion, including \$373.7 million from the General Fund, with the remainder primarily from federal sources.

DCSS outlined routine adjustments including increased employee compensation, reduced retirement costs, and a small increase in federal funds for statewide cost allocation. Local adjustments include a \$3.4 million increase in federal performance incentives, a minor decrease for mandatory fees, and \$1.18 million in new Section 1115 demonstration grant funding. Forty (40) vacant positions were eliminated to sustain mission-critical operations. DCSS also reported on year-one implementation of the new pass-through policy for families formerly on assistance, estimating \$118 million in pass-throughs and a \$47 million reduction from prior assumptions, partially offset by \$25 million in recoupments. In FY 2024–25, DCSS redirected \$6.8 million to local child support agency operations, \$6.3 million for a technology refresh, and \$2.2 million for depreciation. The department spent approximately 95% of last year’s budget, and there were no member comments during the hearing.

Assembly Budget Subcommittee #7 on Accountability and Affordability

This hearing covered a review of the impacts of AB 218 on local government. AB 218 (Chapter 861, Statutes of 2019) eliminated many claim prerequisites and increased or effectively eliminated the statute of limitation periods for claims of childhood sexual assault against public entities, including local educational agencies and municipal governments. The Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) was tasked with analyzing the fiscal impact of AB 218 on public agencies and reporting this to the legislature.

The presentation from Michael Fine, who was on the panel representing FCMAT, reviewed the FCMAT report. Fesia Davenport with the County of Los Angeles was also a panelist on this item, sharing the County's perspective on the hardship it faces in paying the \$4B settlement due to AB 218. Assembly member Bauer-Kahan stated at the hearing that it is critically important to center the conversation around the victims. There is also a bill by Senator Laird that has been introduced on this topic, SB 577.

Recent & Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

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

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- i. [AB 315](#) (Bonta) Medi-Cal: Home and Community-Based Alternative Waiver
Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health
- ii. [AB 349](#) (Dixon) Increasing Infant Supplement to Support Parenting Foster Youth
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- iii. [AB 396](#) (Tangipa) Needle and syringe exchange services
Recommendation: Oppose: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health
- iv. [AB 543](#) (Gonzalez) Medi-Cal: Street Medicine
Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health
- v. [SB 404](#) (Caballero) Hazardous materials: metal shredding facilities
Recommendation: Oppose: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health
- vi. [State Budget Request: Maintain funding for Housing & Homelessness Programs](#)
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Rodriguez, advocate and activist stated that Alameda County's of Public Works Agency is unlawfully seizing portions of homeowners' land along East Lewelling Boulevard. She has made attempts to engage the department and has been ignored. Residents were pressured to sign agreements stating they would pay project costs if they refused to grant access to homeowner's property.

Bo Yan stated that she requested proof of the county's authority to tear up her driveway and received nothing. Mrs. Yan reviewed the county's own survey maps, which support the homeowners' boundary claims. The situation is causing significant stress for residents, and residents will pursue legal action.

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