

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

Monday, June 16, 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 Senate is in session this week, likely until June 18 before pausing for a brief recess in observance of Juneteenth. The House is in recess and will return to session on June 23rd.

Budget Reconciliation Update

The Senate continues to advance its version of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Committee staff—primarily within the Finance and Agriculture Committees—are finalizing key provisions behind closed doors. Senate Republicans are crafting a scaled-down SNAP cost-sharing proposal, requiring only high-error-rate states to cover 15 percent of benefit costs, down from 25 percent in the House version, while keeping the administrative share increase to 75 percent by FY2028. The only committee left to release text is the Senate Finance Committee, which has to happen for the official “Byrd Bath” to begin.

On taxes, Senate leaders plan to preserve core elements of President Trump’s agenda—such as exemptions for tips, overtime, and Social Security income—while leaving room to expand business incentives. Senate Finance Committee members received embargoed copies of the text over the weekend, and Finance Chair Mike Crapo will brief the Senate Conference tonight at 5:30 pm.

Possible changes to the Medicare sections include a freeze on provider taxes for the remaining non-expansion states. In contrast, Medicaid expansion states, such as California, will be gradually capped at 3.5%, with a 0.5% reduction per year until the cap is reached. There is also a carve-out for nursing homes on provider tax caps. Regarding State Directed Payments, non-expansion states will see a freeze at current SDP rates while expansion states will undergo gradual reduction to Medicare rates, phased in with a 10% cut annually until parity is reached.

The Senate Finance Committee stripped out several Medicare provisions, including an increase in the Medicare reimbursement rate for physicians, the ORPHAN Cures Act, which would ensure that orphan drugs treating one or more rare diseases or conditions are excluded from Medicare price negotiations, and the Accelerating Kids' Access to Care Act, which would streamline out-of-state Medicaid screening and enrollment processes for pediatric care providers.

In higher education, a gainful employment-style framework is expected to replace the House’s risk-sharing penalties. The final Senate package is expected to be introduced as a substitute amendment to the House-passed bill and moved directly to the floor without formal committee markups. If passed, the revised package would return to the House for final approval before heading to the president’s desk.

House Recissions Package

Last week the House advanced a \$9.4 billion rescissions package targeting unspent foreign aid and public broadcasting funds. The measure was paired with a procedural resolution to remove provisions from the reconciliation bill that were flagged under Senate rules. In addition to rescinding funds from the U.S. Agency for International Development and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the package also included proposed reductions to economic support programs and multilateral assistance. Supporters described the rescissions as a step toward reducing discretionary spending, while critics raised concerns about potential programmatic impacts. The measure faces opposition from Democrats and an uncertain path in the Senate.

Appropriations Update

To date, the House Appropriations Committee has completed both subcommittee and full committee markups on four of the 12 FY 2026 bills: Military Construction–Veterans Affairs, Agriculture–Rural Development–FDA, and Homeland Security Defense.

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

Request for Legislation position – *Action item*

- i. [**H.R. 1 One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Title I – Committee on Agriculture, Subtitle A – Nutrition. Providing reconciliation pursuant to H.Con.Res.14**](#)

Recommendation: Oppose: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health

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

II. State Legislative Update

Now that the Legislature has approved its budget bill, focus turns to the next phase of the process. SB 101 was presented to Governor Newsom on Sunday, June 15, 2025; he will have until Friday, June 27, to sign, veto, or issue line-item vetoes. Negotiations between the Governor and legislative leaders are expected to continue as they work toward a final three-party agreement. Dozens of trailer bills, which are statutory measures used to implement details of the budget, will begin moving through committees and floor votes later in June. Additional budget bills juniors may follow in August and September as the Legislature wraps up the session by September 12th, including technical clean-up measures and items not finalized before the July recess begins on or before July 18th.

Federal developments could significantly impact California’s budget. Expected federal tax and spending changes may cut funding for health care, higher education, and safety net programs. The Administration is signaling threats to key funding streams. The Governor may call a special session for policymakers to adjust the State budget as necessary.

CA Budget 2025-26 Assembly and Senate pass SB 101: Budget Act of 2025

On Friday, California lawmakers passed a budget plan that postpones many of Governor Gavin Newsom's proposed cuts intended to address a \$12 billion deficit. The votes (57-19) in the Assembly and (26-8) in the Senate underscore lawmakers' opposition to scaling back the state's safety net programs as legislative leaders prepare to meet with Newsom to finalize the budget in the coming weeks.

There was widespread discussion about funding for Proposition 36. Assemblymembers Gallagher, Patterson, Dixon, Davies, and Senators Blakespear, Niello, Strickland, Caballero, and Arreguin all addressed its funding, with some praising efforts to fund it, while others argued it's still not enough.

Many members across the aisle were upset by the Governor's proposed budget, which lacked allocated funding for housing and homelessness. They were proud to see the Legislature include some support for this issue area. They note the inclusion of critical HHAP program funding in the Legislature's budget. However, the Legislature only included intent language to provide \$500M for HHAP.

Medi-Cal Coverage and Funding Stability

The discussion around Medi-Cal was primarily centered on coverage for immigrant communities and the overall fiscal sustainability of the program. Many democrats discussed concerns about proposed cuts, enrollment freezes, or premiums for senior and immigrant communities, emphasizing healthcare as a human right regardless of immigration status. Several democrats were absent or did not vote on the budget bill. Republicans specifically criticized the allocation of funds for services for undocumented immigrants.

State Attorneys General File Brief in Support of California's Lawsuit Challenging Unlawful Federalization of States' National Guard

On June 12, 2025, California Attorney General Rob Bonta announced that 21 state attorneys general filed an amicus brief in support of California's lawsuit challenging the federal government's unauthorized deployment of the California National Guard. The brief urges the court to block President Trump's unilateral federalization of the state's troops, arguing that the move is unconstitutional and undermines the foundational principle that military power must remain subordinate to civilian control.

A federal appeals court has since issued a temporary stay, allowing President Trump to retain control of California's National Guard in Los Angeles, despite a prior ruling by U.S. District Judge Charles Breyer that the deployment violated federal law. Judge Breyer found that Trump's use of the Guard to support ICE operations during recent protests was unlawful, as federal law permits federalization only in cases of invasion, rebellion, or a breakdown in local enforcement. The appeals court is scheduled to hear the case on Tuesday, but in the meantime, Guard troops remain active in Los Angeles.

In a social media post, Trump had urged U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials "to do all in their power to achieve the very important goal of delivering the single largest Mass Deportation Program in History." The announcement followed days of widespread protests in L.A. and across the country against the administration's hardline immigration policies.

The Department of Homeland Security announced Sunday that it would pause most raids on farms, restaurants, and hotels. The administration maintained a goal of conducting up to 3,000 deportations per day. The Los Angeles Police Department reported 561 arrests tied to the protest activity since the demonstrations had begun earlier that month. In response, President Trump deployed 4,000 California National Guard troops and 700 Marines last week to quell the disruptions while immigration raids proceeded.

“No Kings” Protests Sweep Across California in Nationwide Demonstration

Thousands of demonstrators gathered throughout California on Saturday as part of a nationwide coordinated protest opposing President Donald Trump’s recent policies and actions. From Sacramento to Los Angeles, San Diego to the Bay Area, rallies erupted across the state, joining more than 2,000 demonstrations held nationwide under the unifying slogan, “No Kings.”

On June 14, 2025, more than 10,000 demonstrators filled the streets of Oakland’s Chinatown and marched to Frank Ogawa Plaza as part of this movement, denouncing Trump’s immigration policies and increasingly authoritarian tactics. Organized by Indivisible East Bay and other local groups, the peaceful rally featured powerful speeches from leaders including Congresswoman Lateefah Simon, who vowed that communities would resist Trump’s agenda through protest and at the ballot box, and Oakland Councilmember Charlene Wang, who condemned federal overreach and the erosion of civil liberties.

LAO Releases Reports on Retail Theft Trends and Public Health Lab System Recovery

On June 12, 2025, the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) released two key reports examining major policy areas in California: public safety and public health. The first report, “Retail Theft in California: Looking Back at a Decade of Change,” analyzes trends in reported retail theft from 2014 to 2023. It finds that retail theft increased by 48 crimes per 100,000 residents over the decade, an 11% rise, though this likely understates 2023 levels due to incomplete crime data submissions from law enforcement agencies. The report attributes changes in theft not only to criminal justice policies but also to broader societal and technological shifts, including increased use of self-checkout systems, the influence of social media on coordinated theft, and challenges related to homelessness and substance use. Despite recent upticks, retail theft remains well below its 1980s peak.

The Public Health Lab System Recovery report provides an update on California’s public health laboratory system following the COVID-19 pandemic. These labs, operated by state, county, and city health departments, are crucial for identifying and responding to public health threats through activities like wastewater monitoring and environmental testing after disasters. Prior to the pandemic, the lab system suffered from declining funding and workforce shortages, leading to several closures.

In response to pandemic-era shortcomings, the state and federal governments invested heavily in lab capacity, with California committing \$300 million in ongoing funding in 2022–23, later adjusted to \$276 million beginning in 2024–25. The LAO’s update offers lawmakers a framework to assess whether the system’s current resources and infrastructure are sufficient or if additional legislative or budgetary action is needed to close the remaining gaps.

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. [**AB 309**](#) (Zbur) Hypodermic needles and syringes
Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health
- ii. [**AB 554**](#) (Gonzalez) Health care coverage: antiretroviral drugs, drug devices, and drug products
Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health

iii. **SB 454** (McNerney) PFAS Mitigation Program, State Water Resources Control Board
Recommendation: Support: Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4

iv. **SB 660** (Menjivar) California Health and Human Services Data Exchange Framework
Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Cathy Rodriguez, a business owner on Lewelling Boulevard, stated that the Alameda County Public Works Agency has poured a square curb across the front of her property, blocking all vehicle access to her and nearby businesses' parking lots. She and her neighbor have had a legal easement since 1965 and the new curb violates county ordinances guaranteeing commercial access. Despite her emails and attempts to speak with work crews, she feels ignored and says Public Works is "abusing their authority." Ms. Rodriguez requests the county to act immediately, before the project is finished.

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