

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

Monday, June 30, 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 remains in session as they continue consideration of the reconciliation package, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.” The Senate stayed in session over the weekend and will likely stay in session until Tuesday, when they vote on final passage.

Budget Reconciliation Update

Senate Republicans began the vote-a-rama this morning on their version of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, aiming to deliver the package to President Trump by July 4. The Senate version includes permanent extensions of the 2017 Trump tax cuts, phased rollbacks of clean energy credits, capped exemptions for overtime and tips, Medicaid work requirements, and additional Medicaid provisions that would reduce spending by approximately \$1 trillion from the program. While much of the Medicaid language in the Senate bill mirrors the House bill, the Senate version introduces a phased reduction in allowable provider taxes for ACA expansion states.

Numerous provisions found to violate reconciliation rules were removed, including the provider tax cap, Medicaid eligibility restrictions for undocumented immigrants, limitations on ACA subsidies for abortion inclusive plans, and the elimination of funding for the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Additional measures related to SNAP eligibility, judicial review powers, and environmental permitting were also removed.

Senate Republicans introduced a \$25 billion rural health stabilization fund and agreed to delay the provider tax reduction, maintaining the planned phase-down to 3.5% in expansion states while softening its immediate impact. Amendments have also been filed to mitigate the harm to clean energy tax credits, but that effort has faced opposition from House hardliners and the White House.

As of Monday morning, the Senate has entered a vote-a-rama, a rapid-fire amendment voting process triggered after formal debate time expired Sunday evening. Over 500 amendments have been filed, ranging from Democratic efforts to strip out conservative provisions to the last-minute Republican additions. If the Senate passes the amended package late Monday or early Tuesday, House leadership is expected to issue a 48-hour vote notice for consideration this week.

FY26 House Appropriations Update

The House Appropriations Committee has completed committee markups for the Military Construction–VA, Agriculture–FDA, Homeland Security, and Defense bills. Floor consideration is expected to begin in early July. Subcommittees are continuing to advance the remaining FY26 appropriations bills.

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

State Legislators Reach Agreement on the Budget

California's legislative leaders and Governor Gavin Newsom have reached a three-party agreement on the 2025–26 State Budget. The entire deal hinges on the passage of a last-minute housing trailer bill (AB/SB 131), which is running through the legislative process today, including final budget actions, floor votes, and presentation to the Governor. This bill contains exemptions to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), to fast-tracking housing construction and specific wildfire mitigation and water infrastructure projects. AB/SB 131 also includes language to establish Round 7 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program, with \$500 million appropriated for July 2026, contingent on future legislation requiring compliant housing elements, local encampment policies, and pro-housing designations.

Another housing trailer bill (AB/SB 130) has new compromise language that was negotiated and amended into the bill.

Update on In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)

The IHSS Statewide Collective Bargaining provisions in Budget Bill AB/SB 129 would preserve local-level collective bargaining for at least the next five years while laying the groundwork for a possible transition to a statewide model. The bill requires the Department of Human Resources (CalHR), in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), to appoint a statewide bargaining advisory committee. This committee will be responsible for analyzing the full cost of care under a statewide IHSS bargaining model and must submit reports to the Legislature between January 1, 2027, and January 1, 2029. Funding is made contingent upon the enactment of AB 283 (Haney) or a similar measure that includes the appropriate budget appropriation.

Governor Newsom Response to Trump's "Big Ugly Bill"

Governor Gavin Newsom forcefully condemned the Trump administration's proposed federal budget and healthcare changes, referring to them as a "betrayal" of vulnerable Californians. He stated the proposed work requirements for Medi-Cal and CalFresh would strip vital services from millions, especially low-income individuals, children, older adults, and people with disabilities. He noted that these changes could push hundreds of thousands off Medi-Cal even if they remain eligible and would threaten the state's ability to fund its healthcare safety net, particularly through the elimination of provider taxes that draw billions in federal matching funds. The Governor also addressed concerns about Proposition 36 implementation, cautioning that increased incarceration costs and funding redirection from Proposition 47 programs could undermine criminal justice reform.

Bill Tracking Alameda County - Position Updates

AB 470 (McKinnor) Telephone corporations: carriers of last resort was significantly amended following negotiations led by the Assembly Speaker's Office with AT&T and other telecommunications providers. The bill now includes key provisions such as continued oversight and approval by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), requirements for public engagement, and a six-year fiber buildout commitment by telecom companies. Full Moon Strategies recommends withdrawing the County's opposition to the bill.

SB 16 (Blakespear) Ending Street Homelessness Act

The current version of SB 16 reintroduces problematic provisions that threaten to undermine existing county efforts to reduce homelessness and disrupt the collaborative progress being made with cities, continuums of care (CoCs), and other local partners. The bill prioritizes interim housing at the expense of permanent housing and supportive services, imposes unrealistic five-year expansion benchmarks without committing ongoing state resources. Full Moon Strategies recommends opposing SB 16.

Alameda County Sponsored Bill

SB 617 (Arreguin): California Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act. The Alameda County-sponsored measure on WARN Act notices, authored by Senator Jesse Arreguin (District 7), was referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment. Amendments came into print over the weekend to make some technical changes and to add information in WARN notices about the statewide food assistance program known as CalFresh. The bill is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, July 9th, at 1:30pm. Alameda County staff will be present to testify in front of the committee.

Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

- July 18th is the last day for policy committees to meet and report on bills.
- Summer Recess begins upon adjournment of July 18th and the Legislature resumes on August 18th.

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Request for Legislation position – *Action Items*

- i. **Remove Opposition to [AB 470](#) (McKinnor) Telephone Corporations, Carriers of Last Resort**
Recommendation: Support: Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4
- ii. **[SB 16](#) (Blakespear) Ending Street Homelessness Act**
Recommendation: Oppose: Aneeka Chaudhry, Director, Alameda County Health

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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