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

Monday, June 9, 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**

Both the House and Senate are in session this week. On Friday the House will leave Washington and recess until June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Senate is scheduled to stay in session through June 18<sup>th</sup> before taking a short recess in observance of Juneteenth.

### **Budget Reconciliation: Senate Deliberations**

The Senate has officially begun its review of the House-passed reconciliation package, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Discussions continue to focus on potential amendments to address concerns over the national debt and program-specific impacts. One of the major provisions included by the House is an extension of the debt ceiling, which is currently estimated to be reached in August or September of this year. There is increased pressure for the Senate to quickly conclude their deliberations and send the bill back to the House.

This week, there are several committees that will mark up; on Tuesday, HELP and Energy, Wednesday, Agriculture, and Thursday, Homeland Security and Judiciary. Senate Finance, which has jurisdiction over Medicaid and tax provisions, is not expected to release its text until next week. House and Senate leadership are hopeful that they may be able to pass a final bill before July 4th.

#### **Appropriations Update**

Congress continues to move on the FY26 appropriations cycle, with both chambers holding hearings this week to evaluate agency budget proposals and spending priorities, including HUD. The Senate has not yet scheduled any official appropriations proceedings. Additionally, House Appropriations Committee mark ups begin in earnest this week with MilCon, Agriculture, Homeland Security and Defense all going to full committee mark up by the end of this week.

Purpose:
Report progress
Advocacy or Education
Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
Other: Federal Legislative Undate

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

#### II. State Legislative Update

#### **Second House**

June 9, 2025, marks the start of the second house policy committee hearings for bills that have already passed their house of origin (Assembly or Senate). The next deadline for policy committees to hear and report on bills is July 18th. Last week, the Legislature dispensed nearly 900 bills ahead of the House of Origin deadline. Of the 864 Senate bills introduced this session, 600, 69%, have passed out of the Senate. In the Assembly, 934 out of 1,533 bills have advanced, a 61% passage rate.

#### **Senate Leadership**

A leadership shakeup is brewing in the California Senate as Senator Monique Limón gains momentum to replace Senate President Pro Tem Mike McGuire, who terms out next year. Limón, a Latina from Santa Barbara, has reportedly secured at least 16 Democratic votes, enough to win the role. McGuire is said to be backing current Majority Leader Lena Gonzalez. Senator Limón to called for an in-person caucus vote in Sacramento later today, Monday, June 9, 2025.

#### **CA Budget 2025-26**

California lawmakers are finalizing the state budget amid a \$12 billion shortfall and growing anxiety over proposed federal Medicaid cuts. The Congressional Budget Office recently projected that the U.S. House budget plan would slash coverage for 7.8 million people and still add \$2.4 trillion to the national deficit over ten years. State budget leaders, including Senate Budget Chair Scott Wiener and Assembly Budget Chair Jesse Gabriel, are sounding the alarm, warning that the federal plan could severely disrupt California's health care safety net.

Governor Newsom has proposed capping Medi-Cal enrollment for undocumented residents due to surging program costs. An agreement on the budget has been reached between the two houses of the Legislature. Legislature now turn their efforts toward negotiating with the Governor on the final budget deal. The final three-party deal will be reached in time for the start of the fiscal year (July 1). The Legislature's budget includes a similar mix of solutions as the May Revise: Reductions: \$3.5 billion in 2025-26 and growing to over \$12 billion, ongoing; Revenue/Borrowing: \$7.8 billion in 2025-26; Other (fund shifts, deferrals, delays): \$1.0 billion in 2025-26.

The legislative plan relies upon using \$7.1 billion (about 40% of the remaining balance) of rainy day fund monies and about \$6.5 billion from the state's other cash reserves to help balance the budget and preserve key programs during uncertain times.

#### California ICE Protests and Rising Tension with the Trump Administration

Protests have erupted across California in response to the federal immigration raids in Los Angeles, marking the first time in over 60 years that a president has used the State National Guard troops absent a request by the Governor. The move has sparked outrage and widespread condemnation.

On Sunday, June 8, 2025, hundreds gathered outside the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) field office in San Francisco to stand in solidarity with the people of Los Angeles. The protest, organized rapidly in response to the raids, filled an entire city block and marked one of the most significant coordinated actions in the Bay Area in recent months. Protesters condemned the militarization of immigration policy and called for the protection of immigrant communities.

The Governor's Office issued a press release on Sunday, which included several statements from U.S. Senators, members of Congress, Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, Attorney General Rob Bonta, various state legislators, and local leaders that condemned Trump's decision to send federalized California National Guard troops to LA.

Many stated that the deployment of the National Guard was "escalatory" and "unnecessary". The Governor and Attorney General Rob Bonta have announced they are suing the Trump Administration over the deployment of National Guard troops.

## The Little Hoover Commission (Governor's Reorganization Plan)

The Little Hoover Commission, fulfilling its statutory mission to improve state government by assessing gubernatorial reorganization plans, reviewed Governor Newsom's proposal submitted on April 4, 2025, to split the existing Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency into two separate entities: a Housing and Homelessness Agency and a Business and Consumer Services Agency. After holding two full days of hearings with administration officials, stakeholders, researchers, and labor representatives, and conducting extensive research, including lessons from California and other jurisdictions, the Commission recommends that the Legislature approve the plan while also enacting five pieces of companion legislation advocated during the hearings to enhance program effectiveness.

## **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), passed the Senate with bipartisan support (36 - 0). The bill has since been referred to the Assembly Committee on Labor and Employment.

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<b>◯</b> Other: State Legislative Update
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Request for Legislation position – Action Item
i. AB 350 (Bonta) Health care coverage: fluoride treatments  Recommendation: Support: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health
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Other:
<b>Recommendation from PAL Committee</b> : Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

#### **Informational items**

- i. <u>May Revision Funding Cuts to Child Welfare Programs</u>

  Recommendation: Oppose: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- ii. <u>May Revision Cut to In-Home Support Services (IHSS) Administrative Funding</u> *Recommendation: Oppose:* Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency

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#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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