

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

Monday, July 7, 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, after both chambers partially canceled their Fourth July recesses to complete their consideration of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBB). The House is in recess and will return to session next week.

#### Budget Reconciliation Update

The Senate passed its version of the OBBB in a 51–50 vote on July 1, with Vice President J.D. Vance casting the tie-breaking vote. The final package included permanent extensions of the 2017 Trump tax cuts, phased clean energy rollbacks, and an array of significant healthcare reforms, including Medicaid restructuring projected to save over \$900 billion. A \$50 billion rural health stabilization fund was also added in response to concerns about the bill's impact on providers.

The House returned to consider the amended package and voted on final passage on Thursday of last week, approving the bill by a vote of 230–204. Floor debate centered on internal party tensions, with only two Republicans—Thomas Massie (R-KY) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA)—voting against the bill. President Trump signed the bill into law on July 4 during a White House ceremony.

#### Specifics on the Rural Health Transformation Fund

Rural Health Transformation Program: This fund would allocate \$50 billion over 5 years to implement certain health-related activities. Half of the \$50 billion would be appropriated equally among all 50 states. 40% would be allocated to states through a mechanism determined by the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The CMS Administrator must consider the percentage of each state's population that lives in rural areas; the state's proportion of rural health facilities compared to rural health facilities nationwide; the situation of rural hospitals in the state; and any other factors that the Administrator deems relevant.

The bill defines as rural health facility as a hospital located in a rural area, being treated as located in a rural area, or in a rural census tract of a metropolitan statistical area; a critical access hospital; a sole community hospital; a Medicare-dependent hospital; a low-volume hospital; a rural emergency hospital; a rural health clinic; a federally-qualified health center; a community mental health center in a rural area; an opioid treatment program in a rural area; or a certified community behavioral health center in a rural area.

To receive funds, each state must submit an application to CMS by December 31, 2025. The application must include a rural health transformation plan.

States must use funds for at least 3 of the following activities:

- Promoting evidence-based interventions for improving prevention and chronic disease outcomes
- Payments to healthcare providers
- Promoting technology driven solutions for prevention and management of chronic diseases
- Providing training and technical assistance to help rural hospitals develop and adopt technology-driven solutions to improve care delivery
- Recruiting and retaining clinical staff with a commitment to serve in a rural area for at least 5 years
- Providing technical assistance, software, and hardware for cybersecurity and improving patient health outcomes
- Supporting access to behavioral health, including opioid use and substance use disorder, treatment services
- Value-based care initiatives

### **Rescissions Package Update**

The House advanced a \$9.4 billion rescissions package in June aimed at reclaiming unspent federal funding targeting foreign aid, USAID, multilateral assistance, and public broadcasting. Several Republican Senators have concerns over cuts to NPR/PBS and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). July 18th is the statutory deadline by which Congress must pass a rescissions package.

### **FY26 Appropriations Update**

No new subcommittee or full committee markups occurred over the holiday week. As of early July, the House Appropriations Committee has completed full markups on four of the twelve annual spending bills—Military Construction–VA, Agriculture–FDA, Homeland Security, and Defense—with floor consideration expected to resume mid-month. Remaining subcommittees are expected to continue their markup schedules through July.

Over in the Senate, the Senate Appropriations Committee scheduled full committee markups this Thursday (July 10th) on several key bills— Commerce-Justice-Science, Agriculture-Rural Development-FDA, and Legislative Branch.

#### **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**

### **Governor Newsom Signs Remaining Budget Bills Into Law**

Last Monday, the Governor signed the remaining budget trailer bills into law:

- AB 116 - Health Omnibus Trailer Bill
- SB 129 - Labor
- AB 130 - Housing
- SB 131 - Housing and HHAP funding
- AB 137 - State Government
- SB 139 - State MOU: Bargaining Units 9 and 12
- SB 140 - State MOU: Bargaining Unit 6

## **H.R.1 - One Big Beautiful Bill Act**

Congress passed and the president signed H.R. 1 – the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”, a sweeping federal budget package that delivers major tax breaks to corporations and the wealthy while slashing funding for programs that support working families, public health, housing, and climate action. Governor Newsom called it a “Big, Beautiful Betrayal,” warning it would take food from children, healthcare from cancer patients, and resources from communities to benefit the ultra-rich. State Health & Human Services Secretary Kim Johnson described the bill as a direct attack on the health and stability of millions of Californians.

State policymakers will continue to analyze the impact of the Big Beautiful Bill on State finances. Recently, the California Natural Resources Agency announced a webinar on the impacts to climate programs. Policymakers will focus on provisions that will impact the budget year, with several provisions in the federal legislation taking effect in outyears.

Full Moon Strategies has an email into the State Social Services Department to understand the state's current SNAP error rate. In the USDA report that lists each state's error rate for 2024, CA is at 10.98%.

## **Attorney General Bonta: ICE and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Must End Unlawful Practices**

California Attorney General Rob Bonta, joined by 17 other state attorneys general, submitted an amicus brief in *Vasquez Perdomo et al. v. Noem et al.*, urging the court to block unconstitutional and racially motivated immigration enforcement actions by ICE and CBP in Los Angeles. The brief supports plaintiffs seeking a temporary restraining order to halt raids that have instilled fear, disrupted public safety, and violated Fourth Amendment protections by targeting individuals without reasonable suspicion.

## **Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Support**

Last week, the CA Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released new data on Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports, key components of California’s multi-year effort to transform Medi-Cal into a more coordinated, person-centered, and equitable system. This quarterly implementation report provides updated insights into member participation, service utilization, and provider networks at the state, county, and plan levels. The data, submitted by managed care plans to DHCS, may be revised in future reports due to provider reporting lags.

## **Bill Tracking**

Alameda County was invited by Assemblymember Bonta’s office to be one of two lead witnesses in support of AB 1261 in the Senate Human Services Committee, happening today at 3 pm. Jael Dantas, of Full Moon Strategies, will be providing testimony on behalf of Alameda County. AB 1261 requires the state to provide legal counsel to each unaccompanied undocumented minor in the physical custody of the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement and present in California or residing with a family member or other sponsor in California. The bill additionally requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) to contract with qualified nonprofit legal services organizations or an office of public defender to fulfill those requirements. Alameda County began supporting the bill after the Board of Supervisors approved it on April 29th, 2025.

*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. The bill is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, July 9th, at 1:30 pm. Alameda County staff will be present to testify before the committee.

## Upcoming Legislative Deadlines

July 18th is the policy committee deadline and first day of the Summer Recess, which lasts until August 18th.

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None.

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