

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

**Monday, September 8, 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 in session this week, and both chambers will remain in session for the next two weeks.

FY26 Appropriations: House and Senate Activity

There are three weeks remaining before the September 30th funding deadline and Congress continues its consideration of the FY26 appropriations legislation. Congress will not complete consideration of the FY26 bills by September 30, 2025. As a result, House and Senate Leadership have begun negotiations on a continuing resolution (CR), but neither side has decided on a strategy. House and Senate Republican appropriators favor a short-term strategy, extending funding through November. The White House and many House Republicans favor a longer-term CR, extending funding through next winter, allowing the Office of Management and Budget to send over additional rescissions packages, and enabling more control of federal spending to the executive branch. Democrats have yet to settle on a strategy to either support a funding extension or shut the government down in exchange for (yet undefined) concessions from Republicans.

Over the next couple of weeks, we anticipate that the CR will dominate much of the congressional debate as members deliberate over its duration.

The status of the FY26 Appropriations bills is as follows:

House update - All House Appropriations bills have completed markup at either the subcommittee or full committee level, with several having passed on the floor. This positions the House to begin final negotiations on its full FY26 funding package later this month.

FY26 House Appropriations Markup Schedule			
Subcommittee	Subcommittee Markup Date	Full Committee Markup Date	House Passage
Military Const.-Veterans Affairs	Completed	Completed	Floor vote (218-206)
Agriculture-Rural Development - FDA	Completed	Completed	TBD
Homeland Security	Completed	Completed	TBD
Defense	Completed	Completed	Floor Vote (221 – 209)

Legislative Branch	Completed	Completed	TBD
Energy-Water-Development	Completed	Completed	TBD
Transportation-HUD	Completed	Completed	TBD
Commerce-Justice-Science	Completed	9/10/25	TBD
Interior-Environment	Completed	Completed	TBD
National Security-State	Completed	Completed	TBD
Labor-HHS-Education	Completed	9/9/25	TBD
Financial Services-General Gov't	Completed	Completed	TBD

Senate update - To date, the Senate has moved eight of twelve FY26 appropriations bills.

FY26 Senate Appropriations Schedule			
Subcommittee	Subcommittee Markup Date	Full Committee Markup Date	Senate Passage
Agriculture-Rural Development - FDA	Completed	Completed	Floor Vote (87-9)
Commerce-Justice-Science	Completed	Completed	TBD
Defense	Completed	Completed	TBD
Energy-Water-Development	TBD	TBD	TBD
Financial Services-General Gov't	TBD	TBD	TBD
Homeland Security	Completed	Sep. 11	TBD
Interior-Environment	Completed	Completed	TBD
Labor-HHS-Education	Completed	Completed	TBD
Legislative Branch	Completed	Completed	Floor Vote (81-15)
Military Const.-Veterans Affairs	Completed	Completed	Floor Vote (87-9)
National Security-State	TBD	TBD	TBD
Transportation-HUD	Completed	Completed	TBD

NDAA Update

The Senate is moving forward on the FY2026 National Defense Authorization Act (S.2296) this week. A “motion to proceed” vote is expected, and the Senate will continue taking up amendments.

Over in the House, the Rules Committee is scheduled to meet this afternoon to set the terms for floor debate on H.R. 3838. Final passage of the House’s version of NDAA is expected this week, after which the chamber will proceed to conference with the Senate to reconcile any legislative differences.

Senate to Change Rules on Sub-Cabinet Nominations

Senate Republicans plan to move this week on a change to the chamber’s rules to confirm President Donald Trump’s nominees in bulk.

Majority Leader John Thune (R-S.D.) will start the procedural steps to revamp the Senate’s rules when the chamber reconvenes Monday, setting up a path for them to vote this week. The change would allow multiple nominees to be confirmed en bloc instead of voting on each nomination, significantly reducing the amount of floor time on nominations. Republicans are planning to rewrite the rules with a simple majority vote, a partisan approach known as “going nuclear”.

The change would apply to most executive branch nominees, but not Cabinet officials or Cabinet-level officials. It would also not apply to judicial nominations with lifetime appointments. This move comes as Democrats have blocked all nominations from expedited procedures on the floor, leaving a growing backlog of 149 nominees waiting for floor votes. Democrats have floated similar changes in past years but never offered the changes for a floor vote.

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.

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. **Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996; Interpretation of ‘Federal Public Benefit’**
Recommendation: Oppose: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health
- ii. **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program; William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program**
Recommendation: Oppose: Aneeka Chaudhry, Interim Director, Alameda County Health

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

II. State Legislative Update

The 2025 California legislative session wraps up on September 12, 2025. Significant disagreements on gasoline, energy, and climate issues this year have raised the specter that negotiations may extend into a special session or continue next year.

Federal Action Impacts on Community Health (H.R.1).

On August 20, 2025, the Senate and Assembly Committees on Health, in a joint hearing titled "Federal Action Impacts on Community Health," reviewed the sweeping impacts of H.R. 1 on Medi-Cal, hospitals, reproductive health providers, and immigrant communities. Testimony warned of deep funding cuts, immigrant coverage restrictions, and a federal ban on Planned Parenthood reimbursements that threaten access to essential care. Hospitals face \$66–\$120 billion in losses over ten years, risking closures, especially in rural areas. Stakeholders stressed disproportionate harm to low-income and immigrant populations, compounded by immigration enforcement’s chilling effect on healthcare access. State officials noted uncertainty around federal rules and implementation, underscoring serious risks to patient care and provider stability.

Appropriations Suspense File

On August 29, 2025, the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees announced the final outcomes of the suspense file, determining which second-house bills with fiscal impacts will advance to the floor and which will be held (effectively dead) or designated as two-year bills for 2026.

In total, the Assembly considered 261 Senate bills and held 71 (15 two-year), while the Senate considered 425 Assembly bills and held 116 (12 two-year), with both houses holding about 37% overall. Many bills that advanced were amended to reduce costs. With five working days remaining in the legislative session, both chambers now pivot to floor sessions to deliberate on second-house bills as well as concurrence on amended house-of-origin bills.

CA Redistricting - Proposition 50

Members of the Legislature returned to Sacramento on August 18th after a four-week summer break and immediately faced a significant issue: California redistricting. Governor Gavin Newsom and legislative leaders are responding to a Texas effort to redraw its congressional districts to favor Republicans in the 2026 elections. In response, California has put forward measures to create new congressional maps designed to help Democrats maintain representation in Congress.

The Legislature approved three key measures:

- AB 604 (Aguiar-Curry/Gonzalez): Defines the elements of new congressional districts, which would only be adopted if ACA 8 (see below) is approved by voters and specified constitutional provisions take effect.
- ACA 8 (Rivas/McGuire): If approved by voters, it implements the new congressional districts outlined in AB 604. These districts could take effect as soon as the 2026 elections and would remain until the 2032 election.
- SB 280 (Cervantes/Pellerin): Calls a statewide special election on November 4, 2025, for voters to consider ACA 8. It also sets procedures for the election and allocates General Fund resources to the Secretary of State and counties for election costs. Governor Newsom quickly signed the two legislative measures. If voters approve ACA 8, it will become Proposition 50, named for the 50 states, and the political battle over redistricting is set: Texas Governor Greg Abbott and Texas Republicans versus Governor Newsom and California Democrats.

Alameda County Sponsored Bill

SB-617 California Worker Adjustment and Retraining Act. The Alameda County–sponsored bill, SB 617, has passed the Assembly floor (76-0) and received Senate concurrence (38-0). It is now heading to the governor’s desk.

Bill Updates

SB-627(Wiener) Law enforcement: masks, introduced by state Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) and now pending before the Assembly for a vote, would prohibit law enforcement officers from using extreme makeup to conceal their identities, with exceptions for undercover work, riots, or SWAT operations.

The proposal has sparked controversy, particularly regarding U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents, who often wear masks during raids for safety, with the agency warning that the ban could put officers at risk. Senator Wiener emphasized the importance of distinguishing law enforcement from criminals, while police representatives contend the bill unfairly targets officers who do not enforce immigration law. As the legislation progresses in Sacramento, it aligns with a federal bill supported by Sens. Alex Padilla and Cory Booker, drawing both attention and criticism from the Trump administration.

Recent & Upcoming Legislative Deadlines ● Final day for both houses to pass bills; interim recess begins on Friday, September 12, 2025 ● The Governor’s deadline (30 days to sign or veto bills sent to their desk) to sign or veto bills is October 12, 2025

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. **[AB 736](#)** (Wicks/Haney/Quirk-Silva) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026
Recommendation: Support: Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4
- ii. **[SB 417](#)** (Cabaldon) Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026
Recommendation: Support: Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4
- iii. **[Delta Conveyance Project](#)**
Recommendation: Support: Nate Miley, Board of Supervisors, District 4
- iv. **[State Budget Request: Urgent Investments in CalFresh Needed to Mitigate Impacts from H.R. 1](#)**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency

Speakers

Kelly Abreu and Alison Monroe commented on the Delta Conveyance Project.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Abreu suggested that Alameda County follow San Francisco's example, who work with leaders who can implement real change, modernize systems, and break free from outdated bureaucratic silos.

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