

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

Monday, November 13, 2023

1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Lena Tam

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 in session this week. The continuing resolution (CR), which has funded the government since October 1st, expires on Friday, November 17, 2023.

FY24 Government Funding

Last week, the House took up its FY24 appropriations bills related to Transportation HUD and Financial Services. Ultimately, House leadership had to pull both bills because they didn't have enough votes for final passage.

In addition to the significant cuts in the base text, there was one amendment of concern related to eliminating funds for the HOPWA program. CJ Lake will track that for Housing and Community Development. The amendment failed by a vote of 144-282.

CR Discussions

Over the weekend, Speaker Mike Johnson (R-LA) released a new compromise plan to buy lawmakers time to negotiate individual spending bills. The Speaker's bill includes a "laddered CR" with two distinct funding deadlines for two groups of bills. Under the plan, the House would extend government funding until Jan. 19th for four spending bills: Agriculture, Energy and Water, Military Construction-VA and Transportation-HUD. Funding for the rest of the federal government, which includes Defense, Interior-Environment, Labor-HHS-Education, and more, would be extended until February 2nd. The House Rules Committee will hold an intently watched hearing this afternoon to set parameters for debate on the bill. The full House is scheduled to vote on final passage tomorrow, but that may change over the course of the week.

The Senate has started laying the groundwork to move forward on their own short term spending fix while they wait to see whether the House is able to move a funding plan. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) has scheduled a procedural vote this evening on the legislative vehicle for the Senate's own CR proposal. It is unclear whether the Senate will move forward with a separate track as it seems Majority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McConnell are somewhat supportive of the approach Speaker Johnson is taking.

Food As Medicine

The Bipartisan Policy Center is holding a discussion tomorrow related to policies that address increasing nutrition education and access to Food is Medicine interventions for those with diet-related diseases.

The following will provide keynote remarks:

Bill Frist, MD | Former Majority Leader, U.S. Senate; Senior Fellow, BPC
Dan Glickman | Former Secretary of Agriculture, Senior Fellow, BPC

Donna E. Shalala | Former Secretary of HHS

Ann Veneman | Former Secretary of Agriculture, Senior Fellow, BPC

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

Request for Legislation position – Action Item

i. **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Discrimination on the Basis of Disability in Health and Human Services Program or Activities**

Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency and Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency

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- Other

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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