

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

Monday, December 11, 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

This is Congress's final scheduled week of session in Washington this year.

FY24 Appropriations

Congress passed a CR earlier this fall with two separate deadlines in 2024. Speaker Mike Johnson sent a Dear Colleague last week stating he intends to meet the deadlines with full year funding measures. The letter also stated the debt limit deal known as the Fiscal Responsibility Act (FRA) is the "law of the land" and he intends to abide by the topline number of \$1.59 trillion included in that bill.

Ukraine

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky is traveling to Washington this week to request military and humanitarian aid for his nation. Republicans in both chambers are making the case that the migrant crisis at the border must be addressed before any additional aid flows to Ukraine. Since the start of the war, the U.S. government has sent over \$75 billion to Ukraine.

The senators who are negotiating for Ukraine aid need to show that a deal is possible by mid-week if they want the rest of the chamber to stay in Washington to hold a vote before Congress leaves town.

National Defense Authorization Act

Weeks of negotiations between the House and Senate Armed Services committees culminated in a deal last Wednesday when the conference committee released an \$886 billion compromise on the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) bill. The Senate is poised to vote on final passage of the bill on Wednesday or Thursday this week.

FAA Extension

The House has a bill to extend funding for aviation programs until March 8, 2024. The bill is currently on the "suspension calendar" for this week, which means it will need a two-thirds vote for passage but is exempt from certain debate rules and expedites the voting process. The Senate will then have to follow suit with an expedited vote.

Biden Impeachment

The House Rules Committee will meet on Tuesday morning to consider a resolution to formalize House Republicans' impeachment investigation into President Joe Biden. If that resolution makes it through the Rules Committee, it will go to the House floor for a vote. As of now, it looks like Republicans have the votes to officially formalize impeachment proceedings into the President. Leaders of the impeachment investigation in Congress have argued in favor of this week's vote because certain documents and information may be inaccessible without a formal inquiry.

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 Items

i. [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Safe and Appropriate Foster Care Placement Requirement](#)

Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency

ii. [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Foster Care Legal Representation](#)

Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency

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

II. Request for Legislation position – Action Item

iii. [ACA 4 \(Bryan\) Elections: eligibility to vote](#)

Recommendation: Support: Keith Carson, Board of Supervisors, District 5

Speaker

Helen Hutchison, League of Women Voters, spoke in support of ACA 4 (Bryan) Elections: eligibility to vote.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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