

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

Monday, March 11, 2024

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

Both the House and the Senate will be in session this week. The House will go into recess on Wednesday, March 13th to make time for the Republican issues conference on Thursday.

2024 Skinny Budget Release

President Biden released his Fiscal Year 2025 budget proposal, officially kicking off the budget and appropriations process. As usual, the budget is dead on arrival but provides insight to the Administration's priorities for the upcoming year.

President Joe Biden's \$7.3 trillion fiscal 2025 budget proposal lays out a second-term vision that would deliver more services, middle-class tax breaks and price controls to voters funded through higher taxes on the wealthy and corporations. The president would spend \$1.671 trillion in so-called discretionary spending — areas that aren't linked with mandatory programs like Social Security — seeking \$895 billion for base defense-related programs and \$621 billion for domestic spending. The rest is mandatory spending on various entitlements.

The budget also serves as a starting position for the Administration in negotiations with Congressional Republicans on spending and the debt ceiling. In a statement, President Biden said that his budget is a "blue-collar blueprint to rebuild America in a fiscally responsible way that leaves no one behind."

The federal budget process is the primary means by which the President and Congress select among competing demands for federal funds. The President's budget is the Administration's proposed plan for managing funds, setting levels of spending, and financing the spending of the federal government. It is not only the President's principal policy statement but is also the starting point for congressional budgetary actions. The budget's importance makes it essential that it be comprehensive and clear.

The document released today is what is known as a "skinny budget", which provides top-line numbers for agencies. The Budget Appendix, Analytical Perspectives, and other supplementary materials will be posted later, which will provide much more detailed information.

Some of the top line items important to the county include:

- \$7.7 billion in WIC funding allows the program to reach 800,000 additional people each month for a total of 7 million receiving assistance.
- Creates a new program under which working families with incomes up to \$200,000 per year would be guaranteed affordable, high-quality childcare from birth until kindergarten

- \$1.3 billion in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) to construct and rehabilitate affordable rental housing and provide homeownership opportunities and \$7.5 billion in mandatory funding for new Project-Based Rental Assistance.
- \$4.1 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants

FY24 Appropriations

President Biden signed into law a first tranche of appropriations bills on Saturday. The package comprises six appropriations bills that were negotiated between the Republican-led House and the Democratic-controlled Senate. The House passed the measure on Wednesday afternoon in a 339-85 vote. The Senate voted 75-22 on the package Friday evening. The nearly \$450 billion minibus includes the Agriculture-FDA, Commerce-Justice and Science, Energy and Water Development, Interior, Military Construction-VA and Transportation-HUD bills. House and Senate appropriators must next negotiate a deal for the six remaining spending bills ahead of a separate March 22 shutdown deadline.

The second tranche of bills includes Defense, Financial Services, Labor-HHS, Homeland Security, Legislative Branch, and State-Foreign Ops. Congress will continue to work over the next 11 days to get those done, but some on the hill are already anticipating that Congress may need a short term extension.

State of the Union

President Biden gave his third State of the Union last week in what was in some ways his 2024 campaign kickoff. His speech included legislative highlights from his first term including the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the CHIPS and Science Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act. President Biden also spent time discussing the economy, drug pricing, immigration, gun violence, and tax reform.

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.

II. Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. [AB 1783](#) (Essayli) Health Care: Immigration

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

ii. [AB 1975](#) (Bonta) Medi-Cal: medically supportive food and nutrition interventions

Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care 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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