

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

Monday, March 14, 2022
1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor David Brown

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. Today, the Senate will consider Shalanda Young's nomination to be director of the Office of Management and Budget.

FY22 Omnibus

The House and Senate released their FY22 Appropriations omnibus last week after months of negotiations and stopgap spending bills. The House passed the measure late Wednesday evening, prior to their departure to Philadelphia for their annual Issues Conference. The House passed the spending package in two blocs, with the defense portion passing on a 361 to 69 vote and the domestic agency funding passing on a 260 to 171 vote. The Senate passed the bill Thursday night, including support from Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell. Congress also passed a four day continuing resolution to allow additional time for Congress to engross the bill before the President signs it into law. President Biden signed the stopgap measure on Friday and the full omnibus on Saturday.

The omnibus includes \$1.5 trillion in discretionary spending. The bill provides \$730 billion in nondefense spending, a \$46 billion (6.7%) increase over FY21 levels; and \$782 billion in defense spending, a \$42 billion (5.6%) increase over FY21. The bill also includes \$13.6 billion in aid for Ukraine and other Eastern European allies as well as over \$1.4 billion in community project funding. Representative Lee included \$1.25 million for the West Oakland Health Council request and Representative Khanna included \$1million for the food hub request.

The omnibus now allows for the full implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Legislation (IIJA). New programs are now allowed to get started and increased funding levels for this fiscal year authorized by the IIJA would be able to be deployed under the Transportation-Housing and Urban Development spending portion of the package.

Covid-19 Aid

The omnibus bill originally included a section that would have provided \$15.6 billion in Covid-19 aid, however some Democrats objected to an offset rescinding \$7 billion state and local government aid from previous Covid-19 relief laws. As a result, Speaker Pelosi stripped the Covid funding out of the larger omnibus package.

House lawmakers hope to pass a \$15.6 billion coronavirus supplemental this week and negotiations continue. Currently, there are disagreements on how to offset the bill's cost, which is a big sticking point for Senate Republicans. The House's latest version includes \$8.6 billion in offsets after they removed the provision to pull back \$7 billion in stimulus funds to states and local governments. Senate Republicans continue to ask for an accounting of how past Covid-19 relief funds have been spent.

The supplemental spending bill includes \$9.9 billion to purchase oral antivirals, monoclonal antibodies, pre-exposure protection, and vaccines. It also would provide \$750 million to develop new vaccines, \$4.5 billion for global health efforts, and \$500 million for humanitarian needs including disaster and migration aid.

Purpose:

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

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

This Week in the Capitol

In response to the court-ordered cap on student enrollment at UC Berkeley, State Legislators rushed to come together and put forward a solution as the enrollment status for 2,600 students was at risk. The solution was introduced through SB 118/AB 168 (Budget) California Environmental Quality Act: public higher education: campus population and scheduled to be heard in the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees today.

Following the hearings, SB 118 (Budget) made its way to the floor where it was first taken up in the Assembly and then sent over to the Senate for concurrence. The bill now heads to the Governor for his signature.

Hearings This Week

The Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittees continue holding multiple hearings throughout the week related to the various budget proposals. Priority hearings being scheduled for this week are noted below. Joint Hearing Assembly Budget Subcommittee 1 and Budget Subcommittee 4: Issues and proposals on expanding the health care workforce – Monday, March 14th

The Assembly Budget Committee held an informational hearing related to the UC Berkeley Enrollment Budget Action. – Monday, March 14th

The Senate Budget Committee met to discuss AB 169 (Ting) Budget Act of 2021 and AB 168 (Budget) CEQA: Higher Education. Both bills passed out of the committee. – Monday, March 14th

Upcoming Special Elections

- April 5 – Primary Special Election for AD 11/Solano (Asm. Frazier's seat)
- April 5 – Primary Special Election for AD 80/San Diego (Asm. Gonzalez's seat)
- April 5 – Primary Special Election for AD 62/LA (Asm. Burke's seat)
- April 19 – Special Election for AD 17/SF (Asm. Chiu's seat)

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Spring Recess begins upon adjournment – April 7, 2022
- Legislature reconvenes from Spring Recess – April 18, 2022
- Policy Committee deadline for fiscal bills – April 29, 2022
- Policy Committee deadline for non-fiscal bills – May 6, 2022
- Last day for Policy Committees to meet – May 13, 2022
- Fiscal Committee Deadline – May 20, 2022
- Floor Session Only – May 23-27, 2022
- Deadline for bills to pass off the floor in their house of origin – May 27, 2022
- Budget bill must be passed – June 15, 2022

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

i. AB 1618 (Aguiar-Curry) Alzheimer's Disease

Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency

ii. SB 861 (Limón) Dementia Care Navigator Grant Program

Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency

iii. State Budget Request: Emergency Services and Disaster Response Support

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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