

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

Monday, March 27, 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**

Both chambers are in session this week. They'll leave Washington for the Spring recess on Friday and will return on April 17, 2023.

**House Energy Package**

The House is scheduled to take up Republicans' energy package (H.R.1) to overhaul the environmental permitting process and expand oil and gas lease sales on federal lands, among other changes. The House Rules Committee is slated to meet today to set the terms of floor debate for that measure, which would require a simple majority for passage. The package combines about 20 different measures approved by the Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, and Transportation and Infrastructure committees. The most notable inclusion in the bill is language from Rep. Garret Graves' "BUILDER Act" which would make changes to federal permitting laws in an effort to expedite project permit approvals. H.R. 1 would also modify how revenue from energy leasing is shared among states and the federal government, give the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission exclusive authority to approve or deny applications related to the export or import of natural gas to or from a foreign country, and repeal several incentive programs established or expanded by the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. The House should pass the bill before recessing at the end of the week, but the Senate lacks the votes to pass the full package.

**Other House Votes**

The House is set to consider four measures under suspension of the rules, which would require a two-thirds majority for passage or adoption. Three proposals are focused on China, including a bill that would direct the State Department to work to reclassify China's status as a developing country in international organizations. The House Judiciary Committee will mark up eight immigration and border bills after the House returns in mid-April. House Republicans are deeply split on how aggressive they should be in their approach to immigration and border security, and Republican leaders are concerned they do not currently have the votes for passage.

**Senate Action**

At 3:00 pm today, the Senate will resume consideration of S.316, a bill to repeal the authorizations for use of military force against Iraq. Last week, the Senate locked in a time agreement to pass the bill by the middle of this week. The Senate will vote on as many as six additional Republican-authored amendments to the underlying bill. All of the amendments require 60 votes to pass, it is unlikely any of them will be enacted.

## Budget Hearings

Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, Attorney General Merrick Garland, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack, Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas and Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen will lead a parade of Biden administration officials testifying before the House and Senate Appropriations committees this week on the FY24 budget request.

## Debt Ceiling

The House Budget Committee will hold a “Fiscal State of the Union” hearing on Wednesday. President Biden and Speaker McCarthy have not met to discuss raising the debt ceiling since their first meeting on February 1, 2023. There is no formal default date yet on the \$31.4 trillion national debt, with Treasury Secretary Yellen stating that the Treasury Department can pay its bills through early June, while the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the federal government will run out of money sometime between July and September.

### 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. [Social Services Administration Docket No. SSA-2021-0014, RIN 0960-AI60, Omitting Food from In-Kind Support and Maintenance Calculations, Social Security Administration](#)

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

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

## II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Policy committee and budget subcommittee hearings continue to take over the schedule this week for Legislators. Of importance to the County, the following hearings are scheduled this week:

- Monday, March 27, Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 1 on Health & Human Services
- Tuesday, March 28, Assembly Human Services Committee Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 4 on State Administration

Following the adjournment of Floor Session on Thursday, March 30th, the Legislature will go on their Spring Recess. They will return to action on Monday, April 10, 2023.

## Alameda County Sponsored Bills

This year, Alameda County is sponsoring the following bills:

- AB 922 (Wicks) Prepared Meals Delivery Program - Status: Referred to the Assembly Human Services Committee

- AB 1313 (Ortega) Older individuals: case management and visitation services - Status: Set for hearing in Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee on Tuesday, April 25, 2023

The PS Team has been working with the County and Author's Office to prepare for this hearing.

### Key Dates & Deadlines

- Spring Recess – March 30-April 10, 2023
- Policy Committee Deadline for Fiscal Bills – April 28,2023
- Policy Committee Deadline for Non-Fiscal Bills - May 5, 2023
- Appropriations Committee Deadline – May 19, 2023
- Floor Session Only – May 30- June 2
- House of Origin Deadline – June 2
- Budget Bill Deadline – June 15

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### Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. **AB 311 (Santiago) California Food Assistance Program: Eligibility and Benefits**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- ii. **AB 599 (Ward) Suspensions and expulsions: controlled substances: tobacco**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iii. **AB 663 (Haney) Pharmacy: mobile units**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iv. **AB 665 (Carrillo) Minors: consent to mental health services**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- v. **AB 1057 (Weber) California Home Visiting Program**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- vi. **AB 1085 (Maienschein) Medi-Cal: housing support services**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- vii. **SB 424 (Durazo) California Children's Services Program**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- viii. **State budget request: County CalFresh Administration – Update of Funding and Budget Methodology**  
*Recommendation: Support:* Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- ix. **Whole Child Model Expansion Budget Trailer Bill Language**  
*Recommendation: Oppose:* Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

- x. **FY 23-24 State Budget Proposal to Eliminate \$50M from Public Defense Pilot Program** –  
continued from March 20, 2023

*Recommendation: Oppose:* Brendon Woods, Public Defender, Public Defender's Office

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

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