

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

Monday, April 11, 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 Senate and the House are in a two week recess to celebrate the Easter/Passover holidays.

COVID-19 Supplemental

The Senate has been negotiating a deal over the \$10 billion COVID-19 supplemental spending bill. A group of bipartisan Senators initially struck a deal on the funding measure earlier last week to get it passed before the two week recess. However, several Republicans and a handful of moderate Democrats demanded a vote on an amendment regarding Title 42, a pandemic-era policy that allowed officials to quickly expel migrants and asylum seekers at the border during a public health emergency.

President Biden recently announced his decision to end that policy, despite concerns from border state Senate Democrats, Mark Kelly and Krysten Sinema of Arizona and others facing tough reelections. Leader Schumer has indicated that an amendment over Title 42 would be a poison pill for the package in the Senate and face significant trouble passing the House. As a result of this, the item has been shelved until after the recess.

The bill would provide \$10 billion for the Department of Health and Human Services, through the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund. This includes \$9.25 billion for the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) to develop and purchase vaccines, therapeutics, and other supplies.

The bill does not include any global vaccination money. The bill also does not include funding for the COVID-19 Uninsured Program, meaning providers will bear the costs of administering vaccines to patients who have no insurance coverage. Vaccines will continue to be made available through the federal government at no cost, but uninsured patients can be billed for COVID-19 tests and treatments such as antivirals and monoclonal antibodies at the discretion of providers.

The bill will also look to incorporate provisions from S.3011 - State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Fiscal Recovery, Infrastructure, and Disaster Relief Flexibility Act. The provisions would provide state, local, and tribal governments additional flexibility to spend federal pandemic relief funds, including on infrastructure and community development projects.

The legislation will update eligibility to the American Rescue Plan's Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF), with two specific changes to note.

- Adds an additional criterion for SLFRF dollars, “to provide emergency relief from natural disasters or the negative economic impacts of natural disasters, including temporary emergency housing, food assistance, financial assistance for lost wages, or other immediate needs.”
- Authorizes state and local governments to use SLFRF funds for infrastructure projects including:
 - Community Development Block Grant projects (CDBG)
 - RAISE grant projects
 - Nationally significant freight projects
 - Nationally significant highway projects
 - Bridge replacement/rehabilitation projects
 - Surface transportation block grant projects
 - Metropolitan transportation planning projects
 - Highway safety improvement projects
 - Congestion mitigation and air quality (CMAQ) projects
 - Electric vehicle charging and hydrogen, propane, and natural gas fueling corridors
 - Rural surface transportation grant program projects
 - Carbon reduction program projects
 - PROTECT grant projects
 - Federal lands transportation program projects
 - Federal lands access program projects
 - Projects with TIFIA loans
 - Urbanized area formula grant projects
 - Fixed guideway capital investment grant projects
 - Formula grant projects for rural areas
 - State of good repair grant projects
 - Bus and bus facilities projects
 - National culvert removal, replacement, and restoration grant program projects

The bill is fully funded by including \$10 billion in dollar-for-dollar offsets. This includes:

- \$1.93 billion from the SBA Shuttered Venues Operators Grants program
- \$900 million from the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans program
- \$1.6 billion from USDA ARP and CARES funds
- \$2.31 billion from the Transportation Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection Program
- \$500 million from the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund
- \$887 million from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund
- \$1.873 billion from the Treasury State Small Business Credit Initiative

U.S. Supreme Court

Last Thursday, the Senate confirmed Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court by a vote of 53-47, installing the first Black woman on the high court just before the start of the April recess. Republican Senators Susan Collins, Lisa Murkowski and Mitt Romney joined all 50 Democrats in confirming the Judge. Judge Jackson will take the bench after Justice Stephen Breyer retires at the end of the court’s term later this year.

Purpose:

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

Request for Legislation position – Action Item

i. Reauthorize and Increase Funding for Federal Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood, Home Visiting Program

Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

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- Other:

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

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

This Week in the Capitol

The Legislature has begun their Spring Recess and will return to Sacramento on Monday, April 18, 2022.

Hearings This Week

Due to Spring Recess, there are no hearings of importance to Alameda County scheduled this week. Policy committees in both the Senate and the Assembly will be busy upon their return to Sacramento as the Policy Committee deadline for bills in the first house approaches.

Upcoming Special Elections

- 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.

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. [State Budget Request – Climate Friendly Healthy Food Access Infrastructure](#)

Recommendation: Support: Dave Brown, Board of Supervisors, District 3

ii. [AB 2262 \(Calderon\) In-home supportive services: needs assessment](#)

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

iii. [SB 870 \(Portantino\) Developmental services](#)

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PUBLIC COMMENT

Alison Monroe commented that she is an advocate for the seriously mentally ill and she will write a letter asking the County's support on 12 bills in the State Legislature that deal with mental illness and conservatorship for persons with grave disabilities. She noted that her groups' position is different than that of the Association of Behavioral Health Directors and Disability Rights of California.

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