

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

Monday, April 17, 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

Congress returns this week after a two-week recess aiming to make headway on a range of legislation, including addressing freight rail accidents, the war in Ukraine, energy policy, transgender athletes, firefighter assistance and war powers authorization. The debt ceiling is also an issue, and this work period will give leaders a chance to whittle down their wish lists before delving into debate over raising the debt limit. Republicans want any increase to be linked to cuts in spending. Both chambers will be in session for the majority of the next two and half months leading up to the July 4th recess.

Debt Ceiling Negotiations/Appropriations process

House Republicans have not introduced an FY 2024 budget resolution yet, but Republican leaders are trying to rally their members around a budget proposal that would give President Biden a one-year extension of the debt limit in return for across-the-board spending cuts to federal agencies. House Republicans are proposing to lift the debt limit until May 2024, cap non-defense discretionary spending at \$584 billion; limit budget growth to 1% annually for the next 10 years; prohibit student loan forgiveness; repeal green tax credits; institute work requirements for social programs; enact H.R. 1, the energy package the House GOP pushed through the chamber last month; and pass the REINS Act, which is designed to reduce federal regulation. The goal is to pass this package in the House in the next two weeks, but a lot of headwinds are expected. Rep. Garret Graves was tapped by Speaker McCarthy to take the lead on helping craft the proposal.

Over the weekend, Representative Chip Roy, who led conservative holdouts opposing Kevin McCarthy's speakership bid and extracted numerous concessions at the negotiating table, is preparing for another fight. Roy is proposing a debt-ceiling deal that is paired with spending cuts that start in the coming fiscal year and setting the top-line number for appropriations spending to levels from FY 2022.

The Congressional Budget Office projects that the government's ability to borrow using extraordinary measures will be exhausted between July and September 2023.

Labor Secretary Nomination

President Biden's pick for Labor secretary, Julie Su, will appear before the HELP Committee for her confirmation hearing on Thursday. Republican support for her nomination is not expected and Senator Joe Manchin has not taken a formal position yet.

Senate Judiciary and Senator Dianne Feinstein

Senator Feinstein has missed sixty of the Senate's eighty-two votes this year, and she is facing numerous calls to resign from members of the Democratic party in and out of Congress. Last week, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Dick Durbin acknowledged that Feinstein's absence was negatively impacting the process of confirming judicial nominees. Senator Feinstein has now asked to be temporarily replaced on the Committee. Majority Leader Chuck Schumer plans to offer an updated organizing resolution this week that names a new Democratic senator to the Judiciary Committee. It would take consent from all 100 senators to fast-track this change. If not, Schumer will need to secure 60 votes to pass the resolution, but that would require the support of several Republican senators. Senator Tom Cotton said last week that Republicans should not agree to replace her.

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. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

This week will continue to be action packed as the Legislature makes their way through various budget proposals and bills of importance, the County's co-sponsored AB 1387 (Ting) will be heard in Assembly Human Services on Wednesday.

As a reminder, AB 1387 will help Californians receive the care they deserve and address the current shortage of In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers in the state. Continuing the conversations around Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Funding and Accountability, the Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittee No 4 will be discussing the Administration's HHAP Accountability Trailer Bill this week. The PS Team will cover the hearing and provide a summary to County Staff.

Legislative Bills

Looking ahead, Friday, April 28th will mark a major deadline in the 2023 Legislative Session. All bills with a fiscal tag must pass out of their assigned policy committee(s) or will either face becoming a two-year bill or die in committee and fail to move forward.

Hearing This Week

- Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 1 on Health & Human Services – Monday, April 17th
- Assembly Budget Subcommittee No 4 on State Administration – Tuesday, April 18th
- Assembly Health Committee – Tuesday, April 18th
- Assembly Human Services Committee – Tuesday, April 18th
- Senate Health Committee – Wednesday, April 19th
- Senate Budget Subcommittee No 3 on Health & Human Services – Thursday, April 20th
- Senate Budget Subcommittee No 4 on State Administration – Thursday, April 20th
- Senate Budget Subcommittee No 5 on Public Safety – Thursday, April 20th

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

Alameda County is sponsoring the following bills:

- AB 922 (Wicks) Prepared Meals Delivery Program, status: Set for hearing in Assembly Human Services Committee on Tuesday, April 25th
- AB 1313 (Ortega) Older individuals: case management and visitation services, status: Set for hearing in Assembly Aging & Long-Term Care Committee on Tuesday, April 25th
- AB 1387 (Ting) In-Home Supportive Services Program: provider shortage: grant based outreach program. - Co-Sponsor, status: Set for hearing in Assembly Human Services Committee for Tuesday, April 18th

Key Dates & Deadlines

- 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 386](#) (Nguyen) **California Right to Financial Privacy Act**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- ii. [AB 549](#) (Wilson) **Gender Discrimination**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- iii. [AB 586](#) (Calderon) **Medi-Cal: community supports: climate change or environmental remediation devices**
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iv. [SB 260](#) (Menjivar) **CalWORKs: Supportive Services**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- v. [SB 408](#) (Ashby) **Foster Youth with Complex Needs**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- vi. [State Budget Request: County Human Services Workforce: Fund Innovative Recruitment Efforts](#)
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- vii. [California Association of Counties AT HOME comprehensive plan to address homelessness](#)
Recommendation: Support: Keith Carson, Board of Supervisors, District 5

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

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