

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

Monday, April 25, 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 are back in session this week, returning from their two week recess.

COVID-19 Supplemental

Just before the recess, the Senate was negotiating a deal over the \$10 billion Covid-19 supplemental spending bill. 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. 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, the item had been shelved until they returned from recess. We are expecting this to be a priority as President Biden is expected to request additional funding to provide assistance to Ukraine and the two items may be brought together as a package.

As a reminder, 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 to develop and purchase vaccines, therapeutics, and other supplies. At least \$5 billion of that funding would go to therapeutics. And at least \$750 million of the funding would be set aside to develop vaccines for emerging Covid-19 variants. 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 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

Purpose:

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

Request for Legislation position – Action Item

- i. [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security: Public Charge, Ground of Inadmissibility](#)

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

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position**
- 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

It is deadline week at the Capitol. Bills with a fiscal tag must clear their Policy Committee in order to continue moving this legislative session. As one can expect, committee hearings are stacked throughout the week, accompanied by long agendas.

Hearings This Week

Hearings of importance to the county are noted below:

- Assembly Judiciary Committee Hearing – Tuesday, April 26
- Assembly Business & Professions Committee Hearing – Tuesday, April 26
- Senate Judiciary Committee Hearing – Tuesday, April 26
- Assembly Health Committee Hearing – Tuesday, April 26
- Assembly Human Services Committee Hearing – Tuesday, April 26
- Senate Health Committee Hearing – Wednesday, April 27
- Assembly Agriculture Committee Hearing – Wednesday, April 27
- Senate Budget Subcommittee No 5 on Public Safety Hearing – Thursday, April 28
- Senate Budget Subcommittee No 4 on State Administration Hearing – Thursday, April 28

Big City Mayors Press Conference – Homelessness Response

Today, California’s big-city mayors held a press conference in which they advocated for continued flexible state funding to address the homelessness crisis. Without continued funding, cities face a fiscal cliff that would result in the closing of countless shelters & entry points to housing assistance. The conference included Oakland Mayor Libby Schaaf, San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, Fresno Mayor Jerry Dyer, Bakersfield Mayor Karen Goh, Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln, Riverside Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson, and Santa Ana Mayor Vicente Sarmiento.

In summary, the mayors are calling on the Governor to provide \$1 billion a year in HHAP flexible funding for 3 more years. Full notes from the press conference are attached.

Key Dates and Deadlines

- 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 of the floor in their house of origin – May 27, 2022
- Budget bill must be passed – June 15, 2022

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: State update**

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. [AB 1737](#) (Holden) Children’s Camps
Recommendation: Oppose: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- ii. [AB 2120](#) (Ward) Investing Federal Funds in local bridges
Recommendation: Support: Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency

iii. **State Budget Request – Targeted Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Training Budget Proposal**

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

iv. **SB 1076 (Archuleta) Lead Paint**

Recommendation: Support: Sandra Rivera, Interim Director, Community Development Agency

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position**
- Other:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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