

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

Monday, May 22, 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

The House is in Session this week, while the Senate pauses to begin their Memorial Day Break. The House will not be in Session next week as they are scheduled for their Memorial Day recess. The Senate may be recalled in the event of a breakthrough on the debt ceiling.

Debt Limit Update

Conversations and negotiations over the Debt Limit continue to dominate conversations in Washington. Negotiations stalled on Friday between the Speaker and the White House. However, the Speaker the President reportedly spoke over the phone yesterday afternoon and agreed to continue negotiations this week. The sides are billions of dollars apart over what the federal government will spend next year, as well as spending caps for future years. Additionally, there are ongoing disputes over increased work requirements for social-welfare programs, permitting reform and IRS funding.

White House negotiators spent the morning meeting with Speaker McCarthy's negotiating team. Steve Ricchetti, counselor to President Biden, and OMB Director Shalanda Young arrived at the Capitol earlier this morning. Rep. Patrick McHenry, the chair of the House Financial Services Committee, and Rep. Garret Graves, met with Ricchetti and Young for several hours. The Speaker's team stated that the conversations earlier were productive.

President Biden is set to meet today at 5:30 ET with Speaker Kevin McCarthy to resume negotiations as Washington races to resolve a crisis that is beginning to sow increasing anxiety on Wall Street. Without Congressional approval allowing the Treasury to add to the nation's \$31.5 trillion debt, the U.S. government could default on its obligations for the first time in history, potentially tipping the nation into recession and plunging global financial markets into chaos.

For now, markets have adopted a watch and wait approach. Over the weekend, both sides blamed the other for "moving the goalposts." This is likely due to the internal pushback received by both Republicans and Democrats after hearing the general topline points of a prospective deal. Goldman Sachs estimates that by June 8th or 9th the US Treasury will see its cash levels drop below the \$30 billion or what has been described as the bare minimum it needs to meet its debt obligations. Meanwhile, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has been reiterating her warning that the Treasury could exceed the limit as soon as June 1st.

FY24 Appropriations Markups

The House Appropriations Committee started the process of marking up a series of FY24 Subcommittee bills last week, including the Homeland Security, Legislative Branch, MilConVA, and Agriculture-FDA. The full committee will hold markups this week. The House Appropriators are moving forward with these bills without first passing a Budget Resolution for FY24. We expect additional subcommittee markups when the House returns from the Memorial Day recess. The Senate is expected to markup their bills during the June work period. All FY24 appropriations will be tied to a deal on the debt ceiling. House Republicans have teed up both Homeland and MilConVA to prove that they do not intend to cut Veterans' benefits or resources for border security. Earlier this year, Republicans vowed to spare the DOD, veterans and homeland security efforts from the \$130 billion in spending cuts they're pursuing next fiscal year.

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

Following the Appropriations Committee deadline last week, the Legislature is now preparing to hear an influx of bills remaining on their respective floors. Senate and Assembly Bills must pass out of their house of origin and head to the second house by Friday, June 2.

Budget Subcommittee continue to meet as the June 15th deadline nears, by which the Budget Bill must be passed. Legislative Leadership and the Administration continue negotiations to reach a final agreement.

This week the following budget subcommittees will be meeting:

- Senate Budget Subcommittee 4 State Administration: May Revise - Tuesday, May 23rd
- Senate Budget Subcommittee 5 Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor & Transportation: May Revise - Tuesday, May 23rd
- Senate Budget Sub 5 Corrections, Public Safety: May Revise - Thursday, May 24th
- Senate Budget Sub 4 State Administration: May Revise - Thursday, May 24th

Alameda County Sponsored Bills/Budget Requests

Alameda County is sponsoring the following bills and budget requests:

- AB 922 (Wicks) Prepared Meals Delivery Program. -Status: Two-Year Bill. Eligible to move next year.
Bill is accompanied by the following County Budget Request

FY 23-24 Budget Ask Prepared Meals Delivery Program for the Unhoused and Food Insecure in California. Would provide \$6 million annually in state General funds for three years for FY 2023-2024 to fund a Prepared Meals Delivery Program which provides restaurant based prepared meals to the unhoused and food insecure population in California.

- AB 1313 (Ortega) Older individuals: case management and visitation services. - Status: Passed out of Assembly Appropriations Committee. Heads to the Assembly Floor.
Bill is accompanied by the following County Budget Request

FY 23-24 Budget & Legislative Proposal – California Department of Aging Supportive Services. Would provide \$9M over five years to build local assistance capacity in Supportive Services programs. This would be a pilot for Alameda, Sonoma and Marin counties.

- AB 1387 (Ting) In-Home Supportive Services Program: provider shortage: grant-based outreach program. - Co-Sponsor - Status: Held in Committee. Dead.
- District Budget Request: Laundry Vehicles. Alameda requested 2 laundry vehicles. Cost \$300,000 per vehicle. (For a total of \$600,000.)

Key Dates & Deadlines

- Floor Session Only – May 30- June 2
- House of Origin Deadline – June 2
- Budget Bill Deadline – June 15
- Policy Committee Deadline, Summer Recess Begins upon Adjournment - July 14
- Legislature Reconvenes from Summer Recess - August 14

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- i. **AB 483 (Muratsuchi) Local education agency: Medi-Cal billing option**
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- ii. **AB 1168 (Bennett) Emergency medical services (EMS): prehospital EMS**
Recommendation: Oppose: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iii. **AB 1644 (Bonta) Medi-Cal: medically supportive food and nutrition services**
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iii. **SB 541 (Menjivar) Sexual health: contraceptives: immunization**
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- iv. **Support for Governor’s Budget Proposal to increase local child support funding**
Recommendation: Support: Phyllis Nance, Director, Department of Child Support Services

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

III. Direct the Alameda County Registrar of Voters to fully implement Berkeley Measure Y1 (2016) and Oakland Measure QQ (2020) by the next election

[Attachment](#)

Recommendation: Support: Keith Carson, Board of Supervisors, District 5

Speaker

Kelly Abreu commented on inquiring where the funding is coming from for Measure Y1 and Measure QQ.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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