

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

Monday, May 8, 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 and the week of May 15. The Senate will recess the week of May 22nd leading up to Memorial Day.

Debt Limit Update

President Joe Biden is scheduled to meet Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and other congressional leaders tomorrow to discuss the debt ceiling. President Biden and Republicans are locked in a stalemate over raising the \$31.4 trillion borrowing limit, and Republican leaders are demanding promises of future spending cuts before they approve a higher ceiling. President Biden has insisted on a “clean” increase, with budget cut talks kept separate. House Republicans have sought to increase leverage over President Biden by passing a plan that calls for an increase in the debt ceiling by \$1.5 trillion, which is enough to prevent a default until March 31, 2024, in exchange for \$4.8 trillion in budget cuts over the next ten years.

A group of 43 Senate Republicans including Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) said they would oppose allowing a vote on legislation increasing the debt limit with no strings attached, saying “substantive spending and budget reforms” must be part of the package. Democrats have said they will negotiate with Republicans on some budget limits, but that it is “hostage-taking” to tie spending cuts to a boost in the debt limit. According to estimates from Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, Congress and the White House have just 24 days, including weekends, to finalize a deal on the debt limit.

House Immigration Bill

The House is scheduled to vote this week on H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act of 2023. The legislation would require the Biden Administration to restart construction of the border wall, increase the number of border patrol agents, and expand collection of DNA and biometric information at the border and impose fees for asylum applicants, among other things. The bill will go to the Rules Committee tomorrow with a full vote on the House floor expected on Thursday when Title 42 is set to expire.

Republicans are using the legislative effort to try to make good on campaign promises to tighten border enforcement, with migrant encounters hitting records during much of President Joe Biden’s tenure so far. Any House-passed border legislation is likely to come to a standstill in the Senate, though narrower provisions could serve as a starting point for future immigration negotiations.

Title 42 is set to expire on Thursday, May 11th, when the Public Health Emergency related to covid is lifted. Title 42 was created to address public health and social welfare and grants the government the ability to take emergency action in numerous ways, including to “stop the introduction of communicable diseases.” This policy was used widely beginning in March 2020 to regulate border crossings under the premise of increased COVID-19 precautions.

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 Items

i. [HR 1581 \(Johnson\) America Works Act of 2023](#)

Recommendation: Oppose: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency

ii. [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Child Nutrition Programs: Community Eligibility Provision-Increasing Options for Schools, Food and Nutrition Services, USDA](#)

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

iii. [Federal Budget Request: FY 2024 Volunteer Income Tax Assistance \(VITA\) Program](#)

Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social 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

The Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committee will work their way through remaining bills over the next two weeks and will then hold their Suspense File hearing. The Committee deadline is Friday, May 19th, which all bills with a fiscal tag must be heard if they are to move this year. Of importance, the County’s sponsored/co-sponsored bills AB 922 (Wicks), AB 1313 (Ortega) and AB 1387 (Ting) will be taken up in Assembly Appropriations on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

Early Action Budget Bill Package

The Legislature passed an early action budget package on Thursday, May 4. The bills, which are copied below, are still pending signature on the Governor’s desk.

- AB 100 - Ting Budget Acts of 2021 and 2022. Technical fixes to 2022 expenditures
- AB 110 - Committee on Budget Early Childcare and Education. Authorizes California Department of Education and Department of Social Services to provide temporary stipends/ Additionally waves family fees through September 2023.
- AB 111 - Committee on Budget Personal Income Tax Law: Exclusion: Student Loan Debt. Ensure pandemic relief and loan forgiveness for college students is not considered income for purposes of state income taxes.
- AB 112 - Committee on Budget Distressed Hospital Loan Program. Hardship relief to struggling hospitals
- AB 113 - Committee on Budget Agricultural Labor Relations. Finalizes crucial details for farm worker relief.

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

- AB 922 (Wicks) Prepared Meals Delivery Program. - Status: Set for hearing in Assembly Appropriations for May 10.
- AB 1313 (Ortega) Older individuals: case management and visitation services - Status: Set for hearing in Assembly Appropriations for May 10.
- AB 1387 (Ting) In-Home Supportive Services Program: provider shortage: grant-based outreach program - Co-Sponsor - Status: Set for hearing in Assembly Appropriations for May 10.

Key Dates & Deadlines

- Appropriations Committee Deadline – May 19, 2023
- 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

Purpose:

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- Other: State update**

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- AB 441 (Haney) Earned Income Tax Credit: young child tax credit: foster youth tax credit: periodic payments**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- AB 1060 (Ortega) Health care coverage: naloxone hydrochloride**
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- State Budget Request: Diaper and Wipe Distribution**
Recommendation: Support: Keith Carson, Board of Supervisors, District 5

Purpose:

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- Other:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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