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

Monday, June 12, 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 and Senate are in session and will be in Washington for the next two weeks.

House of Representatives at an Impasse

Internal differences within the House Majority were apparent during consideration of a procedural vote regulating gas stoves. This impasse was a result of concerns by some Republican Members regarding the debt limit deal struck by President Biden and the Speaker. House Freedom Caucus Members were also upset after House Republican leadership pulled a pistol brace rule disapproval resolution drafted by Rep. Andrew Clyde (R-GA). Speaker McCarthy held discussions with Freedom Caucus Members to try to improve the tension but was unable to reach a solution. As a result, the House officially adjourned for the week on Wednesday.

The House Rules Committee will meet this afternoon and has five bills on the docket. The rule for Rep. Clyde's pistol brace bill is up for consideration by the committee, and the House is scheduled to vote at 6:30 p.m. on a motion to reconsider the gas stove rule vote. The House has a packed docket leading into the summer. The Ways and Means Committee is marking up a GOP tax-cut bill this week; the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is marking up its FAA reauthorization bill; the Appropriations Committee is taking up the first of the 12 annual appropriations bills, Milcon-VA; and the House Armed Services Committee is set to vote on the annual defense authorization bill next week.

FY24 Appropriations

House Republicans have discussed marking up spending bills to a level lower than the \$703.7 billion allowed for nondefense funds under the debt-limit bill but sticking to the \$886.3 billion for defense spending. The House has already released drafts of four of the 12 bills, Agriculture-FDA, Homeland Security, Legislative Branch, and Military Construction-VA, but those markups were delayed due to the debt-limit negotiations.

The disagreement within the GOP controlled House is not good for Speaker McCarthy and House Republicans to pass appropriations bills this summer. Speaker McCarthy will not have Democratic votes to get his measures over the finish line. Speaker McCarthy also pledged to pass all 12 bills as separate measures, rather than packaging them together as mini or omnibuses, tremendously increasing the amount of floor time and operational difficulty needed to pass the individual bills.

Senators have aimed to set top-line allocations for government funding bills soon and plan to start subcommittee markups this month. Senators Murray and Collins have said they aim to negotiate bipartisan top-line funding levels for the FY24 appropriations bills, but the process has slowed over Republican complaints about the spending levels set under the debt ceiling bill and limits on DOD spending.

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 Item
 i. <u>S. 255/H.R. 1325</u> (Collins/Pingree) Asylum Seeker Work Authorization Act <i>Recommendation: Support</i>: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
ii. Federal Budget Request for Head Start Funding Increase
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
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Recommendation from the PAL Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors.

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Other:

In order to meet the Budget Bill Deadline on Thursday, June 15, both houses reached an agreement on the Legislature's version of the budget which came into print on Sunday night - AB / SB 101 Budget Act of 2023. An overview of the can be found HERE. The identical budget vehicles contain \$311.7Billion in total spending (\$227Billion General Fund) and include \$30.7B in solutions to close the budget gap. While this is representative of an agreement between the Assembly and Senate, negotiations continue with the Administration.

The Assembly and Senate Budget Committees will be holding hearings related to AB/SB 101 (Budget) on Wednesday and plan to vote on the Budget Bill during Thursday's floor session. The California Constitution gives the Governor 12 days to act on the budget bill that is sent to him on June 15. Speaker Rendon's Budget Advisor, Jason Sisney, anticipates needing "several more budget-related bills near the end of the 2023 legislative session in late August or early September."

The PS Team will continue to keep County Staff updated on State Budget updates.

Hearings This Week

- Senate Public Safety Committee Tuesday, June 13
- Senate Education Committee Wednesday, June 14
- Senate Budget Committee Wednesday, June 14
- Assembly Budget Committee Wednesday, June 14

Key Dates & Deadlines

- Budget Bill Deadline June 15
- Policy Committee Deadline, Summer Recess Begins upon Adjournment July 14
- Legislature Reconvenes from Summer Recess August 14
- Fiscal Committee Deadline –September 1
- Floor Session Only –September 5-14

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.
- o Status: Set for hearing in Senate Human Services Committee June 19.
- o *Bill is accompanied by the following County Budget Request* 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.)

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Request for Legislation position – *Action Items*

- i. AB 325 (Reyes) Human Services: Noncitizen Victims

 *Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- ii. AB 373 (Gibson) Intersession Programs: Foster Children and Homeless Youth: Priority Access

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

- iii. AB 679 (Wicks) Family Childcare Homes: meals: reimbursement rates

 *Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- iv. AB 685 (Ramos) Workforce Training: California Volunteers: Youth Job Corps *Recommendation: Support:* Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency
- v. AB 712 (Carrillo) CalFresh: hot and prepared foods

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