

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

Monday, June 13, 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 Senate are in session this week and next week. The Senate will start its two week recess on June 27th and will return July 8th. The House will hold a committee work week the week of June 27th and will be in recess the week of July 4th.

FY 23 Appropriations

On Wednesday, the House set a \$1.6 trillion budget limit for FY 2023, kicking off summer appropriations work. House Appropriations subcommittees will markup their bills June 15-22 and full committee markups will follow June 22 - June 30.

Subcommittee action is scheduled for Wednesday on the draft Defense, Legislative Branch, Military Construction-VA, and Agriculture-FDA bills, and the Homeland Security and Financial Services measures will take place on Thursday.

The chamber automatically adopted the deeming resolution, H. Res. 1151, by approving a procedural measure to tee up debate on unrelated bills. This deeming resolution sets a discretionary funding ceiling for FY 2023, which begins on Oct. 1, matching President Joe Biden's budget request. By deeming this number through a resolution, the House avoids the requirement to pass a budget resolution for FY23.

The House appropriations package will face immediate resistance in the Senate and anything that the lower chamber produces will be heavily altered before a final agreement is reached. The Four Corners have yet to agree to top-line numbers, so there is still significant work to be done before an FY23 funding package is complete.

Gun Control Bills

Yesterday, a group of 20 senators, which included 10 Republicans and 10 Democrats, reached a deal on a framework for a gun control package. If passed, the package would be considered the most significant gun control legislation since the assault weapons ban in 1994. As there are 10 Republican Senators supporting the package, supporters of the bill should be able to overcome a filibuster in the Senate.

The highlights of the bill include:

- Funding to assist states with adopting and setting up their own red flag laws to allow law enforcement agencies and family members to submit petitions to a court to temporarily remove guns from those considered a danger.

- Funding for school safety and community mental health clinics, including as much as \$7 billion for these clinics and would include telehealth programs.
- Domestic violence abusers and individuals “subject to domestic violence restraining orders” will be added to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System run by the FBI.
- Stricter regulations on “straw purchases” of guns, which is designed to cut down on illegal weapons trafficking.
- Enhanced background checks for gun buyers under 21, including a pause period for a check of juvenile criminal and mental health records.
- New restrictions on gun sellers who “illegally evade” federal firearms licensing requirements.

The bipartisan group working on the package hopes to pass the bill before the July 4 recess. As this is just a framework, legislative text needs to be finalized and released. It will then need to go through the Senate legislative process, which would take a minimum of about a week. While President Biden, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer and Speaker Nancy Pelosi all support the package, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell has yet to formally endorse their proposal, though he gave praise to the bipartisan group yesterday.

Regarding the House, last week the House passed a package of bills by a vote of 223-204 to address the gun violence epidemic, known as the Protecting Our Kids Act (H.R. 7910), which raises the legal age to purchase certain semiautomatic rifles from 18 to 21 years old, closes loopholes in the federal background check system, and establishes new federal offenses for firearm trafficking and straw purchases and other gun safety related provisions.

In addition to the Protecting Our Kids Act, the House passed the Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act by a vote of 224-202, which establishes a red flag procedure in federal courts, allowing police and individuals to seek extreme risk protection orders for the temporary seizure of firearms. The bill also includes new Justice Department grants to encourage states to pass their own red flag laws. The Senate will likely adopt a grant approach to enable states to pass their own red flag laws.

Purpose:

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

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

This Week in the Capitol

Budget

This afternoon, just two days away from the Budget Bill Deadline on Wednesday, the Legislature passed and sent to the Governor budget bill SB 154 (Skinner) Budget Act of 2022.

Additionally, AB / SB 192 (Budget) Better for Families Rebates and Grants was put into print over the weekend. This budget bill would authorize the State Department of Social Services to make one-time Better for Families Grant payments.

The Assembly Budget Committee held an informational hearing on SB 154 (Skinner). Because this was an informational hearing, no votes were taken.

Following the announcement that the Legislature had reached a joint budget agreement, the Senate and Assembly Budget Committees scheduled hearings to discuss Budget Bill AB/SB 154. In order to meet the Constitutional Deadline, the Legislature must pass a Budget Bill by June 15, 2022.

Hearings This Week

The Legislature is working to pass their bills out of committees, prior to the Policy Committee deadline at the end of the month. Of importance to the County, the following hearings have been scheduled this week:

- Senate Human Services Committee – Monday, June 13
- Assembly Public Safety Committee – Tuesday, June 14
- Senate Governmental Organization Committee – Tuesday, June 14
- Senate Public Safety Committee – Tuesday, June 14
- Assembly Environmental Safety & Toxic Materials Committee – Tuesday, June 14
- Assembly Higher Education Committee – Tuesday, June 14
- Assembly Human Services Committee – Tuesday, June 14
- Assembly Housing Committee – Wednesday, June 15
- Senate Health Committee – Wednesday, June 15
- Senate Education Committee – Wednesday, June 15

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Budget bill must be passed – June 15, 2022
- Policy Committee Deadline. Summer Recess begins at the end of this day's session – July 1, 2022
- Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess – August 1, 2022
- Fiscal Committee Deadline – August 12, 2022
- Floor Session Only – August 15-31, 2022
- Last day for each house to pass bills – August 31, 2022

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- SB 996 (Kamlager) CalWORKs Eligibility**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Interim Director, Social Services Agency
- SB 1341 (Cortese) Homeless Pupils: California Success, Opportunity, and Academic Resilience (SOAR) Guaranteed Income Program**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Interim Director, Social Services Agency
- State Budget Request: Health Enrollment Navigator's Project**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Interim Director, Social Services Agency

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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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