

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

**Monday, June 6, 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. The Senate returned today, and the House will be back tomorrow. Both chambers will be in session through June 24th leading up to the July Fourth recess.

FY 23 Appropriations

Appropriators continue negotiations on FY23 topline numbers for defense and nondefense spending, but there has not yet been an agreement. The House is hoping to mark up their bills this month, with a goal of taking the bills to the floor during July prior to the August recess. The Senate is expected to mark up their bills in July. We are already expecting a Continuing Resolution to fund the federal government beginning October 1 with the hope that Congress can work out final FY23 bills before the end of the calendar year.

As part of the markup process, the Appropriations Committee will review Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending requests as it develops fiscal year 2023 appropriations bills. Only a handful of each Member's requests will be funded. Information about Community Project Funding requests funded in appropriations bills will be available the same day as the Subcommittee markup, or 24 hours before full committee consideration if there was no Subcommittee markup.

Gun Control Bills

As congress returns from recess, the big issue facing lawmakers is gun control. Last week, the House Judiciary Committee held an emergency business meeting to mark up a package of gun-control bills, titled the "Protecting our Kids Act". The full House is expected to vote on the package, either as separate votes or as an omnibus package, sometime later this week. The package does not have enough votes to break a Republican filibuster in the Senate, but House Democrats feel the need to act in response to the latest mass shootings.

The House package includes the following:

- Raise the purchasing age for semi-automatic rifles from 18 to 21;
- ban the import, sale, manufacture, transfer or possession of high-capacity ammunition magazines, although existing magazines are “grandfathered” in;
- requires existing bump stocks be registered under the National Firearms Act and bars the manufacture, sale, or possession of new bump stocks for civilian use;

- amends the definition of “ghost guns” to require background checks on all sales, as ATF is trying to do through rulemaking; beefs up federal criminal penalties for gun trafficking and “straw purchases”.
- and establishes new requirements for storing guns at home – especially with minors present – while providing tax credits for storage devices.

Not included in the House package is an assault weapons ban. However, Speaker Pelosi has promised a hearing or a markup on that issue.

The House will also vote on a red flag bill, “Federal Extreme Risk Protection Order Act” developed by Reps. Lucy McBath and Salud Carbajal. This bill allows family members and law enforcement officials to file petitions in federal courts to request protection orders which would temporarily take away guns from those considered a threat to themselves or others.

As the House measures are unlikely to pass a Senate filibuster, the attention is on the Senate and more specifically four key senators leading the charge on a bipartisan solution – Democrats Chris Murphy (Conn.) and Kyrsten Sinema (Ariz.), and Republicans John Cornyn (Texas) and Thom Tillis (N.C.).

The package will likely include some version of a red flag law, enhanced background checks on gun sales (but not the broad background checks the House passed last year) and mental health funding.

The Senate group negotiating a gun control package is trying to strike a deal by the end of this week. The quick turnaround shows the urgency with which both sides of the aisle are approaching the issue. In addition to the four Senators above, the larger group of Senators working on this package includes Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.), Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.), Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), Pat Toomey (R-Pa.), Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and Bill Cassidy (R-La.).

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

Policy Committee hearings are in full swing as Authors work to get their bills heard, and passed, prior to the Policy Committee Deadline on July 1, 2022.

Election Day

California is just a day away from the Statewide Primary Elections on Tuesday, June 7.

Budget

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 (which as of today, is not yet in print).

In order to meet the Constitutional Deadline, the Legislature must pass a Budget Bill by June 15.

Hearings This Week

Of importance to the County, the following hearings have been scheduled this week:

- Senate Health Committee – Wednesday, June 8
- Senate Budget Committee Hearing (upon call) – Thursday, June 9

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

- AB 2589 (Santiago) Earned Income Tax Credit: One-time Child Tax Credit**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Interim Director, Social Services Agency
- AB 2751 (Garcia) Affordable Internet and Net Equality Act of 2022**
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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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