

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

Monday, September 18, 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 the House and the Senate are in session this week and will focus on spending measures to avoid a potential government shutdown at the end of the month.

FY24 Appropriations

House Republican leaders released a proposal last night for a continuing resolution to avert a shutdown. The proposed spending stopgap measure includes almost all of H.R. 2, House Republicans' signature border and immigration measure, plus an 8.1285% across-the-board cut for non-defense discretionary spending, setting up another battle with the White House over border issues and spending levels.

The House Rules Committee meets today to set the terms for floor debate of the bill to fund the government beyond Sept. 30th that also imposes GOP priorities related to border security. GOP leaders told their members on a private call last night that they hope to bring the plan to the floor as early as Thursday. The Continuing Resolution (CR) would set the next funding deadline to October 31st, was drafted over the last few days by the House Freedom Caucus and more centrist members in the Main Street Caucus. The proposal is sponsored by Freedom Caucus Representatives Byron Donalds, Scott Perry, and Main Street Representatives Dusty Johnson, Stephanie Bice, and Kelly Armstrong.

The deal includes across-the-board cuts to domestic spending bills — exempting defense and veterans spending, as well as disaster aid -- including an 8% temporary spending cut for domestic agencies and a resumption of border wall construction. The proposal does not include additional aid for Ukraine, rebuffing a recent White House request for billions in further support amid sharp opposition from some Republicans.

It remains unclear if the proposal could pass the House - within hours of the GOP Call, several conservative members of the House made their opposition known:

Representative Matt Gaetz (R-FL), Representative Matt Rosendale (R-MT), Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA), Representative Eli Crane (R-AZ) , Representatives Dan Bishop (R-NC.), Cory Mills (R-FL), Tim Burchett (R-TN), Tony Gonzales (R-TX), Andy Ogles (R-TN), Anna Paulina Luna (R-FL), Victoria Spartz (R-IN) and Ralph Norman (R-SC).

Even if the bill does garner enough support in the House to pass, the measure is likely dead-on arrival with Senate Democrats and the White House. The stopgap's spending cuts clash with the bipartisan support in the Senate for bills that include emergency spending over the limits set in the debt limit measure enacted earlier this year. It also, unsurprisingly, drew pushback from House Democrats.

The proposal is expected to jump-start negotiations between the two parties to avoid a shutdown. As it stands now, this proposal does not move the needle toward a deal. Speaker McCarthy remains in a very difficult position with his conference and deals on both short term and long-term funding currently remain out of reach.

Expiring Authorizations

Congress must extend authorizations for programs that have already lapsed or will lose authorization on September 30th. Items of interest to the County include the Farm Bill, TANF, Community Health Centers and the National Health Service Corps.

Impeachment inquiry

Republicans are aiming to put Hunter Biden's broader business dealings at the center of the 2024 election. Announcing the impeachment inquiry last Tuesday, Speaker Kevin McCarthy said that House Republicans "have uncovered serious and credible allegations into President Biden's conduct" related to his son's activities. The House inquiry is broad, and GOP Committees tasked with the initial inquiry will be reviewing materials in the coming weeks and months.

Launching an official inquiry provides House committees more power to investigate the president and dig into his finances. In a reversal of his position stated on September 1, Speaker McCarthy said that the House will not vote whether to open the impeachment inquiry. It is not yet clear if the House floor will vote to impeach President Biden. It's also not yet clear how long the impeachment inquiry will last, or if a vote will ever take place.

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. [Comments in Response to Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Health and Human Services Grant Regulation](#)

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

Purpose:

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- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position**
- Other:

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

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Last week, the Legislature went into recessed on Thursday, September 14, 2023. During the interim recess, Legislators will be focused on their districts, upcoming elections and planning for 2024 priorities. The Legislature will return to the Capitol in January for year two of the 2023-24 Legislative Session.

Governor Gavin Newsom is currently out of the state, participating in Climate Week NYC. Governor Newsom has until Saturday, October 14, 2023, to act on the bills that made it to his desk this legislative session.

Alameda County Sponsored Bills

- AB 922 (Wicks) Prepared Meals Delivery Program - Status: Two-Year Bill. Eligible to move next year.
- AB 592 (Wilson) Vehicles: commercial nonfranchise solid waste haulers: pilot program. - Alameda County Pilot Program - Status: Pending Governor Action

Key Dates & Deadlines

- Last day for the Governor to sign or veto bills – October 14, 2023

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- Other: State update**

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Request for Legislation position – Action Items

- [AB 254](#) (Bauer-Kahan) Confidentiality of Medical Information Act: Reproductive or Sexual Health Application Information**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- [AB 1194](#) (Carillo) California Privacy Rights Act of 2020: Exemptions, Abortion Services**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- [AB 1707](#) (Pacheco) Health Professionals and Facilities: Adverse Actions based on another state's law**
Recommendation: Support: Andrea Ford, Director, Social Services Agency and Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency
- [California Advancing & Innovating in Medi-Cal \(CalAIM\) Transitional Rent Services Amendment](#)**
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency

Purpose:

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- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position**
- Other:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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