

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

Monday, September 26, 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 out today in recognition of Rosh Hashanah. The Senate will return tomorrow, and the House returns Wednesday. The House is scheduled to adjourn at the end of this week.

FY23 Appropriations

Funding for the federal government runs out on Friday and the continuing resolution (CR) to keep the government funded remains the priority of Congress. It is likely that the CR will run through December 16th, allowing time to work on an omnibus spending package during the lame duck period after the November elections.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer filed cloture last week, setting up a key procedural vote for tomorrow. This bill could contain both the CR and Senator Manchin's permitting legislation. Senator Jeff Merkley circulated a letter requesting that the Senate hold a stand-alone vote on Manchin's bill and more than 80 House Democrats sent a similar letter asking Schumer and Speaker Nancy Pelosi, to keep the permitting measure off the CR. Republicans have also opposed Mr. Manchin's bill.

A "clean" CR will be offered as an amendment by Leader Schumer. The second motion to proceed would then contain language without the permitting measure or other controversial provisions and would pass on a wide bipartisan margin. The clean CR will continue funding through December 16th, will provide roughly \$12 billion in Ukraine aid, reauthorizes FDA user fees, includes money for resettling Afghan refugees, provides disaster relief in Jackson, Mississippi, and potentially adding funding for low-income winter heating assistance.

A final vote on the clean CR could happen in the Senate this Friday, giving the House enough time to pass it before the midnight deadline. Currently, there is no plan to pass a short-term CR to give Congress more time to negotiate.

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. **S. 4102 (Brown) SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act**

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

Purpose:

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

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

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

The Legislature is out of session as of August 31, 2022. We are just days away from the midnight deadline on Friday by which the Governor must sign or veto bills that made it to his desk. It is estimated that the Governor still has around 550 bills still left to act on. To date, a little over 60 bills have been vetoed and there seems to be a reoccurring theme in messaging; concerns with high costs and “lower-than expected revenues over the first few months of this fiscal year.” This could be setting the stage for a tighter budget and spending in 2023-24. The PS Team will continue to keep County Staff updated as the Governor acts on the County’s priority bills.

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Governor Sign/Veto Deadline – September 30, 2022
- General Election – November 8, 2022
- 2023-24 Organizational Session – December 5, 2022

Purpose:

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 Advocacy or Education
 Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
 Other: State update

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

Request for Legislation position – Action Items

i. **AB 2069 (Villapudua) California Home Health Aid Training Scholarship Act**

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

ii. **AB 2277 (Gómez Reyes) CalWORKs: Victims of Abuse**

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

iii. **SB 641 (Skinner) CalFresh for College Students Act**

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

Purpose:

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.