



Federal Legislative Activities Week of February 22, 2016

Please find a listing of federal legislative activities the County and our federal advocates are monitoring during the week of February 22, 2016, below.

Congressional Hearings and Floor Activity

Tuesday, February 23rd

2 PM | House will meet for legislative business to consider:

[S. 2109](#) - Directing Dollars to Disaster Relief Act - This bill requires FEMA, within 365 days of enactment, to develop and implement a plan to reduce its administrative costs for major disaster relief. The plan must include steps FEMA will take to reduce costs; milestones towards reducing costs; goals for the average annual percentage of administrative costs for each fiscal year; a timetable for implementation; and the assignment of roles and responsibilities for monitoring and measuring performance. FEMA's administration spending has doubled over the past 20 years from 9% to 18%.

[H.R. 3584](#) - Transportation Security Administration Reform and Improvement Act of 2015 - This bill makes changes to the TSA Precheck program, both expanding enrollment and limiting categories of passengers who may undergo expedited security checks. It requires the covert testing of security screening and makes changes to how TSA employees are vetted as security risks.

[H.R. 4408](#) - National Strategy to Combat Terrorist Travel Act of 2016. This bill requires the president to prepare and submit to Congress a national strategy to combat terrorist travel. Under the measure, the strategy must address efforts to intercept terrorists and foreign fighters and constrain their domestic and international travel. It must describe all federal programs, projects and activities intended to constrain travel by terrorists and foreign fighters; identify specific security vulnerabilities within the United States and abroad that may be exploited by terrorists and foreign fighters; and set goals and the actions required for closing security vulnerabilities and enhancing the government's ability to constrain terrorists' travel.

[H.R. 4398](#) - DHS Acquisition Documentation Integrity Act of 2016. This bill requires the Homeland Security Department (DHS) to produce cost estimates and schedules for all major acquisition programs and to maintain complete and accurate documentation of these projects. In April 2015 the Government Accountability Office (GAO) reviewed 22 major programs at the Homeland Security Department (DHS) and found that only two of them were on track to meet schedule and cost parameters.

[H.R. 4402](#) - Foreign Fighter Review Act of 2016. This bill requires the president, acting through the Homeland Security secretary, to initiate a review of known instances since 2011 in which a person has traveled or attempted to travel from the United States to a conflict zone in Iraq or Syria to join or provide material support or resources to a terrorist organization.

Wednesday, February 24th

9:30 AM - House Committee on Appropriations- United States Forest Service Budget Hearing

10:00 AM - House Transportation Committee Hearing: A Review of United States Army Corps of Engineers Reports to Congress on Future Water Resources Development and Chief's Reports. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

10:00 AM - House Natural Resources Committee Hearing: The 2016 California Water Supply Outlook During the El Niño and Three Years of Restricted Water Deliveries. Click [here](#) to view the live webcast.

10:00 AM - House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing: Budget Hearing – Department of Homeland Security

10:15 AM - House Committee on Appropriations- USDA Food and Nutrition Service Budget Hearing

10:15 AM - House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing: Budget Hearing – Department of Homeland Security

10:30 PM - House CJS Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing: Budget Hearing – Department of Justice

12:00 PM - House will meet for legislative business to consider:

[H.R. 812](#) - Indian Trust Asset Reform Act. This bill streamlines the federal government's role in the management of Native American trust assets and allows for tribes to have greater involvement in their own financial affairs. It also makes changes regarding how the Interior Department provides services and programs to Indians and Indian tribes.

2:00 PM - House THUD Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing: Budget Hearing – Department of Transportation

2:30 PM - House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing: Department of Agriculture, Food Safety and Inspection Service

Thursday, February 25th

10:00 AM - House Transportation Committee Hearing: Reauthorization of DOT's Pipeline Safety Program

10:00 AM - House Education & Workforce Committee Hearing: "Next Steps for K-12 Education: Upholding the Letter and Intent of the Every Student Succeeds Act"

10:00 AM - House Labor HHSE Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing: Budget Hearing – Department of Health and Human Services

Friday, February 26th

9:30 AM - Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee Hearing: Budget Hearing – Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Environment