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California

1. **CA AB 686**



Author: Santiago (D)

Title: Housing Discrimination: Further Fair Housing

Summary: Requires a public agency, as defined, to administer its programs and activities relating to housing and community development in a manner to affirmatively further fair housing, and to not take any action that is materially inconsistent with this obligation. Requires the land inventory to be used to identify sites throughout the community, consistent with the provisions requiring a regional housing needs program, within the housing element to affirmatively further fair housing.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/30/2018

2. **CA AB 1771**



Author: Bloom (D)

Title: Planning and Zoning: Regional Housing Needs Assessment

Summary: Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Authorizes members of the public to make an electronic request for the proposed methodology that furthers the objectives by a Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan. Authorizes a local government to appeal to the Council of Governments for a revision of the share of the proposed regional housing need. Specifies criteria for the appeal. Requires the local Council of Governments to notify all other governments of all appeals.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/30/2018

3. **CA AB 1804**



Author: Berman (D)

Title: Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Housing Projects

Summary: Exempts from Environmental Quality Act residential or mixed use housing projects, as defined,

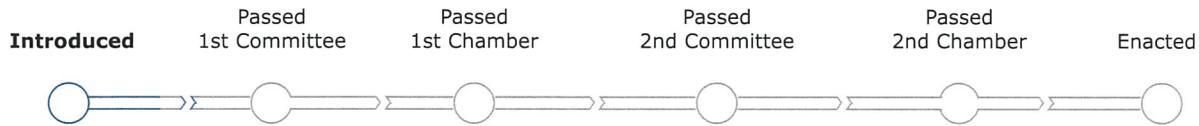
located in unincorporated areas of a county meeting certain requirements. Requires a lead agency to file a notice of exemption with the Office of Planning and Research and the county clear in the county which the project is located.

Disposition: Enacted
Enacted 09/22/2018

4. **CA AB 1866**



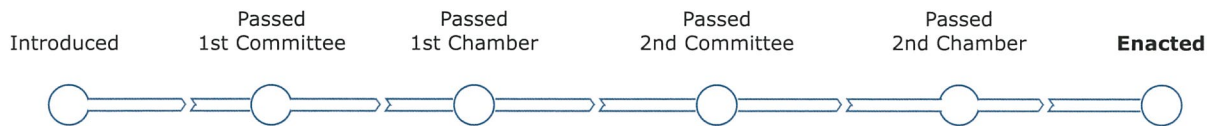
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Author: Fong (R)
Title: Transportation funding
Summary: Creates the Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Program to address traffic congestion and deferred maintenance on the state highway system and the local street and road system. Provides for the deposit of various existing sources of revenue in the Traffic Relief and Road Improvement Account as created by this bill in the State Transportation Fund, including specified revenues attributable to sales and use tax on vehicles, from motor vehicle insurance policies, diesel fuel and registration fees.

Disposition: Failed - Adjourned

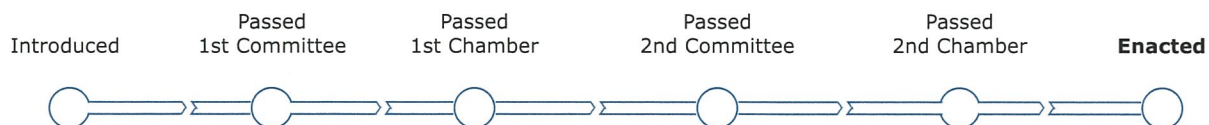
5. **CA AB 2061**



Author: Frazier (D)
Title: Near Zero Emission and Zero Emission Vehicles
Summary: Authorizes a near zero emission vehicle or a zero emission vehicle to exceed the weight limits on the power unit. Increases the weight limit for a near zero emission or zero emission vehicle. Prohibits a weighmaster from certifying the gross weight of a vehicle if the scale is located at the site where the vehicle is loaded, the vehicle is weighed before entering a highway, and the vehicle's gross weight exceeds a certain weight, with an exception.

Disposition: Enacted
Enacted 09/20/2018

6. **CA AB 2162**



Author: Chiu (D)

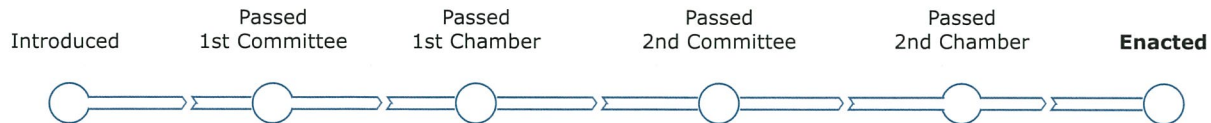
Title: Planning and Zoning: Supportive Housing

Summary: Requires that supportive housing be a use by right in zones where multifamily and mixed uses are permitted, including nonresidential zones, if the proposed housing development meets specified criteria. Requires a local government to approve a supportive housing development that complies with these requirements. Prohibits the local government from imposing any minimum parking requirement for units occupied by supportive housing residents under certain circumstances.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/26/2018

7. CA AB 2363



Author: Friedman (D)

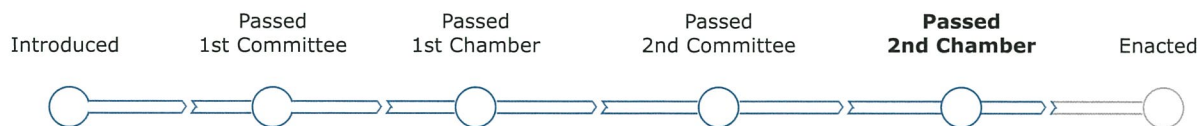
Title: Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force

Summary: Requires the Secretary of Transportation to establish and convene the Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force before a specified date. Requires the Task Force to develop a structured, coordinated process for policies to reduce traffic fatalities to zero. Requires the Secretary to prepare and submit a report that includes a detailed analysis of specified issues, including the existing process for establishing speed limits and a recommendation as to whether an alternative method should be considered.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/21/2018

8. CA AB 2447



Author: Reyes (D)

Title: Environmental Quality Act: Land Use: Justice

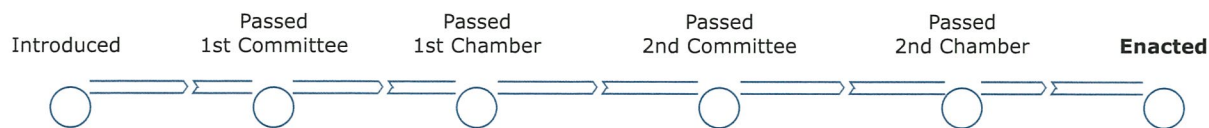
Summary: Requires a lead agency that is preparing an environmental impact report, or a negative declaration, to provide certain notices as required to owners and occupants of property located within a specified distance of any parcel or parcels, and to any schools located within a certain distance of any parcel or parcels, on which is located a project involving an industrial land use within a disadvantaged community. Requires the lead agency to provide certain notices and meetings.

Disposition: Vetoed

Vetoed 09/30/2018

9. CA AB 2615





Author: Carrillo (D)

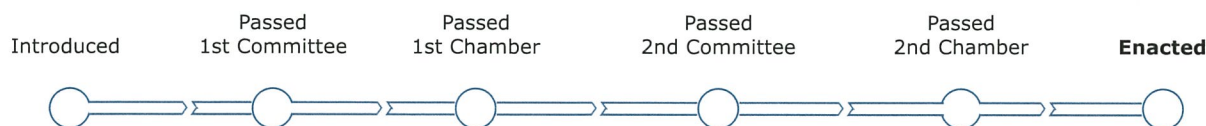
Title: State Highway System: Accessibility for Bicycles

Summary: Requires the Department of Transportation to partner with appropriate public agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Parks and Recreation, any federal department or agency, and any regional or local public entity, to develop strategies and plans to improve access for bicycles and pedestrians to federal, state, regional, and local parks adjacent to or connected to the state highway system.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/18/2018

10. **CA AB 2629**



Author: Eggman (D)

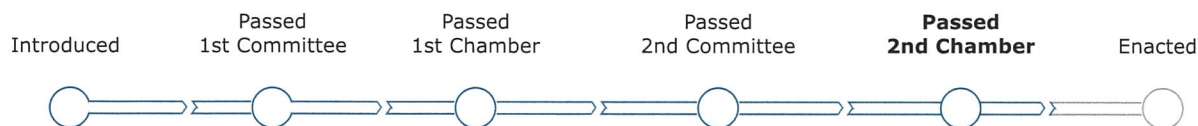
Title: DOT: Airspace Under State Highways: Leases

Summary: Provides that the Department of Transportation has full possession and control of all state highways and all associated property. Deletes a condition that airspace may only be leased to a city, county, or other political subdivision or another state agency for emergency shelter or feeding program purposes if there is no buyer. Deletes a requirement that rescission of leases of airspace pursuant to these provisions between the department and the City of Stockton provide for the refunding of specified rent.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/17/2018

11. **CA AB 2734**



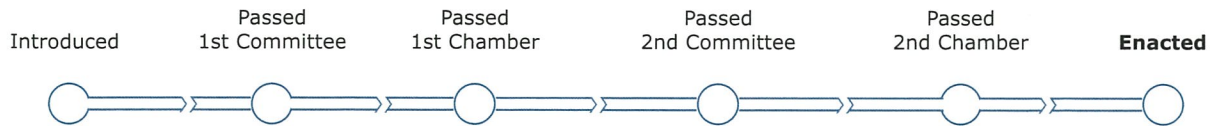
Author: Frazier (D)

Title: California Transportation Commission

Summary: Excludes the California Transportation Commission from the Transportation Agency. Establishes it as an entity in state government, and requires it to act in an independent oversight role.

Disposition: Vetoed

Vetoed 09/14/2018

12. **CA AB 3246**

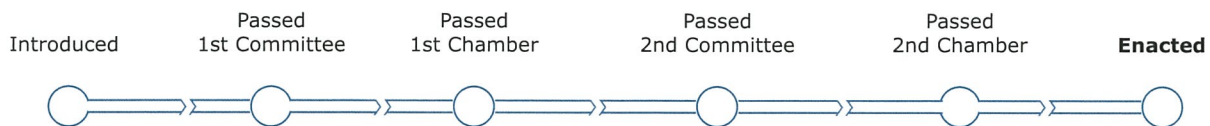
Author: Assembly Transportation Committee

Title: Transportation Omnibus Bill

Summary: Requires the Controller to inform the Department of Motor Vehicles on or before a specified date that a county's authority to collect the fee imposed on motor vehicles is suspended. Deletes the provision which requires the Division of Aeronautics to coordinate and disseminate specified information to pilots to increase awareness of wire hazards and to communicate techniques for identifying and avoiding wires. Provides for the Active Transportation Program.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 08/24/2018

13. **CA SB 100**

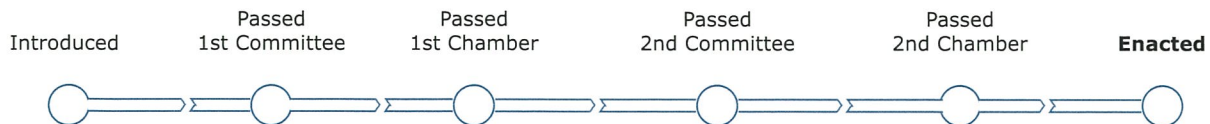
Author: de Leon (D)

Title: Renewables Portfolio Standard: Greenhouse Gases

Summary: Amends existing law relating to the Renewables Portfolio Standard Program. Limits the applicability of the procurement exception for local publicly owned electric utilities and reduces the required threshold percentage of renewable energy resources received from its retail sales from large hydroelectric generation. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to take steps to ensure that a transition to a zero carbon electric system for the state does not cause greenhouse gas emissions increases elsewhere.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/10/2018

14. **CA SB 828**

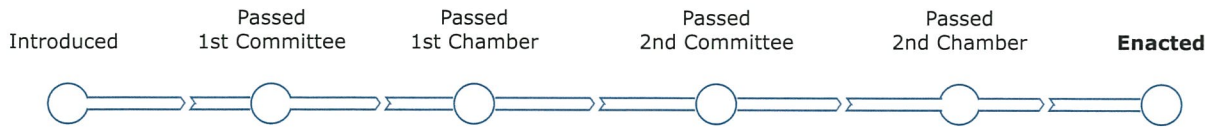
Author: Wiener (D)

Title: Land Use: Housing Element

Summary: Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Prohibits the prior underproduction of housing in a city or county from the previous cycle and stable population numbers in a city or county from the previous cycle from being used as a justification for a determination or a reduction in the jurisdiction's share of a regional housing need. Includes lands zoned or designated for agricultural protection or preservation that are subject to a local ballot measure that prohibits their conversion to nonagricultural uses.

Disposition: Enacted
Enacted 09/30/2018

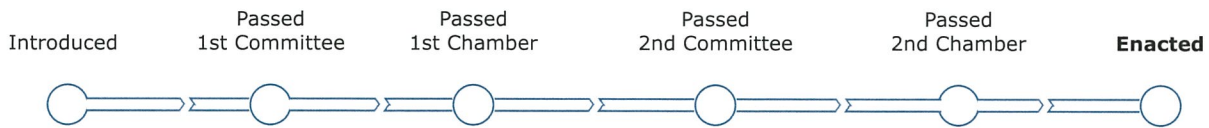
15. **CA SB 1000**



Author: Lara (D)
Title: Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
Summary: Requires the Energy Commission and State Air Resources Board, as part of the deployment of the investment plan, to assess whether charging station infrastructure is disproportionately deployed. Authorizes the Commission to use moneys from the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Fund, as well as other mechanisms, including incentives, to more proportionately deploy new charging station infrastructure, with exceptions.

Disposition: Enacted
Enacted 09/13/2018

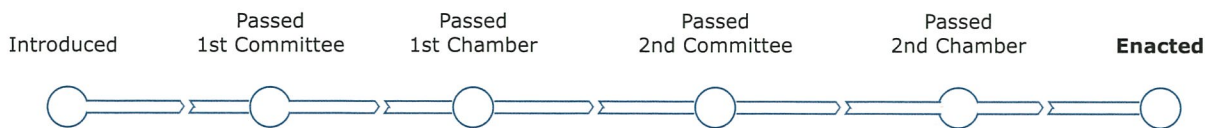
16. **CA SB 1014**



Author: Skinner (D)
Title: California Clean Miles Standard and Incentive Program
Summary: Establishes the California Clean Miles Standard and Incentive Program, which would require by specified date, that the state board establish a baseline for emissions of greenhouse gases for vehicles used on the online-enabled applications or platforms by transportation network companies on a per-passenger-mile basis.

Disposition: Enacted
Enacted 09/13/2018

17. **CA SB 1072**



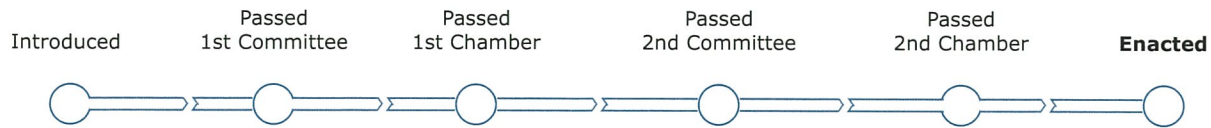
Author: Leyva (D)
Title: Regional Climate Collaborative Program
Summary: Amends the Administrative Procedure Act. Establishes a regional climate collaborative program, to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council to assist underresourced communities, in a

region to access statewide public and other grant moneys for climate change mitigation and adaptation projects by establishing collaboratives; as specified. Authorizes the Council to award specified annual grants to collaboratives for specified activities.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/13/2018

18. CA SB 1078



Author: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee

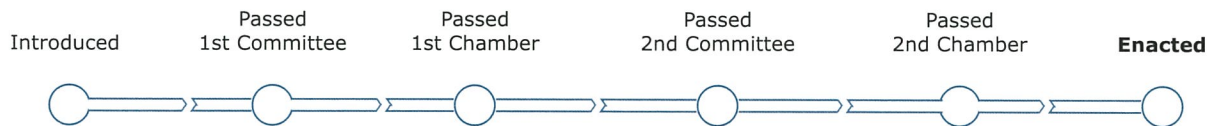
Title: Housing

Summary: Amends the Planning and Zoning Law. Deletes the reference to renters in specified provisions, thereby requiring the data assumptions from the Council of Governments projections to include the percentage of all households that are overcrowded. Revises the definition of the term planning period to correspond to housing element revisions, as specified. Renames the mobilehome ombudsman as the Mobilehome Assistance Center.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/30/2018

19. CA SB 1119



Author: Beall (D)

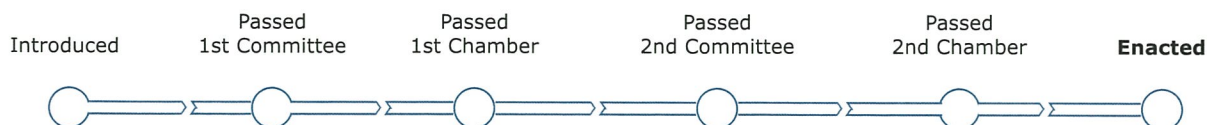
Title: Low Carbon Transit Operations Program

Summary: Waives a requirement that transit agencies whose service areas include disadvantaged communities expend a specified amount of funds received from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program on projects or services that benefit those communities if the recipient transit agencies expend the funding provided on certain transit activities.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/20/2018

20. CA SB 1328



Author: Beall (D)

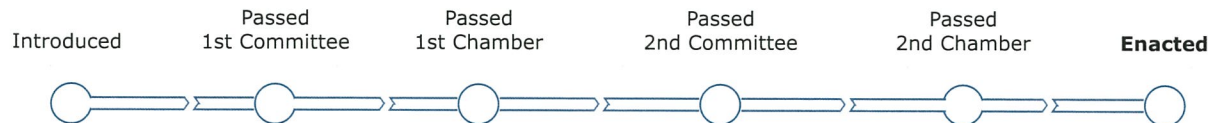
Title: Mileage-Based Road Usage Fee

Summary: Extends the operation of the California Transportation Commission to create a Road Usage Charge (RUC) technical Advisory Committee until a specified date. Requires the technical advisory committee to continue to assess the potential for mechanisms, including, but not limited to, a mileage-based revenue collection system, to use as alternative methods to the existing gas tax system for generating the revenue necessary to maintain and operate the state's transportation system.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/22/2018

21. CA SB 1333



Author: Wieckowski (D)

Title: General Plan: Zoning Regulations: Charter Cities

Summary: Specifies that provisions of the Planning and Zoning Law regarding plans and the adoption and review of housing elements apply to charter cities. Provides that development agreements entered into before a specified date are not subject to the requirement of modifying or suspending an agreement as necessary.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/27/2018

22. CA SB 1403



Author: Lara (D)

Title: Clean Truck, Bus, and Off Road Vehicle Technology

Summary: Requires, commencing with the funding plan for the Air Quality Improvement Program, that the State Air Resources Board include an investment strategy for zero and near zero emission heavy duty vehicles and equipment commensurate with meeting certain goals. Requires the funding plan to include information related to milestones achieved by the state's schoolbus incentive programs and the projected need for funding. Codifies the incorporation of additional changes to certain provisions.

Disposition: Enacted

Enacted 09/13/2018

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we report to you this morning from Columbia, South Carolina, where we are joining the U.S. Conference of Mayors for their Fall Leadership Meeting. We'll have a report to you on those deliberations next week. Back in D.C., the three most frequently uttered names in Washington this week - Kavanaugh, Ford and Rosenstein - dominated the headlines Monday through Friday, with a lot of drama and certainly great consequences. But beneath those headlines, there were many developments of concern to all of us "under the fold" - here's a summary of all of those for your weekend reading.



TOP STORIES



FY19 Appropriations

The House passed a two bill minibus with full year appropriations for the Department of Defense and the Departments of Labor–Health and Human Services–Education this week. The package included a Continuing Resolution (CR) funding any remaining federal agencies (Homeland Security, Commerce–Justice–Science, and State) through December 7, 2018. Negotiations for the other four bill minibus (Transportation–Housing and Urban Development, Financial Services, Agriculture, and Interior–Environment) were not successful; these agencies will also run on level funding through December 7th. This may delay their ability to issue notices of funding opportunity for key grant programs due to the lack of full year funding. The following authorizations are set to expire on October 1, 2018, unless acted upon by Congress: Federal Aviation Administration, Farm Bill, Land and Water Conservation Fund, and E-Verify. More information on a number of these programs is included below.

Public Charge

This past Saturday evening, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security released a draft Notice of Proposed Rulemaking entitled “[Inadmissibility on Public Charge Grounds](#)” that seeks to alter which federal benefits constitute a “public charge” in

the determination of whether an immigrant is inadmissible under section 212(a)(4) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA). The proposed rule is expected to be officially published in the Federal Register soon, opening a 60 day period for comment. Please refer to our [memorandum](#) for more information.

FCC 5G Action

The Federal Communications Commission moved forward with a rule this week that would curtail local governments authority in 5G expansion. The rule institutes strict approval times for local governments to approve contracts and caps the fees jurisdictions can provide, among other requirements. A coalition of local government organizations signed a [letter](#) detailing their opposition. You can read more [here](#).

Opioids Legislation

On Tuesday, the Senate and House came to a conference agreement on opioids legislation ([H.R. 6](#)). The House is preparing for a vote today before entering pre-election recess, which would set the stage for the Senate to pass it next week. As we reported last week, the final legislation makes small tweaks to combat the epidemic, but lacks the comprehensive measures necessary to tackle this crisis. The final agreement includes a few expanded grant programs for state and local governments including: expanding first responder training grants to adapt to the new threats of fentanyl (Sec. 7002); developing a pilot program for public health and law enforcement labs to improve detection of fentanyl (Sec. 7011); the development of Comprehensive Opioid Recovery Centers to support local care coordination (Sec. 7121); increasing funding to the National Child Stress Initiative (Sec. 7133), and grants to support the local behavioral health workforce shortage (Sec. 8041). You can read an overview courtesy of CQ [here](#).



FAA Reauthorization

The House has passed their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization ([H.R. 302](#)) this week, which largely contained flat funding for airport infrastructure needs and programs. Notably, the bill does not change a \$4.50-per-flight federal cap on Passenger Facilities Charges (PFC) to fund capital projects and construction after airports sought an increase. The bill, however, merely mandates a study of the issue. The North America Airports Council International shared the following overviews of the bill: [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#). The bill also includes the *Disaster Recovery Reform Act*, which helps direct funding for natural disaster mitigation. You can read about this bill [here](#). The Senate was expected to take the bill up after the House but time complications in connection with the Judge Kavanaugh nomination kept that from occurring. They are expected to act on it soon.

OTHER NEWS AND GRANTS

Endangered Species Act

The House Committee on Natural Resources passed 10 Endangered Species Act relate bills this week. The bills would shrink the role of the federal government in protection of endangered species, delegating more of the responsibility to state and local governments. The bills would also add additional burdens to new listings of imperiled species. You can read more about the legislation [here](#).

Farm Bill

Farm bill conferees are unlikely to reach a deal before current law expires Sunday and do not have plans to vote on a short-term extension. Senator **Pat Roberts** stated lawmakers will seek to vote on a long-term compromise bill before the midterms. Major mandatory programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will continue due to their permanent authority and funding baselines. However, there are 39 “orphan programs” [identified](#) by the Congressional Research Service that will lose authorization. Federal agencies will not be able to approve new contracts or block grants. Orphan programs include the USDA Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP) and the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP); a number of conservation programs; bioenergy programs; rural development; nutrition pilots; trade promotion programs; and outreach for disadvantaged or military veteran farmers. We’ll hope for eventual progress on the reauthorization process.

Grants This Week

Recently, we sent many of you a notice on the following grant: [DHS FEMA FY 2018 Assistance to Firefighters Grant \(AFG\) Program](#) and [DOT FTA FY 2018 Access and Mobility Partnership Grants](#).

Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants.

LWCF

Unfortunately, it looks as if the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) will expire this weekend following a lack of congressional action. As we have reported, the House reported out a bill recently, but the Senate could not come to a consensus on the issue. However, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee will markup a reauthorization measure next week. It is still unclear whether a reauthorization of the fund will be forthcoming thereafter. *We’ll*

continue to update on LWCF.

Federal Permitting

We wanted to let you know that the Council on Environmental Quality's **Alex Herrgott** – who we have met with along with many of you since the start of the current administration – will now direct the Federal Permitting Improvement Steering Council. The Council was established as a “one-stop shop” for coordinating permits across federal agencies.

Homelessness

The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) released a new [strategic plan](#) to end homelessness called "Home, Together." Area of focus include: “Increasing Affordable Housing Opportunities; Strengthening Prevention and Diversion Practices; Creating Solutions for Unsheltered Homelessness; Tailoring Strategies for Rural Communities; Helping People Who Exit Homelessness to Find Employment Success; and Learning from the Expertise of People with Lived Experience.”

FTA Access and Mobility Partnership Grants

We wanted to let you know that the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will host a webinar on [Access and Mobility Partnership Grants](#) on **October 16, 2018** at 2 p.m. Participants will be able to learn more about the recent [funding announcement](#), including application eligibility, criteria, and the submission process. You can read our grant memorandum [here](#).

Affordable Housing

Senator **Elizabeth Warren** [introduced](#) legislation this week to address the ongoing issue of the lack of affordable housing options across America. The *American Housing and Economic Mobility Act* would increase funding for affordable housing by \$500 billion dollars by increasing the estate tax. You can read more [here](#).

Cyber Security

The Administration shared the [National Cyber Strategy](#) this week. You can read U.S. Department of Homeland Security **Kirstjen Nielsen's** comments [here](#).

Hearings on the Hill

The House Energy and Commerce Committee held a [hearing](#) on strengthening U.S. public safety communications, as well as a [hearing](#) on "Built in America: Jobs and Growth in the Manufacturing Sector." The House Small Business Committee held a [hearing](#) on the the aviation workforce shortage and the impact on small businesses. Finally, the House Joint Economic Committee held a [hearing](#) on earnings and living standards.

If you have any questions about this edition of the *Washington Friday Report*, please feel free to contact [Silvana Caldera](#) or [Len Simon](#).

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It's all Kavanaugh all the time here in Washington this week, an intense and unhappy time with reverberations on the mid-term elections and beyond, including a nominations and confirmations process that may never be the same. Meanwhile, even a month before those mid-terms, there were many important developments in Washington over the last five days beside the Supreme Court battle, and we have all of that for you below.



TOP STORIES

Public Charge

Following up on our report last week, this morning the public charge [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(NPRM\)](#) was posted for public inspection. This is the step *before* it is actually published in the Federal Register and the comment period starts. It indicates that the NPRM will be published in the Federal Register on **Wednesday, October 10** and the comment period would start that same day and close on **Monday, December 10, 2018**. You can read the proposal [here](#).



Opioid Crisis

The Senate passed the SUPPORT for Communities Act ([H.R. 6](#)) this week, which has been sent to the President's desk for his signature. As we reported last week, the final legislation makes small tweaks to combat the epidemic but lacks the comprehensive measures necessary to tackle this crisis. In related news, the Department of Justice announced it is awarding almost \$320 million to combat the opioid crisis. The approximately \$320 million awarded by the Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP) will be distributed in order to maximize effectiveness over the country. A breakdown of the grant funding can be found

[here](#).

FAA Reauthorization

Following a several day delay attributed to the Kavanaugh nomination, the FAA reauthorization bill passed the Senate and will receive the President's signature today. The legislation passed by a vote of 93 to 6 and reauthorizes the FAA for five years. One change contained in the bill pertains to language around drones, allowing the FAA ability to regulate the technology. You can read additional coverage on the legislation in our [report](#) last week.



Tax Reform

Late last week, the House passed three bills constituting what Republicans have called, "Tax Reform 2.0." The main piece of legislation – the Protecting Family and Small Business Tax Cuts of 2018 ([H.R. 6760](#)) would make permanent many of the temporary individual provisions (i.e. individual tax cuts) of the [tax law](#) passed last year. This includes the elimination of most personal exemptions and the \$10,000 SALT cap. The other two bills – [H.R. 6757](#) and [H.R. 6757](#) – focus on creating additional flexibility within retirement benefits, enhancing education tax benefits, and promoting new business innovation incentives. You can read an analysis from the Tax Foundation [here](#). *The Senate will not take up any of these bills before departing for election day recess.*

A New Trade Agreement

The Administration announced a new [United States–Mexico–Canada Trade Agreement](#) to replace NAFTA. U.S. Trade Representative **Robert Lighthizer** also provided a [report](#) ahead of the final agreement for review by the President and Congress, which summarizes negotiations and recommendations for the final agreement.

OTHER NEWS AND GRANTS

Autonomous Vehicles

The U.S. Department of Transportation released “[Preparing for the Future of Transportation, Automated Vehicles 3.0 \(AV 3.0\)](#),” their next iteration of autonomous vehicle guidance. The Department is accepting comments on the guidance through **December 4, 2018**. For more information on how to comment, click [here](#).

Grants This Week

Recently, we sent many of you a notice on the following grants:

- [National Park Service \(NPS\) FY 2018–2019 Save America's Treasures Grant Program](#);
- [USDA FY19 Farm to School Grant](#);
- [HHS FY19 Healthy Start Initiative: Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health](#);
- [HHS FY19 Overdose Data to Action](#);
- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation \(RWJF\) Culture of Health Prize](#).

Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants.

LWCF

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee [passed](#) legislation that would reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) – the fund expired last weekend. However, the bill still requires passage by the full Senate. *We will let you know more as the LWCF bill progresses.*

FCC 5G

Cities are taking action against the last week's Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [final order](#) on small cell deployment. The City of Seattle announced their intention to appeal the order in court. The City of Portland filed a petition for review at the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. The U.S. Conference of Mayors submitted a [statement](#) in opposition of the ruling.

EPA MATS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has sent a proposal to change existing Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) to the White House for review. The proposal would not rollback MATS but undermine it and other environmental regulations through a change to required considerations. Currently, health benefits of regulating a pollutant must be taken into account when examining the side effects of implementing the regulation. The Administration's new proposal would remove consideration of health benefits when considering costs to the industry of that rule. The proposal has not yet been officially published, but we will provide more detail at that time.

Public Safety

The U.S. Department of Justice has [awarded](#) more than \$30 million in Project Safe Neighborhoods funding to almost 100 [judicial districts](#). Attorney General **Jeff Sessions** gave [remarks](#) on the role of this program in reducing crime. On a related note, we thought you might be interested in this Justice Center [publication](#) on tools and strategies to reduce crime, recidivism, and costs.

Veterans

The City of Boston joined other partners to [launch](#) Veterans Coordinated Approach to Recovery and Employment (Veterans CARE) – a “Pay for Success” project that will involve local VA medical centers with the goal of delivering employment to program participants. You can read more about the initiative [here](#).

School Safety

On Tuesday, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced more than \$70 million in grant funding to bolster school security, educate and train students and faculty, and support law enforcement officers and first responders who arrive on the scene of a school violence incident. The Office of Justice Program’s (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) made more than 220 awards to jurisdictions across the country. Some key programs include: [BJA’s STOP School Violence Threat Assessment and Technology Reporting Program](#); the [STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program](#); and the [COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program \(SVPP\)](#).

Parks Bill

Senator **Kamala Harris** [introduced](#) the *Outdoors for All Act (S. 3499)* - a companion measure to the *Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Grant Program Act (H.R. 2943)* in the House. The bill would codify the current Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program that provides grants to disadvantaged urban communities and provides a guaranteed source of funding for city parks using revenue from offshore oil and gas, not subject to appropriations. *We will let you know if there is any movement in either chamber.*

SCOTUS

With all of the news in Washington centered around the nomination of Judge **Brett Kavanaugh**, the Supreme Court began its 2018–2019 term on Monday. The State and Local Legal Center did an analysis on the cases coming before the court this term that could have an effect on state and local governments. View their synopsis [here](#).

Wage Data

We thought you might be interested in two Route Fifty articles examining income. The first [article](#) provides an analysis on recent Census Bureau data on median household income levels around the country. The second [article](#) looks specifically at how much Uber drivers are earning per hour, which varies from city to city.

Have a great weekend – we hope you enjoy the MLB playoffs and the first Yankees–Red Sox post–season play in 14 years!

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welcome to a somewhat calmed-down Washington where the Supreme Court frenzy subsided after Saturday's vote confirming Judge Kavanaugh. Featured in the center ring this week: the resignation of Ambassador Haley; the future of Attorney General Sessions; the unusual Oval Office performance starring Kanye West and the midterm elections less than a month away. We send our best wishes to all those impacted by the frightful destruction brought on by Hurricane Michael. Amid all this, there's much to report on the local government front, which we have summarized for you below. Have a great weekend.



- COPS Photo Contest

TOP STORIES



Climate Change

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) – a scientific panel tasked with guiding world leaders – [published](#) a stark report on the climate crisis that may come as early as 2040. They found that if greenhouse gas emissions continue at the current rate, the atmosphere will warm up by as much as 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit above preindustrial levels by 2040. We are already halfway to that amount. To prevent this, the scientists conclude pollution must be reduced by 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, requiring drastic action on behalf of all levels of government around the world. Without such action, the scientists predict worsening food shortages, poverty, and wildfires; sea level rise; coastal erosion; massive coral reef die-off, and other impacts. This report was written and edited by 91 scientists from 40 countries. You can read the full report [here](#).

Immigration

The Department of Homeland Security officially [published its new "public charge" proposal](#) Wednesday, opening up a 60-day public comment period – the deadline to comment is **December 10, 2018**. The proposed rule would allow immigration officials to refuse admission and deny extensions to immigrants who may become "public charges," according to their proposed expanded definition. The list of benefits that would be considered include Medicaid, the Medicare Part D Low-Income Subsidy Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and several housing programs. With support from many of you, the U.S Conference of Mayors sent a [letter](#) to Homeland Security Secretary **Kirstjen Nielsen** opposing the proposed rule. Here are links to some additional resources on the public charge issue: [FamiliesUSA Public Charge Explainer](#), [Center for American Progress Issue Brief](#), and [National Immigration Law Center \(NILC\) How to Talk About Public Charge in Immigrant Communities](#).

Please let us know if you need any assistance with the comment process.

In Congress, there is talk regarding immigration again, particularly as it pertains to funding for the President's border wall. As we have reported, a few FY19 appropriations bills remain unresolved and are currently running on a continuing resolution through December 7. The problem is the President has indicated funding for the wall must be included in negotiations for those final bills – House Speaker **Paul Ryan**, Senate Majority Leader **Mitch McConnell**, and others have indicated there will be a showdown over this ahead of the December deadline.

Finally, there was some immigration related action at the Supreme Court level this week as well. The court heard a [case](#) over a federal law that calls for immigrants who are in the U.S. illegally and have criminal records to be detained without bond pending deportation. The justices appeared to be evenly divided. The case centers on whether there should be a requirement of immediate detention for such individuals or allow delays, potentially for years. Justice **Brett Kavanaugh** expressed his preference for no time limit to apprehending illegal immigrants with past records – mirroring the position of the Justice Department

- which many have described indicates a hard stance on immigration matters moving forward for this new "swing vote" in the SCOTUS.

Water Infrastructure

Congress passed the *America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018* (WRDA 2018) bill yesterday - [S.3021](#). The bill addresses Army Corps operations and projects, water, and wastewater infrastructure. It includes at least \$9 billion in authorized money for such projects and initiatives. The bill did include provisions relevant to localities, including requiring the Army Corps to engage with local stakeholders on future and pending projects. It included provisions (section 1152) that will allow projects to move forward with non-federal partners, in order to reduce the backlog of authorized, but not funded, projects. You can read the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee release on its passage [here](#). *Please let us know if you need more information.*

OTHER NEWS AND GRANTS

DOT BUILD Grants

Courtesy of the City of Rancho Cordova, we met with U.S. Department of Transportation officials this week and received an update on their review of FY18 BUILD grant applications. They informed us they are currently ahead of schedule in their review process. The most highly recommended projects are now at the senior review team level. They expect Secretary **Elaine Chao** to announce the grantees in the third or fourth week of November, with a chance that could be pushed until the first week of December. *We'll keep you up to date on any BUILD news.*

A New Forest Service Chief

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture **Sonny Perdue** [announced](#) that **Vicki Christiansen** will serve as the 19th Chief of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service. Christiansen has been serving as Interim Chief since March of this year and previously served as Deputy Chief for State and Private Forestry, where she oversaw forest health protection and other areas. You can read more about her [here](#).



Opioid Crisis

On Wednesday, we attended a National League of Cities (NLC) briefing on the actions Mayors are taking to combat the opioid epidemic. The session featured remarks from Mayor **Karen Freeman-Wilson** (Gary, IN), Mayor **Madeline Rogero** (Knoxville, TN), and Mayor **Steve Williams** (Huntington, WV). The Mayors covered a broad array of topics focusing on citywide initiatives to support prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts. The session ended with Mayors requesting that Congress provide more direct funding to localities and additional technical assistance to communities. *Please let us know if you need any additional details on this briefing.*

In other opioid related news, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts [announced](#) that it is going to provide naloxone — the drug used to revive people who have overdosed on opioids — to a handful of large employers in the state. It could ultimately give the drug to every employer it covers. In addition, a [new study](#) from the University of Pennsylvania's Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics shows that the rate of overdose deaths in Medicaid expansion states is lower in non-expansion states. The study analyzes three states that expanded Medicaid before the Affordable Care Act: Arizona, Maine and New York.

Grants This Week

Recently, we sent many of you a notice on the following grants:

- [National Park Service \(NPS\) FY 2018–2019 Save America's Treasures Grant Program](#);
- [USDA FY19 Farm to School Grant](#);
- [HHS FY19 Healthy Start Initiative: Eliminating Disparities in Perinatal Health](#);
- [HHS FY19 Overdose Data to Action](#);
- [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation \(RWJF\) Culture of Health Prize](#).

Please contact Jen Covino with any questions about grants.

HUD MTW Program

HUD has issued a [notice](#) that they intend to expand their Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration program, which provides statutory and regulatory flexibility to public housing agencies. Stakeholders are invited to provide comments by **November 19, 2018**.

Homeless Veterans

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Department of Veterans Affairs announced \$36 million in [HUD–Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing \(HUD–VASH\) Program](#) vouchers this week. They will go to 212 public housing agencies across the country. They also announced \$7.4 million through the [Veterans Housing Hosing Rehabilitation and Modification Pilot Program](#). You can read more about both announcements [here](#).

FY18 Fiscal Report

The Congressional Budget Office published their 2018 fiscal year [report](#) on government spending. The 2018 fiscal year racked up \$782 billion deficit – a 17 percent increase from last year. They also projected a return to trillion-dollar deficits by 2020. You can read on overview [here](#).

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Grants

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services [awarded](#) \$2.34 billion in FY2018 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program grants to cities, counties, states, and local community-based organizations. This funding through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) supports a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medication, and essential support services to more than half a million people living with HIV in the United States.

Nikki Haley Resigns as UN Ambassador

United Nations Ambassador **Nikki Haley** announced she is stepping down from her post effective at the end of 2018. The President accepted Haley's resignation and said he intends to announce a nominee for the position in the next few weeks. That means the confirmation process will likely play out during a lame duck session after November's congressional elections. The President hosted her for a televised meeting to discuss her departure – you can read their full remarks [here](#).

Pharmacy Gag Clauses

The President signed a pair of bills into law this week aimed at increasing drug pricing transparency. The bills effectively ban "gag clauses" on pharmacists,

which prevent them from telling patients when they would pay less for drugs out of their own pocket instead of using their insurance. A [JAMA research letter](#) published in March found that gag clauses caused \$135 million in over payments in Optum commercial health insurance plans in 2013.

COPS Photo Contest

The DOJ COPS Office is accepting nominations for its fifth annual “Community Policing in Action” photo contest. They are accepting submissions through **November 5, 2018**. You can read the details [here](#).

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