

**Monterey County Federal Issues Track
115th Congress (2017-18)**

ISSUE/BILLS	SUMMARY & STATUS	ACTION(S)
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Immigration EO 13767 EO 13768 EO 13769 S. 274 (Feinstein) H.R. 920 H.R. 921 H.R. 837 H.R. 392	President Trump has issued executive orders on immigration and legislation has been introduced in Congress that could have a significant impact on economic development and workforce issues in the County.	1/26/17 reports to Leg Com; 2/6/17 BOS resolution sent to House/Senate offices; 2/13/17 report to Leg Com; 2/15/17 drafted briefing doc for DC meetings; 3/1/17 meetings with Feinstein, Harris, and Panetta; 3/6/17 reviewed new travel ban executive order;
Cannabis Banking Services H.R. 715	Conflicts between federal and state laws result in financial institutions refusing to provide banking services to the cannabis industry in those states where cannabis use is legal. Federal legislation is needed to permit banks and credit unions to serve the cannabis industry.	1/26/17 report to Leg Com; 2/8/17 meeting with CA Credit Union League; 2/13/17 report to Leg Com; 2/15/17 drafted briefing doc for DC meetings; 3/1/17 meetings with Feinstein, Harris, and Panetta
Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) H.R. 753	Congress is expected to consider legislation authorizing a new round of military base closures that could impact DOD facilities on the Central Coast.	3/7/17 reviewed legislation
Housing H.R. 472	Federal policies and financial assistance that support affordable housing are integral to helping the County meets its workforce needs.	2/28/17 reviewed legislation and reported to County staff;
ADMINISTRATION		
Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT)	The PILT program, administered by the Department of the Interior, provides compensation to counties with tax-exempt federal land within their boundaries.	
Municipal Bonds	Legislative proposals to limit or eliminate the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds may be considered by Congress in the context of tax reform or infrastructure legislation.	2/7/17 request to Panetta to sign support letter; 2/13/17 report to Leg Com;

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Sales Tax Collection on Internet Sales	Congress is expected to consider legislation which would allow counties to enforce their existing sales tax laws regardless of whether a purchase is made in a store, online or through a catalog retailer. Online retailers are now required to collect state sales tax only for states where the retailer has a physical presence, such as a store or distribution center.	
Voting Rights Act	The Supreme Court struck down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act in <i>Shelby County v. Holder</i> . Section 4 contains the coverage formula that determines which jurisdictions are subject to the federal preclearance requirement in Section 5. Congress must enact legislation to create a new coverage formula in order for Section 5 to have any effect.	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
Affordable Care Act (ACA)	Congress is considering legislation to repeal the ACA as part of a budget reconciliation bill.	1/26/17 report to Leg Com; 2/15/17 reviewed briefing material and coordinated with CAPH for DC meetings; 3/1/17 meetings with Feinstein, Harris, and Panetta 3/8/17 monitored committee markups
Medicaid DSH Payments	Natividad Medical Center (NMC) receives Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments through the Medicaid and Medicare programs to provide care to uninsured patients. The ACA reduced DSH payments as the insured population increased. Repealing the ACA without increasing DSH payments would be detrimental to NMC.	3/1/17 meeting with Panetta

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Early Childhood Development Programs	<p>The federal government funds many state/local programs that promote the physical health, social and emotional well-being, and educational opportunities of young children. Programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) • Child Care and Development Block Grant • Social Services Block Grant • Head Start (including Early Head Start) • Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) • HUD Homeless Assistance 	
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Interlake Tunnel	The County is developing a water storage project to improve water supply, water quality, and environmental resources in the Salinas River valley.	<p>2/10/17 contacted NACo re: infrastructure projects for White House 3/7/17 call with Leg Com on white bass issue</p>
Nacimiento-Fergusson Road	The County is working with the U.S. Forest Service to identify federal funds for the repair and maintenance of Nacimiento-Fergusson Road in the Los Padres National Forest.	<p>2/13/17 report to Leg Com 2/15/17 drafted briefing doc for DC meetings; 3/1/17 meetings with Feinstein, Harris, and Panetta</p>
California Drought	Congress may consider legislation to address the California drought.	
Disaster Funding	The County is seeking federal disaster assistance for the Soberanes Fire and 2016-17 winter storms.	<p>2/13/17 report to Leg Com; 2/15/17 reviewed state EO on winter storms and FEMA disaster declaration; 2/28/17 drafted briefing doc for DC meetings; 3/1/17 meetings with Feinstein, Harris, and Panetta</p>
PUBLIC SAFETY		

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State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)	SCAAP is a grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) that partially reimburses state and local governments for the cost of incarcerating undocumented immigrants convicted of crimes.	
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA)	Legislation is expected to be introduced to reauthorize the JJDPA. Counties that operate juvenile detention centers, house justice-involved children in jails, or those that provide social services to justice-involved children must adhere to requirements in the JJDPA in order to receive federal funding.	