

County of Monterey Federal Issues Track 2017-18

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S. 1152	Merkley	Cannabis	SAFE Banking Act – establishes protections for financial institutions that provide services to cannabis-related businesses	Support	3/6/17 briefing document supporting banking services and legal safe harbor for cannabis industry provided to congressional delegation
H.R. 975	Rohrabacher	Cannabis	Respect State Marijuana Laws Act – provides that federal marijuana laws do not apply to individuals acting in compliance with state laws	Support	3/6/17 briefing document supporting banking services and legal safe harbor for cannabis industry provided to congressional delegation
H.R. 2215	Perlmutter	Cannabis	SAFE Act - establishes protections for financial institutions that provide services to cannabis-related businesses	Support	3/6/17 briefing document supporting banking services and legal safe harbor for cannabis industry provided to congressional delegation
H.R. 4779	Lee	Cannabis	REFER Act – no funds may be used by federal agencies to prevent states or local governments from implementing State law regarding legal cannabis distribution and usage	Monitor	
Medical Marijuana appropriations rider	Rohrabacher/Blumenauer	Cannabis	Prohibits DOJ from spending funds to prevent certain states “from implementing their own State laws that authorize the use, distribution, possession or cultivation of medical marijuana”	Support	3/6/17 briefing document supporting banking services and legal safe harbor for cannabis industry provided to congressional delegation 3/23/17 enacted as part of FY2018 Omnibus Appropriations Act
H.R. 753	Smith, A.	Economic Development	Military Infrastructure Consolidation and Efficiency Act -- authorizes a new BRAC process for DOD that values professional military education	Monitor	
EO 13792	Trump	Energy/Natural Resources	Executive Order directing the Secretary of the Interior to review certain national monuments designated or expanded under the Antiquities Act of 1906	Oppose	6/5/17 letter and support material on Fort Ord National Monument sent to Sec. Zinke (US Dept of Interior) and filed as official comment; 6/7/17 letter and support material sent to congressional delegation

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EO 13795	Trump	Energy/Natural Resources	Executive Order directing the Secretary of Commerce to review the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) for potential oil and gas development	Oppose	8/14/17 letter sent to Sec. Ross (US Dept of Commerce) opposing oil and gas drilling in MBNMS
H.R. 169	Huffman	Energy/Natural Resources	Prohibits the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management from issuing a lease for the exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any area of the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, or Washington	Support	8/23/17 letter to Panetta
H.R. 731	Carbajal	Energy/Natural Resources	Prohibits oil and gas exploration and leasing in areas of the Outer Continental Shelf located off the coast of California	Support	8/23/17 letter to Panetta
S. 31	Feinstein	Energy/Natural Resources	Prohibits the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management from issuing a lease for the exploration, development, or production of oil or natural gas in any area of the outer Continental Shelf off the coast of California, Oregon, or Washington	Support	8/23/17 letter to Feinstein and Harris
S. 2720	Cantwell	Energy/Natural Resources	<i>the Clean Coast Act -- codifies rules that were finalized by the Department of the Interior in 2016 to address key safety recommendations made after the BP Deepwater Horizon disaster</i>	Monitor	
OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program	Zinke/DOI	Energy/Natural Resources	Interior Department proposal would open over 90% of the nation's Outer Continental Shelf waters for potential oil and gas exploration and development – two auctions are proposed for the central coast in 2021 and 2023	Oppose	2/13/18 BOS resolution sent to congressional delegation and US Dept of Interior
CAFE standards	Pruitt/EPA	Environment	<i>EPA proposal would lower auto emission standards and revoke CA waiver to set more stringent standards</i>	Monitor	

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H.R. 3921	Burgess	Health	Extends the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for five years and community health center funding for two years; reduces funding for ACA Public Health Fund; delays DSH cuts until 2020	Monitor	2/9/18 Bipartisan Budget Act signed into law – extends CHIP, community health center funding, and DSH cuts
S. 1827	Hatch	Health	Extends the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for five years	Monitor	
H.R. 195	Russell	Health	CR through 2/8/18 that includes a six year extension of CHIP	Monitor	2/22/18 signed into law by President Trump
EO 13767	Trump	Immigration	Executive Order calling for construction of southern border wall, increased detention, expedited removal, and expansion of 287(g) program	Oppose	3/1/17 DC briefing document opposing EO provided to congressional delegation
EO 13768	Trump	Immigration	Executive Order calling for 10,000 additional ICE officers, loss of grant funding for sanctuary jurisdictions, increase in immigration prosecutions, and reinstatement of Secure Communities Program	Oppose	2/22/17 letter/BOS resolution declaring Monterey County a "Welcoming County for Immigrants" sent to congressional delegation; 3/1/17 DC briefing document opposing EO provided to congressional delegation
EO 13769	Trump	Immigration	Executive Order calling for a Muslim travel ban and suspension of refugee admissions	Oppose	2/3/17 letter/BOS resolution opposing EO sent to congressional delegation; 3/1/17 DC briefing document opposing EO provided to congressional delegation
DACA Repeal	Trump/DHS	Immigration	On 9/5/17, DHS issued a memorandum that phases out the DACA program protections for current beneficiaries by 3/5/18	Oppose	9/13/17 letter/BOS resolution opposing executive action sent to President and congressional delegation 3/6/18 briefing document supporting a legislative fix for DACA beneficiaries provided to congressional delegation
Census Question on Citizenship	Commerce/DOJ	Immigration	DOJ has requested the Commerce Dept to include a question on citizenship on the 2020 Census	Oppose	1/30/18 letter to Secretary of Commerce and congressional delegation

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DOJ Grants/ Sanctuary Jurisdiction	DOJ	Immigration	DOJ has sent letters to the County threatening to deny grant funds for alleged non-compliance with 8 USC § 1373	Oppose	3/6/18 briefing document opposing DOJ's sanctuary jurisdiction policy provided to congressional delegation
S. 87	Toomey	Immigration	Prohibits sanctuary jurisdictions from receiving EDA and CDBG grants	Oppose	6/28/17 letters to Feinstein and Harris
S. 274	Feinstein	Immigration	Revokes EO 13769	Monitor	
S. 415	Cortez-Masto	Immigration	Revokes EO 13768	Monitor	
S. 1034	Feinstein	Immigration	Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017 - farmworkers who have worked in agriculture for at least 100 days in each of the past two years may earn lawful "blue card" status and potentially transition to lawful permanent residency	Support	6/27/17 letter to Feinstein and Harris
S. 1126	Strange	Immigration	Denies federal transportation funds to sanctuary jurisdictions	Oppose	6/28/17 letters to Feinstein and Harris
S. 1615	Graham	Immigration	DREAM Act	Support	9/13/17 letter/BOS resolution supporting DACA legislation sent to Feinstein and Harris
S. 1720	Cotton	Immigration	RAISE Act – establishes a "merit-based" immigration system, cuts annual green card distribution in half, caps refugee admissions, and ends visa diversity lottery	Monitor	
S. 2144	Van Hollen	Immigration	SECURE Act – provides for qualified TPS recipients to apply for legal permanent residency	Support	12/11/17 letter/BOS resolution supporting an extension of TPS and pathway to citizenship sent to congressional delegation
H.R. 83	Barletta	Immigration	Prohibits federal financial assistance to sanctuary jurisdictions	Oppose	6/28/17 letter to Panetta
H.R. 400	Black	Immigration	Prohibits sanctuary jurisdictions from receiving EDA and CDBG grants	Oppose	6/28/17 letter to Panetta
H.R. 496	Coffman	Immigration	Provides a three-year provisional protected status to DREAMERS	Monitor	
H.R. 824	Smith, J.	Immigration	Denies federal transportation funds to sanctuary jurisdictions	Oppose	6/28/17 letter to Panetta

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H.R. 2431	Labrador	Immigration	Authorizes localities to enforce criminal penalties for immigration violations; provides immunity for local officials enforcing immigration laws	Monitor	
H.R. 2690	Gutierrez	Immigration	Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017 - farmworkers who have worked in agriculture for at least 100 days in each of the past two years may earn lawful “blue card” status and potentially transition to lawful permanent residency	Support	6/27/17 letter to Panetta
H.R. 3003	Goodlatte	Immigration	Prevents states and localities from establishing policies that prohibit cooperation with federal immigration authorities; non-compliant localities are denied DOJ grant funds	Oppose	6/28/17 letter to Panetta
H.R. 3440	Roybal-Allard	Immigration	DREAM Act	Support	9/13/17 letter/BOS resolution supporting DACA legislation sent to Panetta
H.R. 3711	Smith, L.	Immigration	Legal Workforce Act – establishes an employment verification system patterned after E-Verify	Monitor	
H.R. 4253	Velazquez	Immigration	Creates a path to permanent, lawful residency for individuals who currently receive TPS and Deferred Enforcement Departure	Support	12/11/17 letter/BOS resolution supporting an extension of TPS and pathway to citizenship sent to congressional delegation
H.R. 4760	Goodlatte	Immigration	Secure America’s Future Act – eliminates family-based legal immigration; ends diversity visa lottery; spends \$33.5 billion on border security; mandates E-Verify; establishes new agricultural worker program; provides DACA beneficiaries with 3-year renewable legal status	Monitor	3/6/18 Legislative Committee discussed with congressional delegation during office visits
Trump Infrastructure Proposal	Trump	Infrastructure	Proposes \$200 billion in federal funds to leverage \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure investments at the State, local, and private level; streamlines environmental permitting	Monitor	2/12/18 meeting with Panetta staff

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FEMA disaster assistance		Infrastructure	<i>FEMA provides federal assistance for major disasters to repair damaged infrastructure</i>	Support	<i>3/6/17 briefing document requesting support for FEMA disaster assistance provided to congressional delegation 3/20/18 draft letter to FEMA provided to Panetta and Harris 4/20/18 follow up discussions with Panetta</i>
S. 2155	Crapo	Infrastructure	Financial Services legislation that contains provision reclassifying municipal debt as a High-Quality Liquid Asset	Monitor	
Pajaro River Flood Control Project		Infrastructure	Monterey and Santa Cruz counties are working with the Army Corps of Engineers to authorize and fund a flood control project for the Pajaro River	Support	10/3-5/17 meetings with White House, Panetta, congressional staff and Army Corps 11/1/17 meeting with Panetta
H.R. 5620	Panetta	Justice	<i>Armed Prohibited Persons Act of 2018 -- helps states launch initiatives to remove guns from convicted felons and the dangerously mentally ill through a competitive grant program within the Department of Justice</i>	Monitor	
S. 2271	Reed	Social Services	<i>Museum and Library Services Act – reauthorizes federal grant programs for libraries</i>	Support	<i>1/29/18 letter to Feinstein and Harris 4/26/18 discussion with County Librarian about Capitol Hill meetings</i>
H.R. 1	Brady	Tax	Tax Cuts and Jobs Act – limits property tax deduction to \$10,000 and eliminates deductions for state and local income taxes; eliminates tax-exempt status of advanced refunding bonds; maintains tax-exempt status of municipal bonds and private activity bonds	Oppose	11/15/17 letter to Panetta
S. 976	Enzi	Tax	Marketplace Fairness Act - allows states and counties to enforce existing sales tax laws on remote purchases	Monitor	
H.R. 2193	Noem	Tax	Remote Transactions Parity Act - allows states and counties to enforce existing sales tax laws on remote purchases	Monitor	

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Payment in Lieu of Taxes		Tax	Department of the Interior program that provides compensation to counties with tax-exempt federal land within their boundaries	Monitor	3/23/18 full funding enacted as part of FY2018 Omnibus Appropriations Act
FY2018 Transportation Funding	Trump	Transportation	The President's FY18 budget request proposes deep cuts to FTA grant programs	Oppose	5/2/17 letters to congressional delegation
FY2019 Transportation Funding	Trump	Transportation	<i>The President's FY19 budget request proposes deep cuts to transportation programs</i>	Oppose	<i>4/9/18 letter to Panetta 4/12/18 discussion with Panetta staff re: Appropriations Committee testimony 4/25/18 letter to Feinstein and Harris</i>