

County of Monterey Federal Issues Track 2019-20

Measure	Author	Topic	Brief Summary	Position	Notes
Medical Marijuana appropriations rider	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”	Monitor	1/28/19 passed House as part of appropriations package to reopen the government
H.R. 1595 S. 1200	Perlmutter Merkley	Cannabis	SAFE Banking Act – creates a safe harbor for financial institutions to provide services to lawful, state-authorized cannabis businesses	Monitor	3/28/19 approved by Financial Services Com 9/25/19 passed House
H.R. 3884 S. 2227	Nadler Harris	Cannabis	<i>Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act of 2019 -- decriminalizes and deschedules cannabis, provides for reinvestment in certain persons adversely impacted by the War on Drugs, provides for expungement of certain cannabis offenses</i>	Monitor	
H.R. 3185	Panetta	Economic Development	Defense Language Improvement Act – authorizes the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center to confer a BA degree in foreign language	Monitor	
CAFE standards	EPA/NHTSA	Environment	EPA proposal would lower auto emission standards and revoke CA waiver to set more stringent standards	Oppose	10/25/18 comment letter submitted to regulations.gov
H.R. 4051 S. 2284	Panetta Feinstein	Environment	Climate Action Rebate Act – imposes a carbon fee on fossil fuels and rebates revenues to low-income citizens	Support	10/14/19 LC Support 10/15/19 letters to Rep. Panetta and Sen. Feinstein
H.R. 310 H.R. 1941 S. 1318	Huffman Cunningham Feinstein	Environment	West Coast Ocean Protection Act – prohibits offshore oil and gas development	Support	5/13/19 LC Support 5/14/19 Letters to Panetta, Feinstein, Harris 9/11/19 Passed House
BLM Central	BLM	Environment	Proposal to increase oil and gas fracking on public	Protest	6/4/19 BOS approved protest position

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Coast Oil and Gas Proposal			lands		6/5/19 Letter filed with BLM 10/4/19 BLM ROD issued; County protest dismissed
H.R. 5303	Panetta	Environment	Establishes a moratorium on new oil and gas leasing on federal land on the central coast	Monitor	
H.R. 3022 H.R. 3054	Engel Olson	Health	Repeal and/or delay of Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payment reductions under the ACA	Support	7/22/19 LC Support
S. 1895	Alexander	Health	Lower Health Care Costs Act – extends mandatory funding for community health centers and authorizes new grant programs for local health departments	Support	7/22/19 LC Support
H.R. 987 S. 455 S. 1400	Rochester Shaheen Menendez	Health	Increases consumer access to comprehensive and affordable health care services	Support	6/7/19 Letters to Feinstein and Harris
H.R. 5438	Cox	Health	End Valley Fever Now Act – authorizes funding for research and clinical trials	Support	1/13/20 LC Support
McKinney-Vento program	Department of Education	Homelessness	Department of Education provides funding to local education departments to address student homelessness issues	Support	3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation 5/8/19 FY2020 funding approved by House Appropriations Committee
H.R. 2001	Stivers	Homelessness	Homeless Children and Youth Act – expands HUD’s definition of “homeless” to include all children and youth who are already verified as homeless by other educational and social services programs	Monitor	
Emergency Solutions Grant program	HUD	Homelessness	Provides grants to local governments to address homelessness issues	Support	3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation
S. 923	Feinstein	Homelessness	Fighting Homelessness Through Services and Housing Act – provides grants to local governments for housing and homeless services	Support	4/8/19 LC Support 4/9/19 Letter to Sen. Feinstein

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Census Question on Citizenship	Commerce Department	Immigration	Commerce Department intends to include a question on citizenship on the 2020 Census	Oppose	1/30/18 letter to Secretary of Commerce and congressional delegation 3/5/19 meeting with Department of Commerce and Census Bureau officials in DC 3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation
H.R. 6	Roybal-Allard	Immigration	American Dream and Promise Act of 2019 – provides Dreamers and TPS recipients with an earned pathway to citizenship	Monitor	3/12/19 cosponsored by Panetta 6/4/19 passed House
S. 879	Van Hollen	Immigration	SECURE Act – provides TPS recipients with an earned pathway to citizenship	Monitor	3/26/19 cosponsored by Feinstein
S. 175 H.R. 641	Feinstein Harris Panetta	Immigration	Agricultural Worker Program Act - 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	2/11/19 LC Support 2/12/19 letters to Panetta, Feinstein & Harris 3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation
S. 292 H.R. 541	Feinstein Harris Panetta	Immigration	Keep Families Together Act – prohibits DHS from separating undocumented children from their parents at or near the border	Support	2/11/19 LC Support 2/12/19 letters to Panetta, Feinstein & Harris
H.R. 4916	Panetta	Immigration	Farm Workforce Modernization Act – establishes new program for ag workers to earn legal status	Support	11/12/19 LC Support 11/17/19 letters to Panetta, Feinstein & Harris
S. 2302	Barasso	Infrastructure	America’s Transportation Infrastructure Act – reauthorizes federal surface transportation programs for five years	Monitor	10/14/19 LC Watch
H.R. 3328	Torres	Immigration	Citizenship Affordability Act – provides for fee waivers for naturalization	Monitor	12/5/19 comment letter submitted to USCIS
<i>Pajaro River Flood Control Project</i>		<i>Infrastructure</i>	<i>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</i>	<i>Support</i>	<i>3/2/19 NACo resolution cosponsored by Monterey and Santa Cruz counties adopted 3/5/19 meeting with Panetta 8/13-14/19 meetings with ACOE, House and Senate staff</i>

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					12/12/19 ACOE signs Director's Report 12/20/19 report language in FY20 budget 2/11/20 ACOE FY20 Work Plan - \$1.8M
H.R. 8	Thompson	Justice	Bipartisan Background Checks Act – requires background checks for all gun sales	Monitor	2/27/19 passed House
H.R. 1112	Clyburn	Justice	Enhanced Background Checks Act – closes loophole related to three day waiting period for gun sales	Monitor	2/27/19 passed House
S. 488 H.R. 35	Harris Rush	Justice	Justice for Victims of Lynching Act	Support	6/7/19 Letter to Panetta 2/26/20 passed House
H.R. 530	Eshoo	Government	Legislation to overturn an FCC rulemaking on 5G wireless network deployment that curtails local authority	Support	3/11/19 LC Support 3/15/19 letter sent to Panetta
Area Census Office	Commerce Department	Government	The U.S. Census Bureau is opening 248 local census offices around the country to assist with the 2020 Census	Support	10/1/18 letter to U.S. Census Bureau in support of opening a census office in Monterey County 11/13/18 response letter received from U.S. Census Bureau denying request 1/16/19 Panetta letter to Commerce 3/5/19 meeting with Department of Commerce and Census Bureau officials in DC 3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation
S. 4	Harris	Tax	LIFT Middle Class Act – establishes a refundable middle class tax credit of up to \$3,000 for individuals and \$6,000 for married couples	Support	4/8/19 LC Support 4/9/19 Letter to Sen. Harris
S. 1932	Gardner Feinstein	Water	Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act – extends water storage and recycling programs authorized by the WIIN Act	Support	7/22/19 LC Support 7/31/19 Letter to Sen. Feinstein
S. 2466	Harris	Water	Water Justice Act – provides funding for safe drinking water programs for high-risk communities	Monitor	10/14/19 LC Support 10/15/19 letter to Sen. Harris
Interlake		Water	WIIN Act Section 4007 water storage funding		7/1/19 call with Bureau of Reclamation

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Tunnel Project			opportunity through Bureau of Reclamation		7/3/19 call with WRA and County staff 9/5/19 call with Bureau of Reclamation
San Antonio Dam Repairs		Water	Federal funding is needed to assist with costs associated with repairs to the spillway		11/6/19 call with Feinstein staff
Salinas Valley Water Project		Water	Biological Opinion for project has been rescinded by NOAA/NMFS		2/28/19 update provided to Rep. Panetta staff