

## County of Monterey Federal Issues Track 2019-20

| Measure                                | Author                             | Topic                | Brief Summary  | Position       | Notes  |
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| 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  |
| <b>H.R. 1595<br/>S. 1200</b>           | <b>Perlmutter<br/>Merkley</b>      | <b>Cannabis</b>      | <b>SAFE Banking Act – creates a safe harbor for financial institutions to provide services to lawful, state-authorized cannabis businesses</b>   | <b>Monitor</b> | <b>3/28/19 approved by Financial Services Com<br/>9/25/19 passed House<br/>5/15/20 passed House in HEROES Act</b>        |
| H.R. 3884<br>S. 2227                   | Nadler<br>Harris                   | Cannabis             | 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 | 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<br>S. 2284                   | Panetta<br>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<br>10/15/19 letters to Rep. Panetta and Sen. Feinstein   |
| H.R. 310<br>H.R. 1941<br>S. 1318       | Huffman<br>Cunningham<br>Feinstein | Environment          | West Coast Ocean Protection Act – prohibits offshore oil and gas development   | Support        | 5/13/19 LC Support<br>5/14/19 Letters to Panetta, Feinstein, Harris<br>9/11/19 Passed House                              |
| BLM Central Coast Oil and Gas Proposal | BLM                                | Environment          | Proposal to increase oil and gas fracking on public lands  | Protest        | 6/4/19 BOS approved protest position<br>6/5/19 Letter filed with BLM<br>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        |  |

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| 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<br>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<br>11/13/18 response letter received from U.S. Census Bureau denying request<br>1/16/19 Panetta letter to Commerce<br>3/5/19 meeting with Department of Commerce and Census Bureau officials in DC<br>3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation |
| H.R. 3043                     | Kirkpatrick                      | Government        | Permanently Authorizing PILT Act  | Monitor         |  |
| H.R. 6467                     | Neguse                           | Government        | Coronavirus Community Relief Act  | Monitor         | 4/30/20 call with Panetta staff  |
| <b>Draft</b>                  | <b>Panetta</b>                   | <b>Government</b> | <b>Coronavirus County Relief and Stability Act</b>  | <b>Monitor</b>  | <b>5/26-6/3/20 emails with Panetta staff</b>   |
| <b>H.R. 1629<br/>S. 1015</b>  | <b>Torres<br/>Burr</b>           | <b>Government</b> | <b>911 SAVES Act</b>  | <b>Monitor</b>  |  |
| H.R. 3022<br>H.R. 3054        | Engel<br>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<br>S. 455<br>S. 1400 | Rochester<br>Shaheen<br>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<br>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         |  |

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| 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<br>4/9/19 Letter to Sen. Feinstein   |
| 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<br>3/5/19 meeting with Department of Commerce and Census Bureau officials in DC<br>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<br>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<br>H.R. 641                | Feinstein<br>Harris<br>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<br>2/12/19 letters to Panetta, Feinstein & Harris<br>3/6/19 meeting with congressional delegation   |
| S. 292<br>H.R. 541                | Feinstein<br>Harris<br>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<br>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<br>11/17/19 letters to Panetta, Feinstein & Harris   |
| H.R. 6437                         | Chu                            | Immigration    | Coronavirus Immigrant Families Protection Act  | Monitor         | 4/30/20 call with Panetta staff  |
| 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  |

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| 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         | 3/2/19 NACo resolution cosponsored by Monterey and Santa Cruz counties adopted<br>3/5/19 meeting with Panetta<br>8/13-14/19 meetings with ACOE, House and Senate staff<br>12/12/19 ACOE signs Director's Report<br>12/20/19 report language in FY20 budget<br>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<br>H.R. 35                  | Harris<br>Rush       | Justice        | Justice for Victims of Lynching Act  | Support         | 6/7/19 Letter to Panetta<br>2/26/20 passed House   |
| 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<br>4/9/19 Letter to Sen. Harris  |
| S. 1932                            | Gardner<br>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<br>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<br>10/15/19 letter to Sen. Harris  |
| Interlake Tunnel Project           |                      | Water          | WIIN Act Section 4007 water storage funding opportunity through Bureau of Reclamation  |                 | 7/1/19 call with Bureau of Reclamation<br>7/3/19 call with WRA and County staff<br>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  |