

Amendment 1

2018 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee for Public Safety

TO: HB 286 / HB 285

OFFERED BY: Rep. Scott Kawasaki

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers

ALLOCATION: Prisoner Transportation

DELETE: \$400.0 UGF (1004) from the travel line

EXPLANATION: Between FY13 and FY17, actual expenditures decreased by 41 percent (from \$3.1 million to \$1.8 million). Given the trend, the FY18 budget and the FY19 Governor's Request appear to be overfunded. This amendment removes "excess" funding in this allocation.

Amendment 2

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee for Public Safety

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OFFERED BY: Rep. Scott Kawasaki

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

APPROPRIATION: Statewide Support

ALLOCATION: Criminal Justice Information Systems Program

DELETE: \$297.5 UGF (1004) from the personal services line

DELETE POSITIONS: 3 PFT Positions

ADD: \$297.5 UGF (1004) and 3 PFTs **IncT (FY19-FY21)** in the personal services line

EXPLANATION: The department requested \$595.0 and 6 PFT positions for a new unit to review law enforcement case reports in the Alaska Records Management System (ARMS) for completeness, and work to ensure that data can be used for enhanced crime statistical reporting by all ARMS users. The data will be reported in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) format which will allow for more timely and robust crime statistical information for better agency-to-agency and state-to-state crime statistics reporting.

While the subcommittee recognizes that creating new systems is labor intensive, adding six new positions to the base budget with no further scrutiny did not seem to be prudent.

This amendment adds the funding level and positions requested by the Governor, however, the funding and positions will be removed from the FY22 budget unless the department provides justification for continued funding.

Amendment 3

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PART A

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers
ALLOCATION: Alaska State Trooper Detachments

TRANSFER OUT: \$585.0 UGF (1004) from the travel line

APPROPRIATION: Village Public Safety Officer Program
ALLOCATION: Village Public Safety Officer Program

TRANSFER IN: \$585.0 UGF (1004) to Grants, Benefits

EXPLANATION FOR TRANSFER: The Governor's FY19 budget increases AST Detachment travel by \$2 million UGF to improve law enforcement access to rural communities. This amendment appropriates a portion (\$585.0) of the request to the Village Public Safety Officer Program to increase VPSO travel to rural communities. The 585.0 amount reflects the actual expenditure for total grantee travel in FY17.

ADD VILLAGE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
INTENT LANGUAGE: It is the intent of the legislature that the amount of \$585,000 be provided to VPSO grantees for the purpose of travel to rural communities. It is also the intent of the legislature that the Department support VPSO contractors' efforts to provide public safety services to the maximum geographic area surrounding their duty station.

EXPLANATION FOR INTENT: The provision of public safety in remote rural Alaska comes with challenges related to distance. Intending the amount of \$585,000 for VPSO contractors to be expended for VPSOs to cover the maximum geographic area practicable clarifies that some VPSO expenditures will be used for fuel and travel. VPSO rovers and travel from village to village provides a significantly broader reach for the Department.

PART B

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers
ALLOCATION: Alaska State Trooper Detachments

DELETE: \$773.2 UGF (1004) from travel line

ADD THE FOLLOWING WORDAGE: Of the amount appropriated in this allocation, \$641,800 must be expended in the travel line to improve law enforcement access to rural communities.

EXPLANATION FOR TRAVEL LINE DECREMENT: The Governor's proposed FY19 request in the travel line is \$3,376.2, an increase of \$2,000.0 from FY18. Between FY14 and FY17, the average actual expenditures were \$2,018.0 for AST Detachments.

To meet the need for increased AST presence in rural areas of the state while balancing the continued constraints on expenditures, this amendment aligns the Governor's requested travel increment with the 4-year average (FY14-FY17) of actual travel expenditures.

Although this decrement removes \$773.2 UGF from the Governor's FY19 request, if approved, the AST Detachment's travel line will still increase by \$641.8 UGF from FY18.

EXPLANATION FOR WORDAGE The amount reflected in the wordage requires that the FY19 increase in the travel line be expended for AST travel to rural communities.

Amendment 4

2018 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: House Finance Department of Public Safety Budget Subcommittee

TO: HB 286 / HB 285

OFFERED BY: Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Statewide Support
ALLOCATION: Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol

DELETE: \$453.5 UGF (1004)

ADD: \$302.3 UGF (1004) as an IncOTI

ADD INTENT LANGUAGE: It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol actively search for non-state funding to support its operations.

EXPLANATION: Although the increment provides two-thirds the level of funding in FY19 that the Governor requested, this amendment adds intent language that the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol to find non-state funding sources to support its operations. In anticipation of support from non-state funding sources in FY20, the one-time increment will remove all UGF funding from the base budget in FY20.

Amendment 5

2018 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee

TO: HB 286 / HB 285

OFFERED BY: Representative Tammie Wilson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers
ALLOCATION: Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol

DELETE: (\$100,000) UGF, Services

EXPLANATION: Actual expenditures in the Services line item for Consulting Services and Software were \$21,300 in FY 16 and \$3,600 in FY 17. This amendment reduces this allocation by \$100,000 to an FY 19 budget request level of \$44,200 which exceeds expenditures that occurred in FY 16 and FY 17.

Amendment G

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee

TO: HB 286 / HB 285

OFFERED BY: Representative Tammie Wilson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Safety

APPROPRIATION: Statewide Support

ALLOCATION: Commissioner's Office

DELETE: (\$100,000) UGF 1004 Services

EXPLANATION: Actual expenditures in the Services line item for Other Services (printing charges for training materials) were \$10,000 in FY 16 and \$32,000 in FY 17. This amendment reduces this allocation by \$100,000 to an FY 19 budget request of \$75,000 which is twice the amount of FY 2017 actual expenditures.

Amendment 7

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TO: HB 286 / HB 285

OFFERED BY: Representative Tammie Wilson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Village Public Safety Officer Program
ALLOCATION: Village Public Safety Officer Program

DELETE: (\$1,000,000) UGF 1004 Grants, Benefits

EXPLANATION: Actual expenditures in the Grants line item for Sub-Recipient Pass-Through Grants were \$9,689,700 in FY 17. This amendment reduces this allocation by \$1,000,000 to an FY 19 budget request level of \$10,905,400 which is \$1,215,700 over FY 17 actual expenditures.

Amendment 8

2018 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET STATUTORY CHANGE PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: House Finance Department of Public Safety

TO: AS 18.70.080

OFFERED BY: Representative Kawasaki

RECOMMENDED STATUTE CHANGE:

The Commissioner of Public Safety may establish by regulation a schedule of reasonable fees for services provided by the Department of Public Safety under AS 18.70.050. The fee established for a service may not exceed the actual cost of providing the service. The commissioner may define or establish the "actual cost of providing a service" by regulation. The Department of Public Safety shall charge and collect the fees established under this subsection. The department may waive collection of a fee upon a finding that collection is not economically feasible or in the public interest.

EXPLANATION:

As heard in subcommittee on February 6, the Division of Fire & Life Safety cannot charge fees for regular building inspections – only for plan reviews, as authorized under AS 18.70.080(b). Currently, the Designated General Funds are raised by charging for plan reviews, but the funds are used for conducting regular building inspections. In subcommittee, the Department stated that because of the current lack of authority to charge fees for regular inspections, the Division is unlikely to raise the additional \$125.0 of GF/Program Receipts (DGF) requested in the Governor's FY19 budget.

By giving the Department authority to charge fees for regular inspections, with a waiver available to entities such as nonprofits or childcare facilities that cannot bear the cost of an inspection fee, the Division of Fire & Life Safety may be better able to recoup some of the cost of regular inspections.

Amendment 9

2018 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET STATUTORY CHANGE PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: House Finance Department of Public Safety

TO: AS 18.65.670

OFFERED BY: Representative Kawasaki

RECOMMENDED STATUTE CHANGE:

In coordination with Village Public Safety Officer Program grantees and the Department of Public Safety, the subcommittee recommends the Legislature revisits the VPSO Program statutes to ensure maximum geographic range of Village Public Safety Officers and improve flexibility for the grantees' use of funding. Any changes should enhance the mission of the VPSO Program to preserve public peace, protect life and property in rural villages.

EXPLANATION:

The VPSO Program statutes have not been updated in nearly 40 years, except to authorize firearms for Village Public Safety Officers. Over the years, the legislature has provided direction to the Department of Public Safety through budget intent language.

Revisiting the statutory language may not only improve communication between the Legislature, Department of Public Safety and the VPSO Grantees, but also enhance the function of this vitally important public service in rural communities.

Amendment 10

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee

TO: HB 286 / HB 285

OFFERED BY: Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Statewide Support
ALLOCATION: Laboratory Services

ADD INTENT LANGUAGE: It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Public Safety actively seek arrangements to rent space in the Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory to municipalities, federal agencies, and other state agencies.

EXPLANATION: The Alaska Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory was designed to handle capacity beyond the laboratory's current needs. This amendment directs the Department of Public Safety to actively seek municipalities, federal agencies, and other state agencies to rent the underutilized space, so that the laboratory operates in a more cost effective manner.

Amendment 11

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OFFERED BY: Representative Kreiss-Tomkins

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

APPROPRIATION: Village Public Safety Officer Program

ALLOCATION: Village Public Safety Officer Program

ADD INTENT LANGUAGE: It is the intent of the legislature that the VPSO Rural Firefighter Specialist Training remain in Sitka.

2018 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: House Finance Department of Public Safety Budget Subcommittee

TO: HB 285 / HB 286

OFFERED BY: Representative Lincoln

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

APPROPRIATION: Village Public Safety Officer Program

ADD INTENT LANGUAGE: It is the intent of the legislature that the Department fully disperse funding meant for the VPSO Program to VPSO grant recipients. VPSO grantees are encouraged to use the funding for recruitment and retention of VPSOs, however they may use the funds for other purposes within their mission, such as operational costs to better utilize filled positions or housing multiple VPSOs in a single community, if judged to be more beneficial to public safety.

EXPLANATION: The VPSO program is vital to rural communities. This program should be fully funded and the efforts to meet recruitment and retention goals should be supported.

Regulation 13.AAC 96.040 (a) (2) (B) allows for multiple VPSOs in single communities in special circumstances when contractors indicate there is a benefit to such arrangements when they make their grant application. However, such application requests can currently be denied, often without explanation. Challenges facing VPSO contractors related to provision of public safety and enhancement of recruitment and retention should be considered "special circumstances."