

**2018 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL**

**OFFERED IN:** House Finance University of Alaska Budget Subcommittee

**TO:** HB 285 / HB 286

**OFFERED BY:** Representative David Guttenberg

**DEPARTMENT:** University of Alaska

**APPROPRIATION:** University of Alaska

**ALLOCATION:** Anchorage Campus

**ADD:** \$150.00 GF/MH (Fund code 1037)

**DELETE:** N/A

**POSITIONS:** N/A

**EXPLANATION:** These funds, in conjunction with the Alaska Mental Health Trust's \$225.0 MHTAAR, are required for the operations of the Alaska Justice Information Center. The AJiC mission is "to compile, analyze, and report on criminal justice topics to policymakers and practitioners in order to improve public safety, increase criminal justice system accountability, and to reduce recidivism." This function is critical as the State tries to implement data-driven policy to address rising crime rates.

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**DEPARTMENT:** University of Alaska

**APPROPRIATION:** University of Alaska

**ALLOCATION:** System Wide

**ADD:** \$13,500 General Funds (Code 1004)

**EXPLANATION:** The FY19 Governor's Operating Budget for the University of Alaska is \$317 million, while the FY19 Board of Regents Budget request totals \$341 million. This will add \$13.5 million to partially bridge the budget shortfall.

**2018 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET STATUTORY CHANGE PROPOSAL**

**OFFERED IN:** House Finance University Budget Subcommittee

**TO:** AS 14.43.510(a)

**OFFERED BY:** Representative LeDoux

**RECOMMENDED STATUTE CHANGE:**

AS 14.43.510(a) is amended to read:

(a) Except as provided under (b) and (c) of this section, as a condition of participating in a medical education program under AS 14.42.033, a program participant shall agree to either return to the state and actively engage in professional medical practice or repay financial support provided by the state on behalf of the program participant. The financial support to be repaid is equal to the full [50 percent of the] amount paid for each program participant by the state to the contracting postsecondary institution, plus interest. The rate of interest is equal to the 12th Federal Reserve District discount rate in effect on March 1 of the year in which the financial support is provided plus two percentage points. Interest imposed under this subsection begins to accrue when the person terminates studies under the medical education program. Accrued interest shall be added to the principal balance of the repayment obligation at the time the borrower is obligated to commence repayment and at the end of a deferment period.

**EXPLANATION:**

The purpose of the WWAMI program, as stated on the program website, is to “train physicians who will return to practice in Alaska.” The state should not pay for the educational costs of students who do not return to Alaska to practice medicine.

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**ALLOCATION:** Systemwide Reduction/Addition

### **TRANSACTION DETAILS:**

**Title:** Prioritizing University of Alaska as a resource for state research

**Wordage Type:** Intent

**Linkage:** Agency- University of Alaska

**WORDAGE:** It is the intent of the legislature that all state agencies and instrumentalities that intend to contract for basic or applied research, including consultation, undertaking a study, performing a needs assessment, or providing an analysis, discuss with the University of Alaska's Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Research to, determine whether the University of Alaska can provide that service to the agency in a cost effective manner and, if so, obtain that service from the University of Alaska unless contrary to the best interests of the state or contrary to another provision of law.

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**APPROPRIATION:** University of Alaska

**ALLOCATION:** Budget Reductions/ Additions- Systemwide

**ADD:** **\$24.5 million- General Funds (Code 1004)**

**EXPLANATION:** The FY19 Governor's Operating Budget for the University of Alaska is \$317 million, while the FY19 Board of Regents Budget request totals \$341 million. There is a \$24.5 million budget shortfall to the Regent's request made up of the following items:

**Fixed cost increases: \$9.7 million**

Facilities Maintenance	\$3.7 million
Utilities	\$3.1 million
UAF Engineering Building Operating Costs	\$2.1 million
Academic and Research Subscription Increases	\$0.9 million

**Strategic investments by objective: \$14.7 million**

Increase Degree Attainment	\$7.3 million
Grow Our World Class Research	\$3.7 million
Provide A Skilled Alaskan Workforce	\$2.1 million
Contribute to Alaska's Economic Development	\$1.6 million

**Total: \$24.5 million**