

Senate Finance / University of Alaska Subcommittee
Subcommittee Members: Sen. Kiehl, Sen. Hoffman, Sen. Stedman, Sen. Olson, Sen. Merrick, Sen. Kaufman, Sen. Cronk

Narrative Closeout Report
April 15, 2025

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the University of Alaska submits the following FY26 recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee:

Fund Group: (dollars are in thousands)	Senate Sub
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	347,566.9
Designated General Funds	312,888.3
Other Funds	219,148.0
Federal Funds	214,786.2
TOTAL FUNDS	1,094,389.4

Positions:	
Permanent Full-time	3,860
Permanent Part Time	343
Temporary	0
TOTAL POSITIONS	4,203

BUDGET ACTIONS:

Recognizing the constraints on available revenue, the Senate Finance Subcommittee denied requests for General Fund increments, except for bargained contractual increases. The Subcommittee made no additions to the Governor's Amended budget request.

University of Alaska Amended Budget Request:

The Subcommittee accepted many items requested in the Governor's Amended budget. These items include:

- 4,125.0 increase in University receipts for maintenance.
- 1,930.0 increase in University receipts for IT & cybersecurity.
- 1,200.0 increase in University receipts for scholarships.
- 2,600.0 increase in University receipts and 13 new positions for student recruitment and retention.

Organizational Changes:

The Senate Finance Subcommittee approved all structural changes related to the establishment of new Facilities Operations and Maintenance allocations.

Additional Subcommittee Changes:

The Subcommittee made the following reductions:

- Reduced the governor's adjusted base request for \$5,352.3 UGF, \$2,124.6 Fed, and \$1,289.2 DGF to cover discretionary salary increases outside of bargained contractual increases.
- \$81.7 UGF reduction to Board of Regents travel, catering, and support staff.
- \$238.0 UGF reduction for vacant positions which will not be refilled as a result of Board of Regents' policy changes.

Recommendations to the Finance Committee:

The Subcommittee recommends the full Finance Committee reappropriate the remaining unspent funds to pursue R1 status from the FY25 budget. As the University is not on track to achieve R1 status in this cycle, the funds can be appropriated for the next cycle.

ATTACHED REPORTS

The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the University of Alaska adopted the attached Budget Action Report for the University of Alaska. This report incorporates agency totals, transaction comparisons for the FY25 Management Plan to the Senate Subcommittee recommendation, FY26 Adjusted Base to the Senate Subcommittee recommendation, and FY26 Governor's Amended Budget to the Senate Subcommittee recommendation.

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Jesse Kiehl