

2020 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee

TO: HB 205 / HB 206

OFFERED BY:
Representative Zulkosky
Representative Tarr
Representative Spohnholz

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Behavioral Health

ALLOCATION: Suicide Prevention Council

RESTORE: \$400,000 GF/MH (UGF, fund code 1037)

EXPLANATION: This funding restores the FY21 removal of all \$400.0 UGF of grant funding in the Suicide Prevention Council per the fiscal note for SB10 (SLA 2019). Legislative intent directed the Council and the Department of Education and Early Development to work together to develop a long-term sustainability plan for suicide prevention training work. Additionally, the intent language directed that grant funding be divided 50% to rural school districts and 50% to urban school districts.

The plan was submitted to the legislature on 11.26.19. This restoration of funds would maintain FY20 grant funding levels in the Suicide Prevention Council.

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DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Behavioral Health

ALLOCATION: Suicide Prevention Council

ADD: \$181.6 GF/MH (UGF, fund code 1037)

EXPLANATION: This funding partially restores the FY21 removal of all grant funding in the Suicide Prevention Council, \$400.0 (SLA 2019 HB SB10). The legislature included intent with the legislation that grant funding be divided 50% to rural school districts and 50% to urban school districts. Additionally, the intent directed the Council and the Department of Education and Early Development to work together to develop a long-term sustainability plan for suicide prevention training work and submit the plan to the legislature by December 1, 2019. The plan was submitted to the legislature on 11.26.19.

This restored funding is intended to be offset with a change to the Governor's request of four positions in the Commissioner's Office. Modifying the request in the Commissioner's Office to two positions (one Deputy Commissioner and one Program Coordinator) would facilitate this action.

Amendment #3

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OFFERED BY: Rep. Ivy Spohnholz

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health and Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Alaska Pioneer Homes

ALLOCATION: Alaska Pioneer Homes Management

ADD: \$205,100, General Funds, 1004

DELETE: \$205,100, Recidivism Reduction Fund—Designated General Funds, 1246.

APPROPRIATION: Alaska Pioneer Homes

ALLOCATION: Pioneer Homes

ADD: \$2,224,300, General Funds, 1004.

DELETE: \$2,224,300, Recidivism Reduction Fund—Designated General Funds, 1246.

APPROPRIATION: Behavioral Health

ALLOCATION: Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants

ADD: \$2,429,400, Recidivism Reduction Fund – DGF, 1246

DELETE: \$2,429,400, GF/MH – UGF, 1037

EXPLANATION: Appropriately places Recidivism Reduction Funds (see AS 43.61.010(d)) in Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants while maintaining GF funding levels in the Pioneer Homes.

Amendment #4

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee

TO: HB 205 / HB 206

OFFERED BY: Rep. Johnston

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Senior and Disabilities Services

ALLOCATION: Senior and Disabilities Services Administration

ADD: \$63,000, GF/MH, (UGF, fund code 1037)
One Time Funding

EXPLANATION: This represents the UGF match (GF/MH) for the IT Application/Telehealth Services System Improvements funded with MHTAAR and GF/MH. The Governor only included the \$38,100 MHTAAR portion for this effort. The total cost is \$101,100.

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OFFERED BY: Representative Ivy Spohnholz

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health and Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Senior and Disabilities Services

ALLOCATION: Senior and Disabilities Services Administration

ADD: It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services produce a report on how to move individuals on the 1915 (c) Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities waiver waitlist into the program during Fiscal Year 2021. The report shall analyze how many individuals on the waitlist may be eligible to receive 100% of their services funded by the federal government, the impact of changes to service hours and other benefits to recipients, and to the Department of Health and Social Services' budget. The report shall be submitted to Legislative Finance Division by September 30, 2020.

EXPLANATION: This amendment will allow for greater transparency in the provision of waiver services to developmentally disabled Alaskans. Waiver services are designed to keep beneficiaries in their home communities and reduce the need for institutional level of care placements. This allows beneficiaries to live more independently, and it saves money by avoiding the need for more expensive placements in institutions.