



# 29<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature

House Finance Budget Subcommittee

Department of Law

FY 16 Operating Budget

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW**  
**FY2016 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE**  
**REPORT**  
**February 24, 2015**

## **SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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Rep. Dan Saddler, Chair

Rep. Jim Colver

Rep. Les Gara

Rep. Andy Josephson

Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux

Rep. Louise Stutes

Rep. Liz Vazquez

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law submits a recommended operating budget for FY2016 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

**Fund Source:** (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$54,112.2
Designated General Funds (DGF)	2,645.7
Other Funds	30,615.6
Federal Funds	1,020.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88,393.6</b>

The total difference from FY15 Management Plan to the House Subcommittee budget recommendation is a reduction of \$5,007.8, which is a -5.4 percent change.

**Positions:**

Permanent Full-time	553
Permanent Part-time	2
Temporary	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>555</b>

**BUDGET ACTION:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law held **5** meetings with the department. The subcommittee reviewed the FY2016 budget request and took the following actions:

Accepted the Governor's amended budget which includes these highlights:

- (\$1,608.5) UGF reduction to Criminal Division – cuts 9 PFTs by anticipated attrition
  - Manages some rural offices remotely from regional hubs
- (\$1,464.6) UGF reduction to Civil Division – cuts 10 PFT by vacancies and anticipated turnover
  - Deletes attorneys specializing in Endangered Species, Statehood Defense, and Transportation
- (\$800.0) UGF Reduction Oil, Gas & Mining section by (by reducing outside counsel) from \$3.8 million down to \$3 million
- (\$800.0) UGF Reduction to Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Project (by reducing outside counsel) from \$1.5 million down to \$700.0

## **SUBCOMMITTEE BUDGET ACTION:**

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- Increased reduction to Criminal Division by \$50.0 UGF (total Criminal cut: \$1,658.5)
- Refused to put costs for outside counsel in the base: Changed outside counsel expenditures of \$700.0 and \$3 million from base increments to OTI
- Ensured all unallocated reductions were allocated by component

## **ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law adopts the attached reports:

### **2015 Legislative Finance Division Reports – House Structure**

- A. Agency Totals – FY2016 Operating Budget
- B. Allocation Summary (All Funds)
- C. Allocation Summary (GF Only)
- D. Transaction Compare between Adjusted Base (16Adj Base) and House Subcommittee (H Sub)
- E. Transaction Compare between Governor Amended (Gov Amd) and House Subcommittee (H Sub)
- F. Wordage Report – FY2016 Operating

The Budget Action Worksheet is attached for informational purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Dan Saddler, Chair

House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law