

FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

# 24  
WITHDRAWN

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Gara, Guttenberg, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Health and Social Services  
**APPROPRIATION:** Senior and Disabilities Services  
**ALLOCATION:** Senior Community Based Grants

**ADD:** \$450,000 General Fund (1004)

**EXPLANATION:** The subcommittee's 5% cut reduced funding for seniors who wish to continue living independently at home, instead of in an institution. This funding also supports programs like Meals on Wheels and other senior nutrition projects at community centers. Without this amendment, people suffering from conditions such as Alzheimer's and extreme frailty will be less likely to continue living with dignity at home.

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# 25

**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Gara, Guttenberg, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Health and Social Services  
**APPROPRIATION:** Senior and Disabilities Services  
**ALLOCATION:** Community Developmental Disabilities Grants

**ADD:** \$640,000 GF/MH (1037)

**EXPLANATION:** The subcommittee's cuts reduce help to Alaskans with developmental disabilities. This assistance is used to help vulnerable people live with dignity, learn, and care for themselves. These funds provide assistance for organizations like Hope Community Resources, which promotes a better quality of life.

FAILED # 26

**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Gara, Guttenberg, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Health and Social Services

**APPROPRIATION:** Senior and Disabilities Services

**ALLOCATION:** General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living

**ADD:** \$365,000 General Fund (1004)

**EXPLANATION:** This cut will reduce emergency housing and help for seniors and those with other significant challenges. It provides housing for people who would otherwise be homeless, until stable housing can be secured.

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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Kawasaki, Gara, Guttenberg

**DEPARTMENT:** Health and Social Services

**APPROPRIATION:** Public Assistance

**ALLOCATION:** Senior Benefits Payment Program

**ADD:** \$5,137,900 General Fund 1004 (UGF)

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment restores the FY2017 funding level proposed by the Governor. Alaska faces exponential growth in the senior population with a doubling of the senior population in the next 10 years (roughly 70,000 to 140,000). The Senior Benefits Payment Program provides vital supplemental funding to low-income seniors that allow them to stay in their homes. Keeping seniors at home saves the state thousands of dollars and slows their move up the continuum of care. With the pending Silver Tsunami, it is prudent to invest in cost saving measures that will reduce spending later. Eligibility is income based and is divided into three categories; 75%, 100% and 175% of the Federal Poverty Level. Eliminating benefits to 5,438 people and households will cost the state in the long run.

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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Guttenberg, Gara, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Health and Social Services

**APPROPRIATION:** Behavioral Health

**ALLOCATION:** Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants

**ADD:** \$3,000,000 GF/MH (UGF) 1037

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment restores the FY2017 funding level proposed by the Governor, which removes \$5.7 million of UGF that is to be replaced with Medicaid funds. The House Finance Subcommittee's proposal further reduces the Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants program by 8.1% (on top of the Governor's reductions).

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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Gara, Guttenberg, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Administration  
**APPROPRIATION:** Legal and Advocacy Services  
**ALLOCATION:** Office of Public Advocacy

**ADD:** \$542,400 General Fund (1004)

**POSITIONS:** Add: 5 PFT Positions

**EXPLANATION:** Guardian ad Litem in Alaska (who represent children in OCS cases) have “among the highest” caseloads “in the United States,” according to Office of Public Advocacy Director Rick Allen. Current averages are between 110-120 children per GAL. “GAL caseloads have risen 58% in the past 12-18 months,” according to Mr. Allen.

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**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Gara, Guttenberg, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Health and Social Services

**APPROPRIATION:** Office of Children's Services

**ALLOCATION:** Front Line Social Workers

**ADD:** \$1,034,300 General Fund (1004)  
\$258,600 Federal Receipts (1002)

**POSITIONS:** ADD: 10 PFT Positions

**EXPLANATION:** Since the addition of needed staff in 2015, the number of foster youth has grown from 2,450 to 2,879 today. The staff added in 2016 helped neglected and abused youth, but since then more than 400 youth have come into OCS. Caseworkers' caseloads remain with well above recommended caseloads. The system is over-stressed, and we need to have a system that is responsive to abused and neglected children, foster and natural parents, and that gets children out of the foster care system into permanent, loving homes.

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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Gara, Guttenberg, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Health and Social Services

**APPROPRIATION:** Medicaid Services

**ALLOCATION:** Health Care Medicaid Services

**ADD:** \$13,300,000 GF/Match (1003)

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment restores the FY17 funding level proposed by the Governor. The Commissioner of Health and Social Services has stated that the department may achieve \$6.7 million in savings by increasing the allowable federal reimbursement for Indian Health Services beneficiaries travel, and the Governor's budget proposes a corresponding \$6.7 million cut to this category of travel expenses. The current subcommittee budget proposal contains a misunderstanding that \$13.3 million will be available for Indian Health Services beneficiaries on top of the \$6.7 million the Governor's budget reflects as anticipated state savings. Without this amendment, there will be a \$13.3 million unallocated cut to Medicaid's recipients.



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AS Amended

**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Guttenberg, Gara, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Health and Social Services

**APPROPRIATION:** Alaska Pioneer Homes

*Amendment* *Adopted*  
*Delete this intent language* → **DELETE INTENT:** ~~“It is the intent of the legislature that the Division of Pioneer Homes work to achieve savings through the privatization of food and janitorial services in all the Pioneer Homes as has been accomplished in the Juneau Pioneer Home.”~~

**APPROPRIATION:** Alaska Pioneer Homes

**ALLOCATION:** Pioneer Homes

**DELETE:** (\$532,500) 1005 General Fund/Program Receipts (DGF)

**ADD:** \$532,500 1004 General Fund (UGF)

**ADD INTENT LANGUAGE:**

“It is the intent of the legislature that receipts collected from an annual waitlist fee shall be deposited into the General Fund.”

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment restores the FY2017 funding level proposed by the Governor, while maintaining the intention of the Subcommittee to implement an annual waitlist fee to offset expenditures from the General Fund to the Alaska Pioneer Homes.

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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Kawasaki, Guttenberg, Gara

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Health and Social services

**APPROPRIATION:** Public Assistance

**ALLOCATION:** Energy Assistance Program

**ADD:** \$9,174,300 General Fund 1004 (UGF)

**EXPLANATION:** Restores funding for the Alaska Heating Assistance Program to FY16 Management Plan level.

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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Subcommittee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Kawasaki, Guttenberg, Gara

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Health and Social Services

**APPROPRIATION:** Public Assistance

**ALLOCATION:** Public Assistance Field Services

**ADD:** \$500,000 General Fund 1004 (UGF)

**EXPLANATION:** Restores Governor's request to Public Assistance Field Services, retaining approximately 10 positions for eligibility determinations.

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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Gara, Guttenberg, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Health and Social Services  
**APPROPRIATION:** Public Assistance  
**ALLOCATION:** Alaska Temporary Assistance Program

**ADD:** \$5,000,000 G/F Match (UGF) (code 1003)

**EXPLANATION:** Restores a \$5 million cut to the Adult Temporary Assistance Program.

The Subcommittee reduction risks taking Alaska below Alaska's required TANF maintenance of effort. If this occurs, Alaska would lose federal TANF funding and have to pay a penalty. DHSS is trying to qualify other programs to meet the maintenance of effort requirements with AHFC, but they have not received that approval. ATAP is a benefit payment to low income families with dependent children, who are required to seek job training and work, and there is a five year limit on this benefit. This used to be called Aid to Families with Dependent Children. Families cannot have more than \$1,412/mo. for a family with one child, or \$1,590 for a family of two.

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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

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**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Kawasaki, Guttenberg, Gara

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Administration

**APPROPRIATION:** Public Communications

**ALLOCATION:** Alaska Public Broadcast Commission

**ADD:** \$46,700 General Fund 1004 (UGF)

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Administration

**APPROPRIATION:** Public Communications

**ALLOCATION:** Alaska Public Broadcast - Radio

**ADD:** \$2,786,600 General Fund 1004 (UGF)

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Administration

**APPROPRIATION:** Public Communications

**ALLOCATION:** Alaska Public Broadcast - TV

**ADD:** \$633,300 General Fund 1004 (UGF)

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment returns to the FY16 Management Plan numbers and maintains the Public Broadcasting budgets, thus providing vital informational services to our communities while also cutting the budget. Thousands of Alaskans rely on these services for balanced local, state, federal and international news. Providing this funding will allow these stations to find additional funding to prevent a large loss of service. Additionally, public radio and television can be an essential service in times of emergency such as floods, forest fires, earthquakes, extreme weather events and many more public dangers.

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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE GUTTENBERG  
GARA KAWASAKI

TO: CSHB 256(FIN), Draft Version "X"

1 Page 1, line 2, following "funds;":

2 Insert "lapsing appropriations;"

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4 Page 78, line 25, following "APPROPRIATIONS.":

5 Insert "(a)"

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7 Page 78, following line 26:

8 Insert a new subsection to read:

9 "(b) The unexpended and unobligated general fund balances of the following  
10 appropriations lapse into the general fund on June 30, 2016:

11 (1) sec. 2(a), ch. 50, SLA 1997 (Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation,  
12 Kodiak Launch Complex - \$5,000,000);

13 (2) sec. 2(b), ch. 50, SLA 1997 (Alaska Aerospace Development Corporation,  
14 Kodiak Launch Complex - \$23,000,000);

15 (3) sec. 9(a), ch. 2, FSSLA 1999 (Alaska Aerospace Development  
16 Corporation, Kodiak Launch Complex);

17 (4) sec. 1, ch. 82, SLA 2003, page 3, lines 15 - 16 (Department of Community  
18 and Economic Development, Kodiak launch site infrastructure - \$38,000,000);

19 (5) sec. 1, ch. 82, SLA 2003, page 44, line 31, and allocated on page 49, lines  
20 24 - 26 (Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, surface transportation program,  
21 Knik Arm Crossing environmental impact statement - \$33,600,000);

22 (6) sec. 1, ch. 3, FSSLA 2005, page 3, lines 27 - 28 (Department of  
23 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Kodiak launch site infrastructure -

1 \$36,000,000);

2 (7) sec. 1, ch. 82, SLA 2006, page 3, lines 30 - 31 (Department of Commerce,  
3 Community, and Economic Development, Kodiak Launch Complex infrastructure -  
4 \$15,000,000);

5 (8) sec. 4, ch. 30, SLA 2007, page 84, lines 31 - 32 (Department of  
6 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Kodiak Launch Complex infrastructure  
7 - \$15,000,000);

8 (9) sec. 13, ch. 29, SLA 2008, page 88, lines 9 - 10 (Department of  
9 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Kodiak Launch Complex infrastructure  
10 - \$17,500,000);

11 (10) sec. 1, ch. 15, SLA 2009, page 3, lines 9 -10 (Department of Commerce,  
12 Community, and Economic Development, Kodiak Launch Complex infrastructure -  
13 \$17,500,000);

14 (11) sec. 7, ch. 43, SLA 2010, page 19, lines 9 - 12 (Department of  
15 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Alaska Aerospace Corporation,  
16 Kodiak Launch Complex sustainability - \$4,000,000);

17 (12) sec. 7, ch. 43, SLA 2010, page 38, line 11, and allocated on page 38, lines  
18 12 - 14 (Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, roads to resources, Ambler  
19 mining district access planning, design and engineering - \$4,000,000);

20 (13) sec. 1, ch. 5, FSSLA 2011, page 101, line 25, and allocated on page 101,  
21 lines 28 - 29 (Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, roads to resources, Ambler  
22 mining district - \$1,250,000);

23 (14) sec 31, ch. 5, FSSLA 2011 (Department of Military and Veterans'  
24 Affairs, sustained maintenance and operations of the Alaska Aerospace Corporation and the  
25 Kodiak Launch Complex - \$4,000,000);

26 (15) sec. 1, ch. 17, SLA 2012, page 133, line 28, and allocated on page 133,  
27 lines 29 - 30 (Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, roads to resources, Ambler  
28 mining district - \$4,000,000);

29 (16) sec. 1, ch. 16, SLA 2013, page 3, lines 28 - 31 (Department of  
30 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Alaska Industrial Development and  
31 Export Authority, Ambler mining district access - \$8,500,000);

1 (17) sec. 1, ch. 16, SLA 2013, page 80, line 13 (Department of Transportation  
2 and Public Facilities, economic development, Juneau access - \$4,600,000);

3 (18) sec. 4, ch. 16, SLA 2013, page 105, lines 20 - 24 (Department of  
4 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Alaska Energy Authority, energy  
5 generation projects, Susitna-Watana hydroelectric project - \$95,200,000);

6 (19) sec. 32(b), ch. 16, SLA 2013 (Department of Transportation and Public  
7 Facilities, Juneau access project);

8 (20) sec. 1, ch. 18, SLA 2014, page 3, lines 16 - 18 (Department of  
9 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Alaska Industrial Development and  
10 Export Authority, Ambler mining district access project - \$8,500,000);

11 (21) sec. 1, ch. 18, SLA 2014, page 63, line 4, and allocated on page 63, line  
12 11 (Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, economic development, Juneau  
13 access - \$35,000,000);

14 (22) sec. 1, ch. 18, SLA 2014, page 63, line 4, and allocated on page 63, lines  
15 12 - 13 (Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, economic development, Knik  
16 Arm bridge project development - \$55,000,000);

17 (23) sec. 4, ch. 18, SLA 2014, page 87, lines 10 - 11 (Department of  
18 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development, Alaska Energy Authority, Susitna-  
19 Watana hydroelectric project - \$20,000,000)."

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21 Page 79, line 8:

22 Delete "Sections 29, 32(a), and 32(c)"

23 Insert "Sections 29, 31(b), 32(a), and 32(c)"



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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Subcommittee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Gara, Guttenberg, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Law

**APPROPRIATION:** Criminal Division

**ALLOCATION:** Criminal Justice Litigation

**ADD:** \$500,000 General Fund 1004 (UGF)

**ADD:** 3 PFT

**EXPLANATION:** Adds funds for 3 District Attorney Positions. To be located within existing offices and not to cause a need for additional office space costs.

**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Gara, Guttenberg, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Public Safety  
**APPROPRIATION:** Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
**ALLOCATION:** Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

**ADD:** \$340.0 UGF (1004)

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment restores funding for batterer intervention programs and victim services. Without this funding, community-based batterer intervention programs would be terminated and funding for victim service agencies would be reduced to FY13 levels.

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Public Safety  
**APPROPRIATION:** Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
**ALLOCATION:** Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

**ADD:** \$75.0 UGF (1004)

**POSITIONS:** ADD: 1 PFT Position

**EXPLANATION:** Restores funding to Girls on the Run and Coaching Boys Into Men. Both of these programs teach youth boundaries to prevent sexual assault.

Girls on the Run – \$35.0 will help maintain status quo for coordination, evaluation, and statewide outreach in the communities of: Haines, Yakutat, Cordova, Fairbanks, Sitka, Wrangell, Ketchikan, Kake, Juneau, Homer, and Kachemak Selo. GOTR also aligns with a new bill that was introduced by Sen. Costello that encourages students up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade to engage in physical activity during the school week (SB 200: Mandatory Physical Activity in Schools).

Coaching Boys Into Men – \$40.0 will help maintain two statewide trainings and technical assistance throughout the

year for high school coaches. CBIM was utilized in the Southeast and rural communities of: North Slope, Seward Peninsula, Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta, the Aleutians, the Matanuska-Susitna district, Kenai Peninsula, and Prince William Sound. In 2015, CBIM trained 176 coaches, administrators, and advocates. This had a positive impact on young Alaskans in 36 communities.

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FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Subcommittee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Kawasaki, Gara, Guttenberg

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Public Safety

**APPROPRIATION:** Alaska State Troopers

**ALLOCATION:** Alaska Wildlife Troopers

**ADD:** \$479,300 General Fund 1004 (UGF)

**POSITIONS:** ADD 2 PFT

**EXPLANATION:** Restores 1 Wildlife Trooper Captain and 1 Wildlife Trooper as well as funds for Sea and Flight patrol time and overtime.

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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Kawasaki, Guttenberg, Gara

**DEPARTMENT:** University of Alaska

**APPROPRIATION:** University of Alaska

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

**ADD:** \$50,787,000 General Fund 1004 (UGF)

**EXPLANATION:** Restores funding to FY16 Management Plan levels.

**DEPARTMENT:** University of Alaska

**DELETE ALL INTENT:** Delete ALL of the following Intent

(A) It is the intent of the legislature that the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska return to the legislature with a specific plan for consolidation that includes specified timelines for anticipated results by the end of the 2016 calendar year; the plan would include, but would not be limited to, the university restructuring to one administrative unit with one accreditation.

(B) It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska prioritize and streamline its Personal Services within the Statewide Services Allocation.

(C) It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska conduct a comprehensive and transparent cost-to-revenue analysis, which does not include student fees or appropriations from the State of Alaska's General Funds as revenue, for all of its intercollegiate athletics programs; furthermore, the university is to report back to the legislature with its findings by the fifteenth day of the 2017 Legislative Session.

(D) It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska better utilize community buildings, school district buildings, and other facilities in close proximity to its existing "brick and mortar" campuses and satellite facilities that have low utilization rates of face-to-face classes only if the restructuring results in a decreased total cost; furthermore, the university is to report back to the legislature with its general plan to increase its use of "co-location" by the fifteenth day of the 2017 Legislative Session.

(E) It is the intent of the legislature that the President of the University of Alaska make it one of his very highest priorities to improve student retention and graduation rates.

(F) It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska increase contributions from alumni and private industry by a combined twenty percent, as well as seek out productive public-private partnerships in an effort to increase self-supporting revenue and achieve a balanced, sustainable budget.

(G) It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska increase its incoming enrollment for the Alaska Performance Scholarship and UA Scholars Program recipients by five percent.

(H) It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska further develop and improve upon its utilization of its land grants in order to generate additional revenue; furthermore, the university will create a comprehensive plan to expand its land grants as they relate to generating revenue and present it to the legislature no later than the fifteenth day of the 2017 Legislative Session.

(I) It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska focus FY17 UGF budget reductions on (1) non-core mission programs and services; and (2) reduced personal services for all employees across the board or through furloughs.

**EXPLANATION:** Removes all legislative intent wordage regarding the University of Alaska

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FAILED

**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee  
**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257  
**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Guttenberg, Gara, Kawasaki  
**DEPARTMENT:** Labor and Workforce Development  
**APPROPRIATION:** Employment and Training Services  
**ALLOCATION:** Workforce Development

**ADD:** \$414,300 General Fund (UGF) 1004

**DELETE INTENT LANGUAGE:**

“It is the intent of the legislature that the Construction Academy implement a plan to annually supplant \$600,000 of general funds with private or federal fund sources until, after a four-year period, the Construction Academy Training program uses no general funds.”

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment restores the Governor’s FY17 proposed funding levels, and removes intent language requiring the department to no longer require any general funds for Workforce Development by FY21. The department has already made much progress in soliciting federal and other non-state funds, and is continuing to do so. Workforce Development programs help to build the state’s economy; this is not an appropriate place to reduce funding.

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**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Guttenberg, Gara, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Labor and Workforce Development

**APPROPRIATION:** Commissioner and Administrative Services

**ALLOCATION:** Labor Market Information

**ADD:** \$300,000 General Fund (UGF) 1004

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment would reverse the proposed decrement to the Labor Market Information appropriation and accept the Governor's request to continue to fund an Economist III, Research Analyst III, and Research Analyst II positions. Cutting these positions would result in eliminating important data sources and reports that are used by legislators, policy makers, and the private sector. Funding these positions will result in a greater benefit to the state than would be saved by the proposed to be cut.

According to the department, the proposed cuts would have the following effects on services:

- Eliminate work on the Alaska Career Information System, a valuable resource that provides data on career options to students, career counselors, education and training programs, and other users.
- End publication of the Population Overview and Population Projections which policy makers across the state rely on.
- End work on the Alaska Training Clearinghouse, the only place where all training programs in Alaska are listed and sorted by training type, geographic area, and funding options.
- Significantly reduce support for occupational data collection which will degrade the value of information available to policy makers and the private sector.
- Reduce the capacity for the department to be available to provide detailed data and presentations for public and private sector entities. So far in 2016 audiences for these presentations included a statewide housing summit, the Anchorage Building Owners and Managers Association, the Kenai Peninsula Economic Development District, the Juneau Bar Association, and other public and private sector organizations.



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FAILED

**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Guttenberg, Gara, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Fish and Game

**APPROPRIATION:** Wildlife Conservation

**ADD WORDAGE:** No funding in this appropriation may be used to fund Intensive Management or Predator Control programs.

**ALLOCATION:** Wildlife Conservation

**DELETE:** \$100.6 Fish and Game Funding (Other) 1024

**DELETE:** \$301.7 Fed Receipts 1002

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment deletes funding for Intensive Management/Predator Control programs. The amount of \$402.3 is based on FY15 expenditures (combined Fish and Game Fund and Federal Receipts) for Intensive Management/Predator Control (FY16 expenditures are not yet available). It is the intent of this amendment that no funding (Federal, GF, or Other) be expended on Intensive Management/Predator Control, and that instead those Federal/Other funds be used to promote and maintain healthy habitats and wildlife populations through means other than predation control.

# 45  
FAILED

**FY17 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee

**TO:** HB 256 / HB 257

**OFFERED BY:** Representatives Guttenberg, Gara, Kawasaki

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Natural Resources

**APPROPRIATION:** Parks and Outdoor Recreation

**ALLOCATION:** Parks Management & Access

**ADD:** \$241,200 General Fund (UGF) 1004  
\$87,200 General Fund/Program Receipts (DGF) 1005

**EXPLANATION:** This amendment restores the Governor's FY17 proposed funding levels. Cuts to this division negatively impact the department's ability to provide access and collect user fees for Alaska State parks and recreation areas.