

2017 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee

TO: HB 57 / HB 59

OFFERED BY: Rep. Ortiz, Chair

DEPARTMENT: DEED
APPROPRIATION: K-12 Support
ALLOCATION: Boarding Home Grants

DELETE: \$70.0 1004 Gen Fund (UGF)
Grants

EXPLANATION: This amendment adjusts general fund authorization to reflect declining usage and cost of the Stipend portion of the Boarding Home Grants Program.

The Boarding Home Grant allocation is made up of two distinct programs: the Secondary Boarding Home Stipend Program (Stipend), and the School District Operated Residential Schools Program.

The Stipend Program provides a secondary school education within Alaska for high school students from areas without access to appropriate grade levels. Over the last five years there has been a steady decline in usage of the Stipend Program, and there is now excess general fund authorization.

Sufficient funds remain to cover the cost of the Boarding Home Stipend program as well as the School District Operated Residential Schools Program.