

2017 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Subcommittee

TO: HB 57 / HB 59

OFFERED BY: Representative Guttenberg

DEPARTMENT: Dept. of Natural Resources
APPROPRIATION: Fire, Land & Water Resources
ALLOCATION: Mining, Land & Water

DELETE: \$832.5 UGF, Funding Source 1004, personal services

POSITIONS: DELETE: 5 PFT positions

EXPLANATION:

DNR says on its RS2477 web page, "This work will continue as funding and priorities allow." The PAAD Unit's work is valuable, but not a priority at this time. Alaska's ongoing budget crisis and deficit spending does not allow us continue funding work for which no urgent need is clearly evident. If truly urgent RS2477 or Recordable Disclaimer of Interest cases arise, the department can request One-Time Increments.

In FY15, PAAD had a budget of \$1,547.8 and 8 PCNs. In his FY16 budget, the Governor first proposed eliminating the entire PAAD unit, but later proposed a smaller cut. Ultimately, the FY16 budget reduced funding to \$611.7 (of which \$86.0 was a one-time item) and funded four positions.

For FY18, the department proposes moving an additional existing position within DMLW to PAAD, increasing its budget to \$832.5 and its position count to five.