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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Senator Lyman Hoffman, Senate Finance Co-Chair
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Senator Bert Stedman, Legislative Budget & Audit Chair

FROM:  David Teal
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SUBJECT: Agency responses to FY18 Legislative Intent Language

This memorandum restates FY18 legislative intent (*italics*) for each agency and provides agency responses (indented) to our request for status reports. Responses indicating non-compliance or partial compliance have been identified using bold font and yellow highlighting.

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA**27. University of Alaska**

Operating Budget (CCS HB 57) and Mental Health (CCS HB 59)

It is the intent of the legislature that cuts or reallocations of unrestricted general funds to the University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Fairbanks and University of Alaska Southeast, on a percentage basis, not exceed cuts or reallocations of unrestricted general funds to the University of Alaska Statewide Administration.

Since FY2014, Statewide Administration's unrestricted general fund has been reduced by 39.2%, while the University of Alaska Anchorage (14.6%), University of Alaska Fairbanks (10.4%) and University of Alaska Southeast (19.1%) have been reduced substantially less. Over the last several years, UA Statewide Administration has made a conscious effort to substantially reduce system level expenditures and assume a leadership role for Strategic Pathways.

Strategic Pathways (SP) is UA's framework for improving our service to the state and is the basis for many of the UA Statewide Administration reductions. SP is premised on the fact that each of our universities has unique strengths in meeting the state's needs and the reality that each campus cannot be everything to everyone. UA is reviewing all of its major academic programs and administrative services for how we can create a more sustainable university with more diverse revenue sources—where we seek quality, access, and cost effectiveness while we grow in service to our state at this critical time in our history. Additional information related to SP can be found here <http://www.alaska.edu/pathways/>

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: Between FY17 and FY18 Management Plan, the Statewide Programs and Services RDU was reduced 6.9%. The other three RDUs sustained cuts of only 1.8% - 2.3% in the last year.
