

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 28, 2019

**TO:** Senator Bert Stedman, Senate Finance Co-Chair  
Senator Natasha von Imhof, Senate Finance Co-Chair  
Helen Phillips, House Finance Assistant

**FROM:** David Teal,  
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**SUBJECT:** Agency responses to FY19 Legislative Intent Language

This memorandum restates FY19 legislative intent (*italics*) for each agency and provides agency responses (indented) to our request for status reports. Responses are broken into three groups. The first group contains responses from agencies indicating noncompliance and stating their reasons for not complying with intent. The second group contains responses from agencies indicating a partial compliance with intent. The third group contains responses indicating that an agency has complied with legislative intent.

### **Agencies Not in Compliance (with Reasons for Noncompliance)**

#### **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

**1. Village Public Safety Officer Program/** Village Public Safety Officer Program  
Operating Budget (CCS HB 286)

*It is the intent of the legislature that the VPSO Rural Firefighter Specialist Training remain in Sitka.*

*(extracted from page 9 of memo)*

## **Agencies in Compliance**

### **DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME**

#### **14. Statewide Support Services/ Commissioner's Office Operating Budget (CCS HB 286)**

*To promote a streamlined and more efficient process, it is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Fish and Game explore whether one point of contact for project review and permitting is more efficient than the current process.*

The Department of Fish and Game is exploring the efficiencies of having one point of contact for project review and permitting. The current system is the product of the effects of the move of Habitat Division to the Department of Natural Resources in 2003 and the subsequent return of the Habitat Division to Fish and Game in 2008. In 2008, a delegation of authority document was written to address the incorporation of Habitat Division back into the Department of Fish and Game and, to date, this document remains unchanged. We are in the process of revisiting and updating it to ensure that, for resource development activities, there would be a single point of contact.