DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
FY19 - Summary of Significant Budget Issues

Governor's Budget Items Approved as Requested

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source	Comment
1	Fire and Life Safety/ Fire and Life Safety	Building Inspection and Rural Firefighter Training	Total: $200.0 $75.0 UGF $125.0 GF/Prgm (DGF)	The department requested funding to conduct fire safety inspections and for rural firefighting training. The State Fire Marshal stated that 1,500 annual fire safety inspections should occur each year but, due to budget constraints, only 223 were conducted in FY17. This funding allows the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to increase inspections and/or increase training for rural firefighters. **Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment:** Given the fact that GF/Program Receipt authority in the FY19 budget request is $704.6 higher than FY17 actual expenditures, the additional $125.0 GF/Program Receipts is probably not collectible.
2	Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA)/ CDVSA	Increased Federal Victims of Crime Act Funding to Provide Resources to Community Partners to Better Serve DVSA Victims	$4,004.8 Federal Receipts	The Council receives funding from four federal grant programs to provide resources to better serve victims of interpersonal, family and domestic violence and sexual assault. While federal grant funding has increased somewhat for three of the four grants, this increment is requested because grant funding from the Victims of Crime Act has increased dramatically since FFY14 (from about $1.5 million to more than $4.6 million in FFY17). This request allows CDVSA to receive and expend the anticipated level of FY19 grant funding. **Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment:** Federal grant funding was available in FY18 for the same purpose. On November 8, 2017, the LB&A Committee approved an RPL request for $2 million of federal receipts, bringing the FY18 total grant authorization to $6,716.8.

Governor's Budget Items Approved as Requested (continued)

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3	Statewide Support/ Administrative Services	Delete Accounting Technician II and Delete Uncollectible CIP Receipts	Total: ($100.0) ($80.0) UGF ($20.0) CIP Rcpts (Other) **(1) PFT Position**	Administrative Services is deleting a vacant Juneau-based accounting position and is aligning CIP Receipt authority with anticipated revenue collections. The position has been vacant since July 9, 2017 and DPS has distributed the workload to other employees.
4	Statewide Support/ Criminal Justice Information System Program	Additional Federal Grant Funding to Improve Interstate Accessibility of Criminal History Records Systems	$1,000.0 Federal Receipts	The Department of Public Safety is responsible for the state's central repository of criminal history record information. Federal grant funding from the Criminal Records and Identification Bureau was received to ensure timeliness, accuracy, utility, and interstate accessibility of criminal history records systems and their use for criminal history background checks. **Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment:** Federal grant funding was available in FY18 for the same purpose. On November 8, 2017, the LB&A Committee approved an RPL request for $1 million of federal receipts.

Governor's Budget Items Approved with Modifications

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5	Alaska State Troopers/ Alaska Bureau of Investigation	Add Criminal Investigators in Bethel and Anchorage for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (DVSA) Related Investigations	Total: $570.6 UGF $501.0 Inc $69.6 **IncOTI** **2 Temp Positions**	Total: $445.3 UGF $375.7 Inc $69.6 **IncOTI** **2 Temp Positions**	Two new State Trooper/Investigator non-permanent positions will provide assistance to the Department of Law on DVSA investigations and enforcement. The positions will be embedded in the Department of Law and will focus on providing follow-up investigative activities specific to domestic violence, sexual assault, and sexual abuse of minor cases. **Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment:** To account for recruitment time, the legislature removed $125.3 (25%) of the Governor's $501.0 increment request.

Governor's Budget Items Approved with Modifications (continued)

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source Requested	Amount Approved	Comment
6	Alaska State Troopers/ Alaska State Trooper Detachments	Improve Law Enforcement Access to Rural Communities	$2,000.0 UGF	$500.0 UGF	As part of the Public Safety Action Plan (PSAP) DPS requested $2 million of UGF in the travel line to improve response times to emergency calls and to increase proactive policing activities. According to DPS, proactive policing deters criminal activity by increasing police presence in communities and engaging with the public. For the troopers, proactive policing in rural Alaska requires traveling to villages within the region to attend community/village council meetings or events, meet with village/tribal leaders, conduct presentations at the local schools, and other "non-enforcement" type activities that serve to bolster the public's trust and relationship with the troopers. **Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment:** The $500.0 increment increases the travel line by 2.9% ($53.4) above FY17 actual expenditures and by 36% above the FY18 Management Plan. In addition to this increment, the legislature added $500.0 for Village Public Safety Officer Program travel (see item 13).

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7	Alaska State Troopers/ Alaska Wildlife Troopers Aircraft Section	Add Two Aircraft Pilot II Positions to Support Law Enforcement Service in Rural Alaska	$335.0 UGF **2 PFT Positions**	$167.5 UGF **1 PFT Position**	The Alaska Wildlife Troopers (AWT) Aircraft Section operates one King Air 350 airplane and two Airbus Astar helicopters. The King Air 350 is used to transport personnel and/or prisoners and the Astar helicopters are the primary search and rescue helicopters in southcentral Alaska and Fairbanks. Currently, four AWT Aircraft Section staff are capable of operating these aircraft. Due to regularly scheduled days off, annual leave and pilot rest requirements, requests for services from the Aircraft Section are frequently denied. According to the department, the Governor's request for two additional Aircraft Pilot II positions would have allowed the department to staff both the helicopter and fixed wing aircraft nearly seven days per week and provide a broader level of service to rural Alaska. The legislature approved funding for one of the two positions requested.
8	Statewide Support/ Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol	Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol Decrement (Base funding replaced with one-time increment)	$453.5 UGF	$302.3 UGF **IncOTI**	The legislature funded Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol at two-thirds the level requested by the Governor and plans to eliminate all state funding from the budget in FY20. The legislature also included legislative intent language that the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol actively search for non-state funding to support its operations.

Governor's Budget Items Approved with Modifications (continued)

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source Requested	Amount Approved	Comment
9	Statewide Support/ Criminal Justice Information Systems Program	Add One Criminal Justice Specialist and Five Criminal Justice Technician II Positions for Records/Classification Unit	$595.0 UGF **6 PFT Positions**	Total: $595.0 UGF $198.3 UGF Base Budget Increment **2 PFT Positions** $396.7 UGF **IncT (FY19-FY21)** **4 PFT Positions**	The department states that the new unit will review law enforcement case reports in the Alaska Records Management System (ARMS) for completeness, and work to ensure that data can be used for enhanced crime statistical reporting by all ARMS users. The data will be reported in the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) format which will allow for more timely and robust crime statistical information for better agency-to-agency and state-to-state crime statistics reporting. The legislature's revision allows for a review in FY22 to determine if the funding level and/or number of positions should be revised.

Governor's Budget Items Denied

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10	Statewide Support/ Commissioner's Office	Statewide Emergency Communications Feasibility Study	$150.0 UGF **IncOTI**	DPS requested one-time funding to conduct a feasibility study to determine whether creating state-managed centralized dispatch/emergency communication centers (i.e., where 911 calls are answered) would benefit the State more than the existing structure. After the Governor's budget was submitted, DPS determined that a study is not necessary because DPS plans to move forward with plans for a centralized 911 system.

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Legislative Additions and Deletions

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source	Comment
11	Alaska State Troopers/ Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol	Align FY19 Budgeted Funding for Consulting Services and Software Funding with FY16 and FY17 Actual Expenditures	($100.0) UGF	Based on information provided in the Governor's FY19 Budget Detail Book, the legislature reduced funding for consulting services and software to more closely align with FY16 and FY17 actual expenditures for that portion of the services line.
12	Alaska State Troopers/ Prisoner Transportation	Decrement Funding to Reflect Downward Trend in Actual Expenditures Between FY13 and FY17	($400.0) UGF	Between FY13 and FY17, actual expenditures for AST prisoner transportation decreased by 41 percent, from $3.1 million to $1.8 million. This decrement more closely aligns the budget to anticipated expenditures.
13	Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Program/ VPSO Program	Improve Law Enforcement Access to Rural Communities by Increasing Funding for VPSO and Alaska State Trooper Travel	$500.0 UGF	As part of the Public Safety Action Plan (PSAP) DPS requested $2 million of UGF in the travel line in AST Detachments to improve response times to emergency calls and to increase proactive policing activities. The legislature approved $500.0 (of the $2 million request) in AST Detachments (see item 6) and added $500.0 to the VPSO Program to increase law enforcement access to rural communities.
14	Statewide Support/ Commissioner's Office	Decrement to Align the FY19 Budget for Printing Charges & Training Materials with FY16 and FY17 Actual Expenditures	($100.0) UGF	Based on information provided in the Governor's FY19 Budget Detail Book, the legislature reduced funding for printing charges and training materials to more closely align with FY16 and FY17 actual expenditures for that portion of the services line.