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Mr. Kevin Clarkson, Esquire

Attorney General

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Dear Attorney General Clarkson,

As chair of the House Finance Sub-Committee for the Department of Law, I will convene hearings early in 2020 to assist in developing your department’s operating budget for FY21.

As part of that process, I request that the department present information regarding the litigation numbered below. By January 21, 2020, for each listed case, please provide the sub-committee the following information:

* Number of hours of attorney time and support staff time (shown separately) devoted in calendar year 2019
* Dollar amount expended or encumbered in CY19, including all costs
* If the department contracted outside counsel for the case, the state in which that counsel’s firm is primarily based
* If the department contracted outside counsel for the case, a copy of the contract
* The status of the case as of 12/31/19
  + Is the state prevailing?
  + Is the state appealing or does the state intend to appeal?
  + If the state is appealing or intends to appeal, based on what error of the lower court?
  + If the state is appealing, what is the projected state expense for that appeal?

1. Vs. ACLU re: Appeals courts FY20 budget veto because of abortion rulings
2. Vs. ACLU re: Exempt employee loyalty pledge
3. Vs. ASEA re: Alaska Psychiatric Institute privatization
4. Vs. ASEA re: Janus
5. Vs. ASHNA re: Medicaid spending
6. Vs. Legislature re: Forward funding of K-12 education
7. Vs. Bristol Bay Regional Seafood Development Association re: Pebble Mine
8. Vs. Same-sex military spouses denied Permanent Fund Dividends
9. Vs. Colaska re: Alaska hire
10. Vs. Alaskans for Better Elections re: Single-subject rule
11. Vs. Pioneers’ Homes residents re: Rates
12. Vs. Planned Parenthood re: Abortion law/policy

Additionally, please calculate for the sub-committee what percentage of the FY20 Civil Division appropriation has been spent on or encumbered for the above-listed cases collectively.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to working with you and your staff to develop your department’s FY21 budget.

Sincerely,

