



# 31<sup>st</sup> Alaska State Legislature

## House Finance Budget Subcommittee

### Department of Corrections

### FY21 Operating Budget

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections submits the following recommended operating budget for FY2021 to the House Finance Committee:

**Fund Source:** (dollars are in thousands)

<b>Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)</b>	\$327,155.7
<b>Designated General Funds (DGF)</b>	\$13,915.7
<b>Other Funds</b>	\$25,944.8
<b>Federal Funds</b>	\$13,244.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$380,260.9</b>

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY20 Adjusted Base to the House Subcommittee budget recommendation is a reduction of (\$27,446.5) million of Unrestricted General Funds, which is 9.2% below FY20 Adjusted Base.

#### **Positions:**

Permanent Full-time	2,021
Permanent Part-time	0
Temporary	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,021</b>

#### **BUDGET ACTION HIGHLIGHTS:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections held five meetings with the Department. The Subcommittee reviewed the 2021 fiscal year budget request and took the following actions:

Accepts the Governor's amended proposal, and makes certain additions, modifications, and deletions. Highlights of the subcommittee's recommended budget for DOC include the following:

- Restore funding to reopen the Palmer Correctional Center, \$16,669.1 UGF
- Added intent language for the Department to open the Palmer Correctional Center by January 1, 2021.

- Creation and consolidation of the Recruitment and Retention Program and allocation, adding \$163.2 UGF and three new positions, and consolidating \$286.8 UGF from existing allocations.
- Denied request to add authority for positions and copy machines for photocopying incoming inmate mail; \$415.7.
- Maintain Legislature's FY20 structure for Electronic Monitoring and Community Residential Centers in separate appropriations.
- Replaced one-time Power Cost Equalization endowment funding with Unrestricted General Fund.
- Added authority for additional drug dog to combat contraband and federal Equitable Sharing Program receipt authority, \$253.2 UGF; \$150.0 Fed.
- Denied Governor's proposal to send prisoners to private prisons out of state; (\$17,800.0 UGF).
- Added positions and authority to establish new re-entry unit under Health and Rehabilitation Services; \$746.1 UGF and 3 positions.

#### **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections recommends that the committee take the following actions:

- The subcommittee appropriated funding to reopen the Palmer Correctional Center with the expectation that the full House Finance committee will move these funds into a language appropriation to ensure that the funds are used for the specific purpose of re-opening the facility in FY 21. If the full House Finance Committee fails to move the funds to a language appropriation, the subcommittee requests that the Palmer Correctional Center allocation be moved out of population management and established as its own appropriation to prevent the transfer of funds outside of the allocation.
- The subcommittee denied second-year funding for House Bill 49 under the Institution Director's Office and Physical Health Care with the expectation that revised costs are forthcoming in the Governor's amended budget.

#### **ATTACHED REPORTS:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections adopts the attached reports:

1. Agency Totals
2. Transaction Compare FY21AdjBase
3. Transaction Compare FY21GovAmd
4. Wordage

Respectfully Submitted,



Representative Adam Wool  
House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Corrections

