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Department of Public Safety

FY21 Operating Budget

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FY2021 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT

February 13, 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department Public Safety submits a recommended operating budget for FY2021 to the House Finance Committee as follows:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$179,254.9
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$8,737.9
Other Funds	\$13,209.5
Federal Funds	\$27,671.3
Total	\$228,873.6

Positions:

	FY20 Management Plan	FY21 Subcommittee	Difference	Difference (percentage)
Budgeted	852	903	51	6.3%
Total				
Positions				

BUDGET ACTION:

The House Finance Subcommittee on the Department Public Safety Budget held seven meetings. The Subcommittee reviewed and acted on the Governor's FY2021 budget request, with the following highlights:

- Reduced spending by \$2,764.4 (-1.2%) in Unrestricted General Funds from the FY21 Governor's request
- Added 15 State Troopers, 5 Court Services Officers, 3 Aircraft Pilots, and 8 Technical and Administrative Staff Positions to increase staffing and operational capacity in rural areas with new State Troopers posted in Ambler (2), Anchor Point (2), Bethel (1), Dillingham (1), Emmonak (1), Glennallen (1), Kotzebue (2), Nome (1), St. Mary's (1), St. Michaels (2), and Unalakleet (1) (\$5,466.9 UGF)
- Added \$1,000.0 (UGF) for VPSO grantees

The Subcommittee recommends accepting the Governor's FY2021 request and highlights the following changes:

- Denying the Governor's requested added authority in Alaska State Troopers appropriation to reduce vacancy -\$2,733.9 UGF.
- Backing out -\$1,480.5 UGF in one-time startup costs associated with the 15 additional state troopers for rural areas to be absorbed by the Department with the anticipated delay in the recruitment and hiring of the new positions in FY21.
- Establishing a new allocation within the Alaska State Troopers appropriation for Training Academy Recruit Salaries to provide greater transparency with funds previously expended from the Alaska State Troopers Detachments allocation for trooper recruit salaries and benefits.
- Restoring \$250.0 UGF for State support of the Alaska Wing Civil Air Patrol allowing the State to leverage additional resources to support search and rescue efforts in the form of volunteer hours and adding intent language to strengthen the liaison between the State and the Civil Air Patrol.
- Adding intent language for the Department of Public Safety to fill vacant positions and reduce overtime costs in order to better manage within the authorized budget and to provide a report that details monthly hiring and attrition, as well as overtime costs and contributing factors.
- Adding intent language for the Department of Public Safety to prioritize the deployment of law enforcement resources to non-urbanized areas that lack organized governments.
- Adding intent language for the Department of Public Safety to implement the recommendations of the 2019-2020 Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) Working Group.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

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

2021 Legislative Finance Division Reports – House Structure

1. Agency Totals – FY2021 Operating Budget (Attachment A)
2. Transaction Compare between Adjusted Base (21Adj Base) and House Subcommittee (H Sub) (Attachment B)
3. Transaction Compare between Governor (21Gov) and House Subcommittee (H Sub) (Attachment C)
4. Wordage Report – FY2021 Operating Budget (Attachment D)

The Budget Action Worksheet is attached for informational purposes (Attachment E)

Respectfully submitted,



Representative Bart LeBon, Chair

House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety

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