

**ALASKA STATE SENATE**  
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**Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee - Department of Environmental Conservation**  
Sub-Committee Members: Senator Revak, Senator Begich

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation submits a recommended operating budget for FY2021 as follows:

<b>Fund Source</b>	<b>FY20 Mgt Plan</b>	<b>FY21 Adj Base</b>	<b>FY21 House</b>	<b>FY21 Sen Sub</b>	<b>Adj Base vs Sen Sub</b>
UGF	15,397.2	15,471.0	15,463.9	15,471.0	-
DGF	25,144.5	25,294.2	25,289.9	25,309.2	15.0
Total GF	40,541.7	40,765.2	40,753.8	40,780.2	15.0
Other	13,924.6	14,011.1	17,678.3	16,236.4	2,225.3
Federal	23,670.6	23,783.8	24,349.1	24,356.8	573.0
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>\$ 78,136.9</b>	<b>\$ 78,560.1</b>	<b>\$ 82,781.2</b>	<b>\$ 81,373.4</b>	<b>\$ 2,813.3</b>
<b>Positions</b>	<b>FY20 Mgt Plan</b>	<b>FY21 Adj Base</b>	<b>FY21 House</b>	<b>FY21 Sen Sub</b>	<b>Adj Base vs Sen Sub</b>
PFT	482	482	485	485	3.0
PPT	0	0	0	0	-
Temp	1	1	1	1	-
<b>Total Positions</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>3</b>

Good evening Chair Wilson, Senator Revak and Senator Begich,

In your packets, you should have the following items:

- **Budget Close-out Narrative document**
- **Budget Action or BA sheet that details the transactions considered in committee**
- **Five committee reports from Legislative Finance, including:**
  - **An Agency Total report**
  - **Three different budget comparison reports between:**

- **Adj Base to Senate Sub**
- **FY21 GovAmd to Senate Sub**
- **House less salary adj to Senate Sub**
- **And a Wordage comparison report**

Please note: The adjusted base budget is the FY20 Management Plan, minus one-time funding, plus FY21 adjustments for position counts, funding transfers, line item transfers, temporary increments from prior years, and additions for statewide funding (risk management, and most salary and benefit increases). The adjusted base budget scenario is the first cut of the FY 21 budget; it is the base to which the Governor's and the Legislature's increments, decrements, and fund changes are added. That's our starting point.

**Page 1 of the Budget Close-out narrative shows a comparison between the Adj Base budget and the Senate Subcommittee budget and reflects the following:**

- **UGF is a net zero \$0.00**
- **DGF were increased by \$15.0**
- **Other funding was increased by \$2,225.3**
- **Federal funding was increased by \$573.0**

**There is an increase of \$2,813.3 when totaling all fund sources.**

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee did not consider any salary and/or health insurance requests. Those will be handled in full finance later in the process.

**The bottom portion of the page one shows the position totals for the FY20 Mgmt Plan, FY21 Adj Base, the FY21 House numbers, and the FY21 Senate Subcommittee position totals. The comparison between adj base and the senate subcommittee shows:**

- **3 PFT positions were added, this was the only change in the position counts.**

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation held two meetings with the department and analyzed all of the Governor's original and amended budget transactions.

### **Budget Actions:**

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation reviewed the FY21 budget requests, including budget amendments, and took the following actions:

The Governor submitted 8 total budget items and the Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee accepted 3 budget items. The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee rejected 5 budget items.

### **There were no UGF budget items accepted, including:**

- The committee denied: A fund source switch, reducing Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Fees by (\$457.7), and increasing UGF by \$228.8 and DGF by \$228.9;
- The committee did not accept: the Dairy Safety Program reductions as well as the Governor's budget amendment adding the funding back. It's a technical issue but it leaves the funding for the Dairy Program in the base budget this year and going forward; and,
- The committee denied: A fund source switch that was reducing UGF of (\$454.6) and replacing that with Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Fees of \$454.6.

### **DGF was increased by:**

- **\$15.0** for the Dairy Safety Program – Originally this funding was Statutory Designated Program Receipts and it was changed to General Fund Program Receipts. This is more appropriate fund source, it's a technical change that should enable the Dairy Safety Program receipts to be collected by the department.

### **Other funds were increased by \$2,225.3 by:**

- (\$134.7) reduction in Administrative Services of Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Rcpts ;
- \$375.0 increase in Inter-Agency/Oil & Hazardous Waste in the Spill Prevention and Response Division;
- (\$15.0) reduction in Statutory Designated Program receipts in the Dairy Safety Program; and,
- \$2,000.0 increase in Berth Fees for the Ocean Ranger Program for ambient water quality testing in cruise ship ports and corridors.

### **Federal receipts increased by a total of \$573.0 which includes:**

- \$573.0 increase of federal authority for Alaska's Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems Permitting and Compliance Program.

### **Sub-Committee Additions, Reductions and Changes:**

- The committee accepted one House item as follows:
  - Intent language renaming the Dairy Program to the Dairy Safety Program; and,
- The committee did add the following increment request:
  - \$2,000.0 of Ocean Ranger Fees for conducting ambient water quality testing in port communities that receive cruise ships, as well as in cruise ship corridors/routes between communities. The Department will conduct sampling in each community up to six times per year, with half occurring during the cruise ship season and the other half occurring outside of the cruise ship season. The tests will be conducted in 15 communities that receive 10 or more cruise ship visits.

There were no other changes.

### **Organizational Changes**

- There were no organizational changes in this year's budget.

### **Intent Language**

The committee added the following intent language for the Dairy Safety Program:

- "It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation continue to inspect and test Alaska's dairies as well as implement a fee schedule to help pay for these functions."

### **Committee recommendations:**

The committee does not have any further budget recommendations at this time.

That completes the overview of the action taken by the Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation.

We'd like to sincerely thank the Department's staff for their collaborative efforts in working with us!

Thank you!

## **ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development adopts the attached reports:

- Agency Totals – FY2020 Operating Budget
- Transaction Comparison 1
- Transaction Comparison 2
- Transaction Comparison 3
- Wordage

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Senator David Wilson, Chair

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Senator Josh Revak

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Senator Tom Begich