# Alaska's Fiscal Position & Projections

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## Disclaimer

Scenarios and adjustments in this presentation were requested by the Finance co-chairs. LFD is policy neutral and does not endorse a particular fiscal plan.

## **Review of Modeling Baselines**

- Legislative Finance's fiscal model is designed to show policy makers the longer-term impact of fiscal policy decisions.
- The baseline assumptions are essentially that current budget levels are maintained, adjusted for inflation. Policy changes are then applied against that baseline.
- Our default is to assume that statutory formulas will be followed.

### Review of Modeling Baselines (cont.)

#### **Revenue Assumptions**

- LFD's baseline revenue assumptions are the Department of Revenue's Spring Revenue Forecast.
  - This assumes \$61 oil in FY22, growing with inflation in future years.
  - DNR oil production forecast projects that Alaska North
    Slope production will increase from 459.7 thousand barrels
    per day in FY22 to 565.5 thousand barrels per day in FY30.
- For the Permanent Fund, we assume actual FY21 returns and Callan's return assumption, which is 5.86% for FY22 and 6.20% for FY23 and beyond.

### Review of Modeling Baselines (cont.)

#### **Spending Assumptions**

- For agency operations, these scenarios assume 50% of vetoes are restored to the FY22 enacted budget. Budgets grow with inflation starting in FY23 (2.0% per Callan).
- For **statewide items**, the baseline assumes that all items are funded to their statutory levels beyond FY22.
  - This includes School Debt Reimbursement, the REAA Fund, Community Assistance, oil and gas tax credits. We assume oil and gas tax credits are unfunded in FY22 but statutorily funded beginning FY23 until the credit balance is eliminated.
  - We also include a baseline Fund Transfers amount that represents the ongoing cost of DEC's Spill Prevention and Response program.
- For the **capital budget**, we assume the enacted FY22 capital budget, growing with inflation.
- For **supplementals** we assume \$50.0 million per year. This is based on the average amount of supplemental appropriations minus lapsing funds each year.

# A Note on Retirement Funding

- LFD's modeling generally uses the ARM Board's most recent officially-adopted contribution schedule, currently the one adopted in June 2021. However, this does not include the impact of FY21 earnings.
- The September ARM Board meeting will adopt updated projections that may resemble DOR's preliminary numbers more closely than the June figures.
- This presentation uses preliminary actuarial analysis presented by DOR in July and used by the Comprehensive Fiscal Plan Working Group. The analysis shows significantly lower retirement contributions than the official June figures ordinarily used by LFD.

#### A Note on Retirement Funding (cont.)

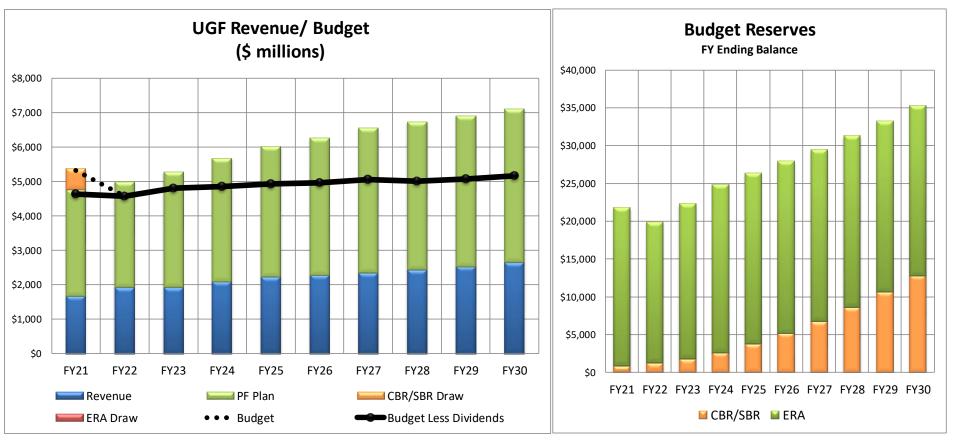
Comparison of previous LFD assumption (June ARM Board adjusted for SB 55) and July draft with FY21 earnings

| Fiscal<br>Year | LFD       | July<br>Draft | Difference  | Cumulative<br>Difference |
|----------------|-----------|---------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| FY23           | 245,820.5 | 180,278.0     | (65,542.5)  | (65,542.5)               |
| FY24           | 262,417.5 | 157,301.0     | (105,116.5) | (170,659.0)              |
| FY25           | 275,952.5 | 134,226.0     | (141,726.5) | (312,385.5)              |
| FY26           | 284,129.5 | 108,357.0     | (175,772.5) | (488,158.0)              |
| FY27           | 292,908.5 | 110,158.0     | (182,750.5) | (670,908.5)              |
| FY28           | 302,074.5 | 112,292.0     | (189,782.5) | (860,691.0)              |
| FY29           | 312,509.5 | 114,847.0     | (197,662.5) | (1,058,353.5)            |
| FY30           | 323,270.5 | 117,781.0     | (205,489.5) | (1,263,843.0)            |

### Fiscal Model: Budget before PFD

Callan forecast for returns

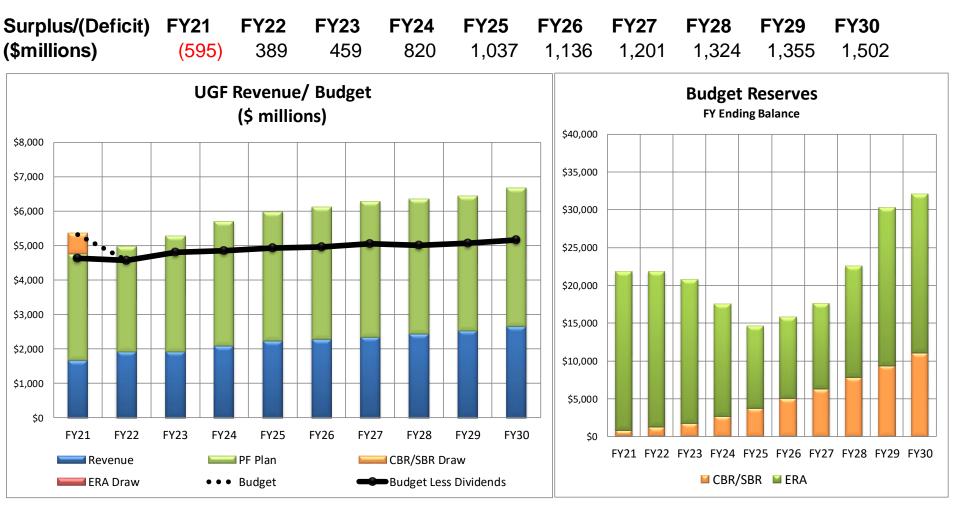
| Surplus/(Deficit) | FY21  | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25  | FY26  | FY27  | FY28  | FY29  | FY30  |  |
|-------------------|-------|------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| (\$millions)      | (595) | 389  | 459  | 794  | 1,062 | 1,282 | 1,486 | 1,698 | 1,813 | 1,927 |  |



No ERA Overdraws

### Fiscal Model: Budget Before PFD

FY00-FY08 Returns

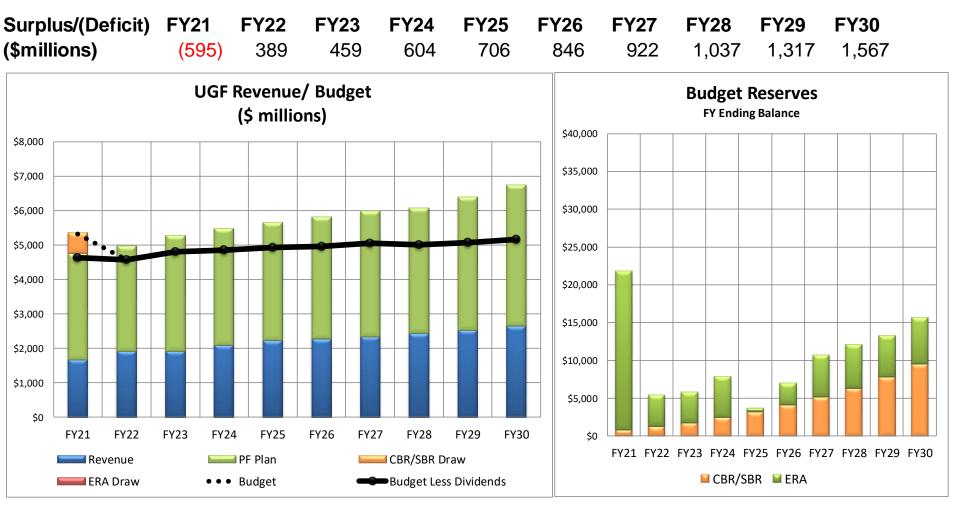


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### Fiscal Model: Budget Before PFD

FY09-FY17 Returns

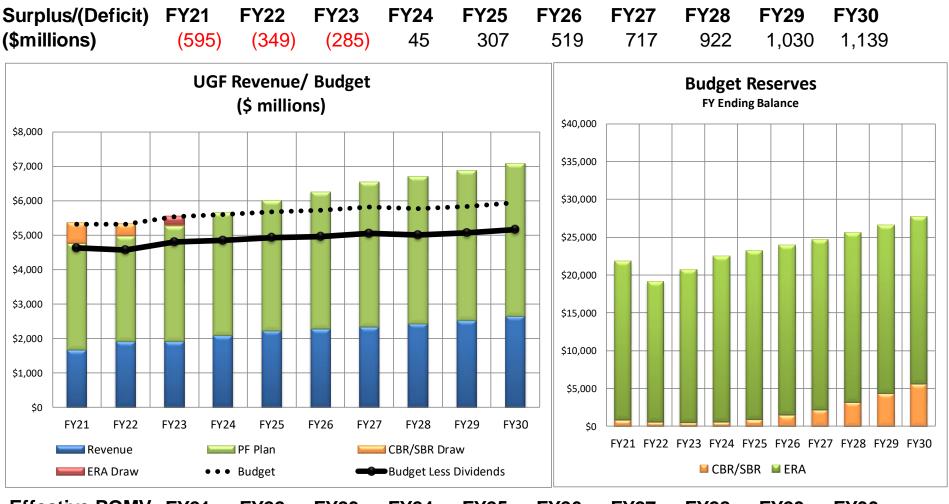


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#### Fiscal Model: Budget w/ Flat \$1,100 PFD

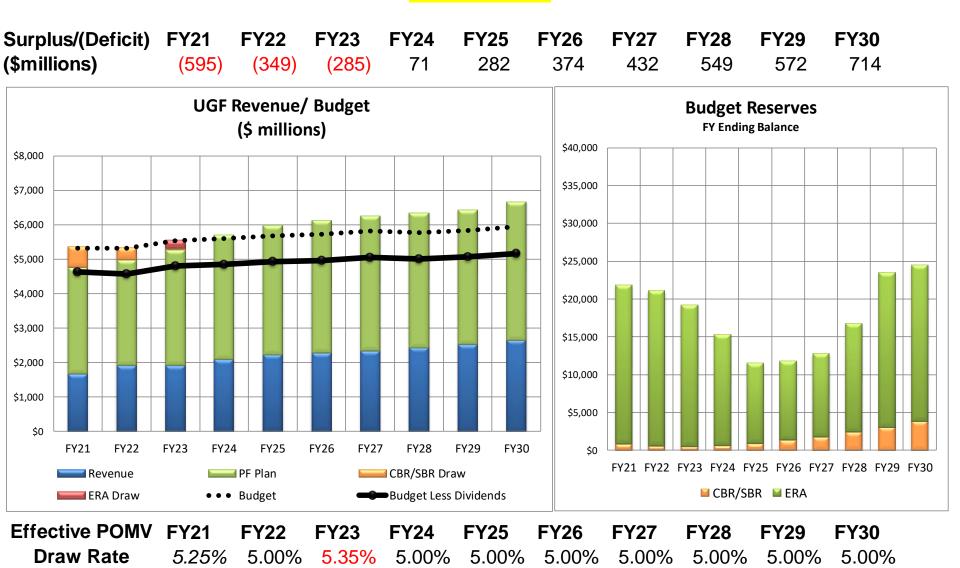
Callan forecast for returns



**Effective POMV FY21 FY22 FY23 FY24 FY25 FY26 FY27 FY29 FY30 FY28 Draw Rate** 5.25% 5.00% 5.35% 5.00% 5.00% 5.00% 5.00% 5.00% 5.00% 5.00%

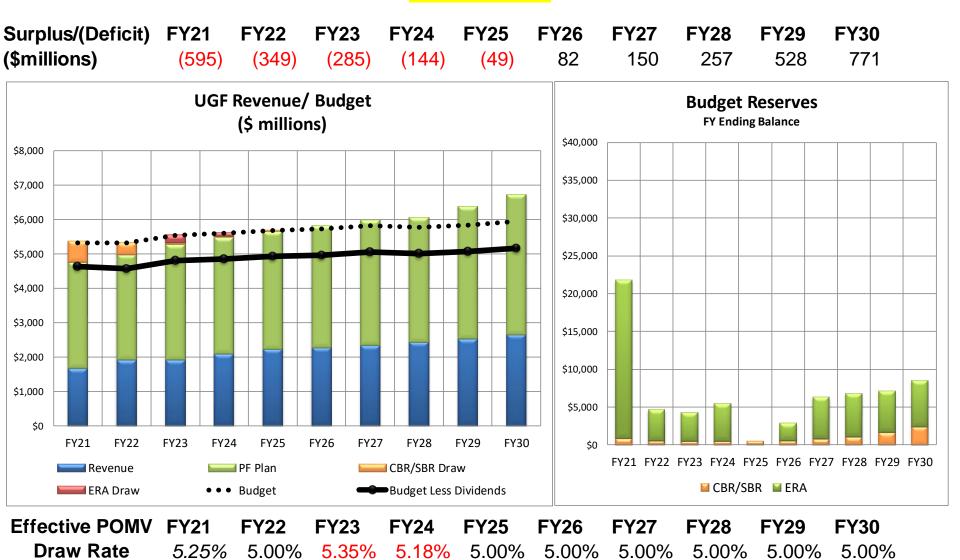
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FY00-08 Returns



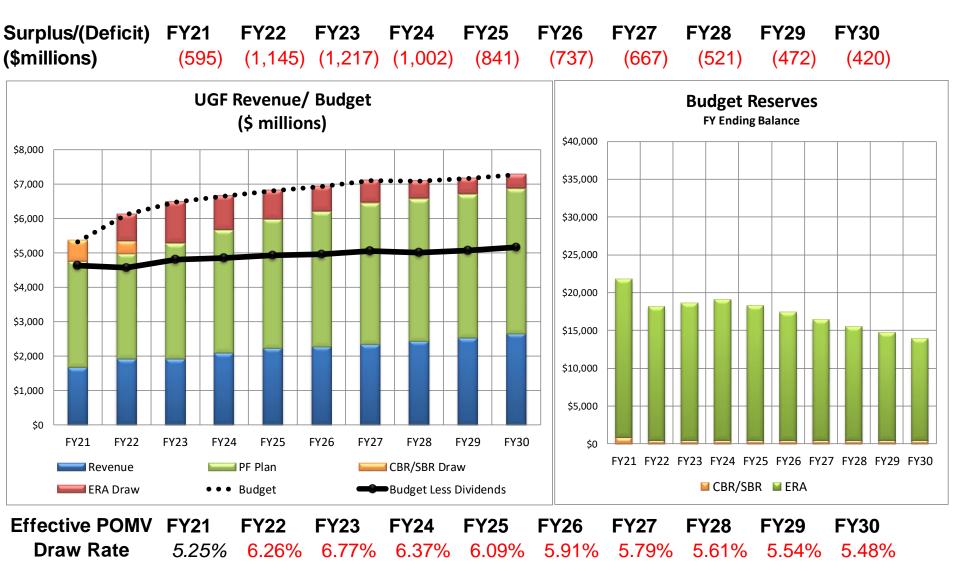
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FY09-17 Returns



#### Fiscal Model: Budget w/ 50% POMV PFD

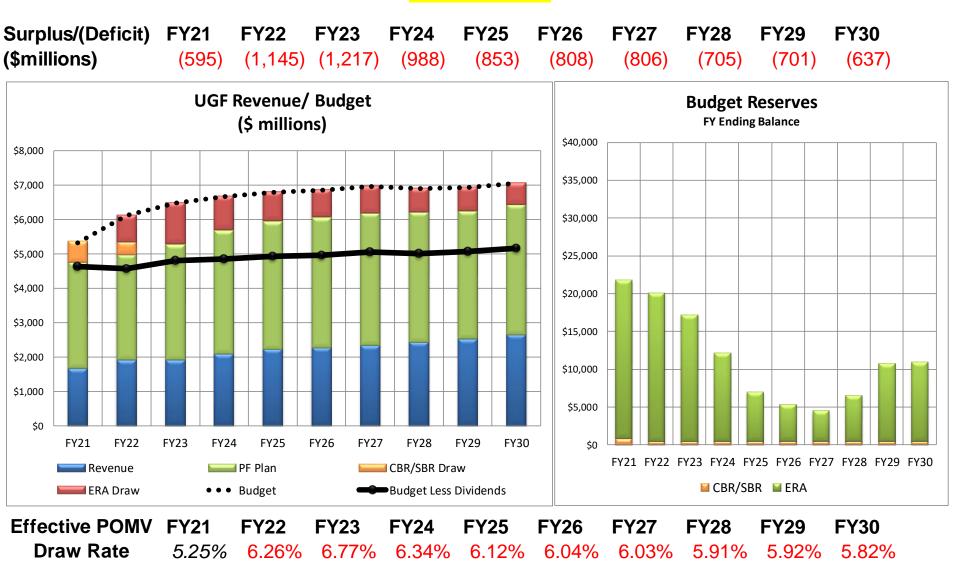
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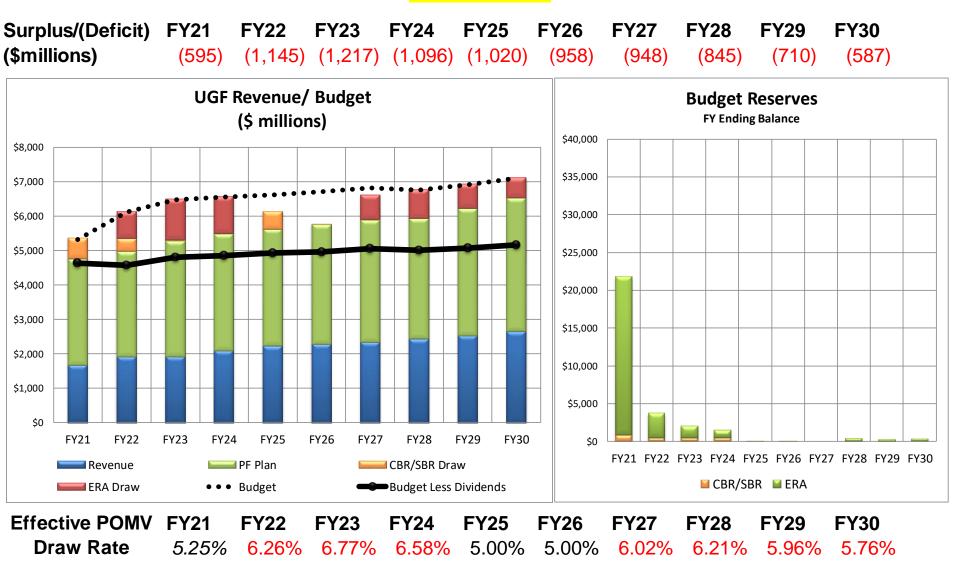
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FY00-08 Returns



#### Fiscal Model: Budget w/ 50% POMV PFD

FY09-17 Returns



### Questions?

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