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FY23 Operating Budget House Finance Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Subcommittee

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development submits the following recommended operating budget for FY23 to the House Finance Committee:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)	
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$10,151.2
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$56,486.0
Other Funds	\$49,565.1
Federal Funds	\$22,258.4
Total	\$138,460.7

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY23 Adjusted Base to the House Subcommittee budget recommendation is an increase of \$1,689.0 thousand of Unrestricted General Funds, which is 20% above the FY23 Adjusted Base.

Permanent Full-time	515
Permanent Part-time	0
Temporary	5
Total	520

BUDGET ACTION:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development reviewed the FY23 budget request, including amendments, and recommends the following actions:

Accept the Office of the Governor's budget proposal, with the following changes:

• Added intent language instructing the Department to develop a plan to stabilize and set fee structures, develop a new system for leveling the cost of appeals and investigations and target fee relief for industries and occupations that are high need and have a high cost of entry.

- Added \$250.0 (UGF) for grants that would be made available on a competitive basis to Alaskabased small businesses that are operating under a currently-active Small Business Innovation Research or Small Business Technology Transfer grant from a Federal Agency.
- Added \$300.0 (UGF) and intent language for recruitment and retention efforts through sign-on and relocation bonuses for new hires or performance bonuses for current hires throughout the Department.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

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

- 1. Agency Totals
- 2. Transaction Compare: FY23 Adjusted Base to House Subcom
- 3. Transaction Compare: FY23 Gov Amend (NoSalAdj) to House Subcom
- 4. Transaction Compare: FY23 House Baseline (NoSalAdj) to House Subcom
- 5. Wordage Report

Respectfully Submitted,

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