

FY13 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 284/HB 285

Amendment #1

OFFERED BY: Rep. Thomas by request of the Governor

DEPARTMENT: Administration
APPROPRIATION: Violent Crimes Compensation Board
ALLOCATION: Violent Crimes Compensation Board

ADD: \$340,000 Federal Receipts (1002)

EXPLANATION:

The Violent Crimes Compensation Board (VCCB) applies for a federal grant annually and can be awarded up to \$1 million based on the amount of state funds that are spent. VCCB has \$660,100 of federal authorization and is seeking an additional \$340,000 federal receipt authorization, which will provide additional grants to the victims of crimes.

In FY2012 the Board has approved payment for 604 claims. Of those, 19 claims were in excess of \$15,000. These include assault cases where serious injuries incurred, two homicides and two serious child abuse cases where the Board has set aside funds for the children's future needs, including disability accommodations. The amount paid out on the 19 claims totals \$431,100. During this same period in FY2011 383 claims were approved and 128 in FY2010. VCCB has grant funding available to spend but lacks sufficient authority. If approved, this increase will enable the VCCB to provide grants to victims of crime for the duration of this fiscal year.

OFFERED BY: Rep. Costello

DEPARTMENT: Commerce, Community and Economic Development
APPROPRIATION: Community and Regional Affairs
ALLOCATION: Community and Regional Affairs

ADD: \$150,000 (per year, as an increment –IncT-for three years), General Funds, 1004

EXPLANATION: Southeast Alaska Sustainable Arts Program

The state grant would be used to develop the Southeast Alaska Sustainable Arts Program. The program will focus on reintroducing the nearly-lost art form of skin sewing and developing a cottage industry in rural communities.

The program would be spearheaded by Sealaska Heritage Institute, a nonprofit founded in 1980 to promote cultural diversity and cross-cultural understanding. The institute has a long history of running successful Native art projects, including a multi-year program that reintroduced spruce-root weaving, an endangered art form, in the Tlingit community of Hoonah.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Costello and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Commerce, Community & Economic Development
APPROPRIATION: Community & Regional Affairs
ALLOCATION: Community & Regional Affairs

ADD: \$60,000, Boat Receipts, 1216 (other)

EXPLANATION: Alaska Marine Safety Education Association

Appropriated to the Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA) for continued education and training services. The mission of AMSEA is to “[r]educ[e] injury and death in the marine and freshwater environment through education and training provided by a network of qualified marine safety instructors.”

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE

TO: CSHB 284(FIN), Draft Version "X"

1 Page 7, following line 28:

2 Insert new material to read:

3 "Although the legislature acknowledges that contract negotiations and management
4 decisions are functions of the executive branch, it is the intent of the legislature that the
5 Department of Corrections should consider the potential costs, including costs of litigation or
6 arbitration, officer and inmate safety, and employee recruitment and retention, when
7 evaluating any change to the historical policy of using shift staffing."

OFFERED BY: Rep. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Education and Early Development
APPROPRIATION: Teaching and Learning Support
ALLOCATION: Early Learning Coordination

ADD: \$250,000 GF (1004) (as an IncOTI)

Intent: It is the intent of the legislature that \$250,000 GF will be provided in addition to the Governor's existing FY13 request for Early Learning Coordination, including Parents as Teachers.

EXPLANATION: This amendment will support pre-kindergarten, parent-based Parents as Teachers programs throughout the state.

OFFERED BY: Reps. T. Wilson and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Education and Early Development:
APPROPRIATION: Teaching and Learning Support
ALLOCATION: Early Learning Coordination

Part A

ADD: \$500.0 GF (1004) OTI

Part B

**ADD A NEW ALLOCATION to the Teaching and Learning Support
Appropriation for Pre-Kindergarten Grants.**

Part C

ALLOCATION: Early Learning Coordination
Decrement (2,000.0) GF (1004)

ALLOCATION: Pre-Kindergarten Grants
IncOTI 2,000.0 GF (1004) OTI

Part D

ADD INTENT to Pre-Kindergarten Grants allocation as follows:

It is the intent of the legislature that funding in the Pre-Kindergarten allocation be made available to grantees through a competitive bid process every two years beginning in FY2013. In addition, the Department of Education and Early Development is to work with grantees to ensure that all students participating in the Pre-Kindergarten programs be tested at the start and end of their participation to provide a means to measure the program's effectiveness.

EXPLANATION:

Part A of this amendment adds back \$500.0 GF to Early Learning Coordination for Pre-Kindergarten grants to restore the program to its \$2 million FY12 level. Part B creates a new allocation for the program. Part C transfers \$2 million GF from the Early Learning Coordination allocation to the newly created Pre-Kindergarten Grants allocation within the Teaching and Learning Support appropriation. Part D adds Legislative Intent.

The purpose of the amendment is to restore funding to the Pre-Kindergarten program, to clearly delineate funding and expenditures for the program, and to provide direction to ensure overall program effectiveness.

OFFERED BY: Reps. T. Wilson and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Education & Early Development
APPROPRIATION: Teaching and Learning Support
ALLOCATION: Student and School Achievement

Part A

DELETE: (200.0) GF (1004) OTI

ADD: 200.0 GF (1004)

Part B

DELETE: (150.0) GF/MH (1037)

ADD: 150.0 GF/MH (1037) OTI

EXPLANATION:

Part A reverses the subcommittee transactions related to Rural Transition Services. Part B changes total base funding of \$150.0 to one time funding.

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OFFERED BY: Reps. Wilson and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Education and Early Development
APPROPRIATION: Teaching and Learning Support
ALLOCATION: Student and School Achievement

DELETE: \$250,000 GF (1004)

DEPARTMENT: Education
APPROPRIATION: Teaching and Learning Support
ALLOCATION: Early Learning Coordination

ADD: \$250,000 GF (1004)

EXPLANATION: \$250.0 is added for the Best Beginnings Program.

OFFERED BY: Rep. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Fish and Game
APPROPRIATION: Commercial Fisheries
ALLOCATION: Southeast Region Fisheries Management

ADD: \$120,000 General Funds, 1004

EXPLANATION: Hugh Smith Lake Sockeye and Coho Adult Enumeration

Without the Hugh Smith Lake weir, the department would not be able to evaluate whether escapement objectives are met for this important system. Data from the Hugh Smith Lake weir is also of critical importance to in-season management of several significant commercial fisheries in the region such as the District 1 (Tree Point) drift gillnet fishery, the District 1 purse seine fishery, and the region-wide troll fishery.

Lacking the information from the Hugh Smith Lake weir, the department would have to manage those fisheries in a more conservative manner. By funding this project, the state and the region should see a financial return due to increased harvest opportunity for the commercial fisheries.

OFFERED BY: Rep. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Fish and Game
APPROPRIATION: Commercial Fisheries
ALLOCATION: Southeast Region Fisheries Management

ADD: \$70,000 General Funds, 1004

EXPLANATION: Southeast Alaska Shrimp Pot Fishery In-Season Management

This increment seeks support for an in-season management program for the Southeast Alaska Shrimp Pot Fishery. The department currently manages the fishery by district and section level GHLs, which are determined by past fishery performance and fishery independent stock assessment surveys. There is currently no standardized in-season management methodology.

In the first year, this increment would pay for chartered vessel support; small vessel operations; personnel sea duty; air transportation; and one month of the southeast shrimp biologist's salary.

In subsequent years, it would also allow for the extension of two seasonal positions for an additional month to assist in in-season management on a limited geographic basis. In-season management would be practiced in one district or section for up to 20 days. If the fishery in that district or section were to close, the vessel and department personnel would move to another district or section for the remainder of the 20-day period.

Staff on the fishing grounds would include three personnel to sample catches on all boats participating in the fishery in the study district or section. Vessel support would entail a larger vessel for accommodations and gear storage, and a skiff to transport personnel for catch sampling. This increment would also allow for a six-day post-season fishery independent stock assessment survey to examine the effective biomass left on the grounds after the commercial fishery has closed. This survey would give integral data on the effectiveness and sustainability of in-season management. The state and region should see a financial return due to increased opportunity for shrimp fishermen.

OFFERED BY: Rep. Thomas by request of the Governor

DEPARTMENT: Fish and Game

APPROPRIATION: Commercial Fisheries

ALLOCATION: Commercial Fisheries Special Projects

ADD: \$300,000 General Fund/Program Receipts (1005)

EXPLANATION:

An increase of general fund program receipts authority is needed to allow for additional receipt of dive tax assessment revenue. This revenue is derived from a 7% assessment on the landed value of geoducks and red sea urchins, and a 5% assessment on sea cucumbers. These additional funds will be passed on to the Southeast Alaska Regional Dive Fisheries Association (SARDFA).

This will increase receipt authority for SARDFA from \$555,700 to a revised total of \$1,105,700 (an increment for \$250,000 was previously requested by the Governor and approved by the Fish and Game budget subcommittee). The increase is due to both an increase in price and an increased harvest level over FY2012.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Fish and Game
APPROPRIATION: Sport Fisheries
ALLOCATION: Sport Fisheries

ADD: \$90,000 GF, 1004

EXPLANATION: Expand the current operation of the Little Susitna Weir.

OFFERED BY: Rep. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Fish and Game

APPROPRIATION: Commercial Fisheries

ALLOCATION: Southeast Region Fisheries Management

ADD: It is the intent of the legislature that the department, to the extent possible, include lingcod surveys when performing the demersal shelf rockfish surveys.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Joule and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Health & Social Services
APPROPRIATION: Public Health
ALLOCATION: Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion

ADD: \$1,000,000 General Funds (1004) (as IncT for three years)
1 PFT

EXPLANATION:

Reversing the obesity trend in Alaska may take decades. Yet obesity's impacts to Alaskans quality of life and health costs add urgency to our actions. Obesity costs Alaska \$459 million each year. Projected SFY13 funding for the state's Obesity Prevention and Control Program's is \$375,000 GF, a level of investment dwarfed by the costs of obesity. Investing in a healthier Alaska now will save healthcare dollars in the years to come.

Adult physical activity and nutrition behaviors are established during childhood. Thus, an obesity prevention effort focusing on children and families would have the greatest overall impact. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended obesity prevention interventions often require personnel within local communities to implement programs for families and children. This creates local jobs for Alaskan professionals working to reduce obesity's burden.

Funding will provide:	
Data Collection	\$65.0
School Health & Wellness	60.0
Professional Development	120.0
Healthy Futures partnership	600.0
Food System Council	50.0
1.0 FTE staff	105.0

OFFERED BY: Reps. Joule and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Health & Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Children's Services

ALLOCATION: Family Preservation

ADD: \$138,000 General Funds/Mental Health (1037)

EXPLANATION:

This project provides grants to recruit and screen potential foster parents, and for training and technical assistance for parents and foster parents. These services are intended to improve the ability of parents and foster parents to effectively parent children with severe emotional disturbances and to reduce the need for out-of-home care and for residential placements. Therapeutic Foster Homes are recognized in Bring the Kids Home planning as an economical and effective alternative to costlier types of residential care for youth experiencing serious emotional disturbance.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Joule and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Health & Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Public Health

ALLOCATION: Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

ADD: \$360,000 General Funds (1004) (as IncT for three years)

EXPLANATION:

Chlamydia is an asymptomatic disease known to cause silent but complicated and severe bacterial infections in the female reproductive organs. It has been identified as the number one cause of Pelvic Inflammatory Disease, conclusively linked to chronic pelvic pain, abscess formation, ectopic pregnancy and outright infertility. In 2007, chlamydia was the most frequently reported communicable disease in Alaska, with a total of 4,911 known cases. In 2006, 2007, and 2010, Alaska led the nation in infection rates – with disproportionately high presence in Rural Alaska. Currently, Alaska’s infection rate is twice the national average, and continues to increase.

Screening and early treatment can prevent some of the most devastating effects of sexually transmitted diseases. Funds appropriated in this item will support:

Media Campaign	\$100,000
Increased Testing at the Alaska State Laboratory	\$155,600
Expedited Partner Therapy Pilot	\$45,000
Public Health Nursing (medications in areas w/out a pharmacy)	\$60,000

Testing/screening for gonorrhea occurs at the same time an individual is tested for chlamydia. These funds cover testing for both diseases.

OFFERED BY: Rep. Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Children's Services

ALLOCATION: Children's Services Management

ADD: \$200,000 GF (1004)

Intent: It is the intent of the legislature that \$200,000 GF be used for the Education and Training Voucher program within the Independent Living Program.

EXPLANATION: Supplement Employment and Training Vouchers to train and improve the success of youth covered by the Independent Living Program.

OFFERED BY: Representative Stoltze

DEPARTMENT: LAW
APPROPRIATION: Civil Division
ALLOCATION: Oil, Gas and Mining

1. ADD: \$5,000.0 General Funds (1004) **One-Time Increment**

EXPLANATION: Section 1 of this amendment provides one-time funding for Oil & Gas (Non-Gasline) Outside Counsel & Experts.

2. ADD: \$2,900.0 General Funds (1004) **One-Time Increment**

EXPLANATION: Section 2 of this amendment provides one-time funding for Gas Pipeline Outside Counsel & Experts.

OFFERED BY: Representatives Neuman and Costello

DEPARTMENT: Department of Natural Resources

APPROPRIATION: Land & Water Resources

ALLOCATION: Mining, Land & Water

DELETE: \$75,000, General Funds, 1004

To page 28, line 9, following “directly authorizes such a program”:

Delete “.”

Insert “ through statutory approval.”

EXPLANATION: The remaining amount of \$75,000 is expected to cover the remainder of the planning and development process already underway by the Division of Mining, Land and Water.

The amendment to the intent language clarifies that the direct authorization by the legislature, which is to be given before any funding is spent on program implementation, must come in the form of statutory approval.

OFFERED BY: Rep. Wilson

DEPARTMENT: Natural Resources
APPROPRIATION: Parks and Outdoor Recreation
ALLOCATION: Parks Management and Access

ADD: \$87.7 GF (1004)
1 PFT

EXPLANATION:

This amendment adds funding for a much needed Fairbanks Park Ranger position to actively manage the Lower Chatanika State Recreation Area (LCSRA). Without this position, the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation (DPOR) will be forced to shut down access and remove improvements to the popular Olnes Pond/Whitefish campground area. The 400 acre parcel contains two boat launches and two developed campgrounds. The area is extremely popular with the public for boating, fishing, camping, ATV riding, hiking, spear fishing, hunting, trapping, skiing, and snow machining. Moving the LCSRA from passive management to active management will decrease the amount of damage, crime, and misuse the area currently experiences.

The funds include Park Ranger salary and benefits.

OFFERED BY: Representative Stoltze

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers

ALLOCATION: Alaska State Troopers Detachments

ADD: \$53.7 General Funds (1004)

ADD: \$18.5 General Funds (1004) **One-time Increment**

APPROPRIATION: VPSO Program

ALLOCATION: VPSO Contracts

ADD: \$521.4 General Funds (1004)

ALLOCATION: VPSO Support

ADD: \$ 31.0 General Funds (1004)

ADD: \$ 42.5 General Funds (1004) **One-time Increment**

EXPLANATION: This amendment restores the 25% of funding for Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO) increments not included in the House sub-committee's recommendations.

OFFERED BY: Rep. Stoltze

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers

Page 29, line 19, ADD new material to read:

It is the intent of the legislature that Alaska State Troopers resources be deployed to those communities that actively participate in the Rural Trooper Housing Program.

It is the intent of the legislature to honor the service of our resident Peace Officers, current and retired, by requesting that the Department of Public Safety, when able and with the approval of family members, provide a state trooper in full dress to attend funeral services of a deceased officer.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Department of Revenue
APPROPRIATION: Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority
ALLOCATION: ANGDA Operations

DELETE: \$326,700 General Funds, 1004
\$110,000 CIP Rcpts., 1061
\$436,700 Total
-3 PFT

EXPLANATION: The Alaska Natural Gas Development Authority was set up by a voter initiative in 2002. Since then, other State entities have taken the lead in acquiring and conditioning North Slope natural gas and constructing a pipeline to transport the gas. ANGDA's purpose has been served and the Authority can now appropriately be terminated as recommended by Legislative Audit so as not to duplicate State activities.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Edgmon and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation

APPROPRIATION: Highways, Aviation and Facilities

ALLOCATION: Northern Region Highways and Aviation

ADD: \$50,000 General Funds (1004)

EXPLANATION:

An ice road provides a secure means of travel between several rural communities in Northwest Alaska. To ensure safety, and prior to clearing a road, ice thickness is measured to make sure the foundation is ideal.

During the winter months the ice road is the only road connecting Noorvik, Kiana and Kotzebue. The road allows individuals to safely travel between these communities during the winter months, and in some circumstances, reduces search and rescue efforts because there is a marked trail for people to utilize, rather than breaking a new one.

Additionally, since residents can travel between the villages, they can buy cheaper goods and fuel in Kotzebue, a major hub, and take the items back to their respective communities. Often times the goods and fuel are then transported to outlying villages, substantially reducing the living costs in remote areas of Alaska. An ice road allows people to stay in contact with each other during the long winter months and attend regional community events. Recently the housing authority, and others, have been using the road to cut costs in transporting building materials by truck to rural areas.

OFFERED BY: Rep. Thomas by request of the Governor

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Public Facilities

APPROPRIATION: Highways, Aviation and Facilities

ALLOCATION: Southeast Region Highways and Aviation

ADD: \$100,000 General Fund (1004)

EXPLANATION:

This increase is for continued support of the agreement between the Ketchikan Gateway Borough (KGB) and the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities (DOT&PF) to operate the state-owned airport on Gravina Island.

The DOT/PF budget subcommittee approved the Governor's increment of \$300,000 for operating and maintenance costs of the Ketchikan airport, as well as other expenses. Efforts by the State to cover the insurance cost of the Ketchikan Airport ferries were unsuccessful due to insurance/ownership requirements. This funding will allow the KGB to continue to operate and maintain the airport.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska

APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Community Campuses

ALLOCATION: College of Rural and Community Development

ADD: \$144,000 GF 1004

EXPLANATION: The Early Childhood Education AAS and Child Development and Family Studies BA program graduates are in high workforce demand within Alaska and the United States as a whole. Federal mandates state that all Head Start teachers must have an AAS in Early Childhood by October 1, 2011 and 50% of all Head Start teachers must have a BA by October 1, 2013. The program staff and faculty within the distance Early Childhood programs plays a critical role supporting the high demand educational needs of all Head Start grantees within the State of Alaska. The program has made alterations to the curriculum content of the programs to meet the diverse cultural training needs as well as meeting standards developed by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). UAF CRCD works in conjunction with UAS School of Education.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Mark Neuman, Stoltze and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Community Campuses
ALLOCATION: Cooperative Extension Service

ADD: \$250,000 GF 1004
\$750,000 Fed. Rcpts.1002
\$1,000,000 Total

EXPLANATION: Increase of \$250,000 in general fund dollars to the Cooperative Extension Service base budget and \$750,000 in federal receipt authority for the Future Farmers of America and 4-H programs.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Anchorage
ALLOCATION: Anchorage Campus

ADD: \$175.0 GF, 1004

EXPLANATION: Alaska Moving Image Preservation Association (AMIPA) was established in 1991 to collect, preserve, catalog, and provide public access to Alaska's sound and moving image heritage. Since 2004, the AMIPA program has been installed in offices and temperature/humidity-controlled vaults at the UAA Consortium Library. This program has been operating since October 2010 under a Memorandum of Agreement with UAA. The agreement provides financial support (via a legislative grant) to AMIPA through FY12.

This amendment will fund AMIPA operations in UAA's base budget as UAA is the only realistic sustainable funding option for AMIPA.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Anchorage
ALLOCATION: Anchorage Campus

ADD: \$389,900 GF 1004
\$40,000 Univ. Rcpt. 1048
\$429,900 Total
PFT Positions: 3

EXPLANATION: More than 25% of advanced nurse practitioners practicing in Alaska today have graduated from UAA. Currently there is insufficient faculty in this program to sustain an increase in admissions. This funding will support the equivalent of three faculty positions which will enable the University to double the number of family nurse practitioner students admitted each year. The UAA nursing program is accessible statewide through e-learning.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas by request of the Governor

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Anchorage
ALLOCATION: Anchorage Campus

ADD: \$271.0 GF, 1004

EXPLANATION: The Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) is a nationally acclaimed program that is highly dependent on external funding, of which a very large portion (approx. \$1.5M) is scheduled to expire in FY12. ANSEP has already made reductions to its budget in the amount of \$1.2M. This request is to replace lost funds to maintain current core Native student programs.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Anchorage
ALLOCATION: Anchorage Campus

ADD: \$350,000 GF 1004
\$40,000 Univ. Rcpt. 1048
\$390,000 Total
PFT Positions: 1

EXPLANATION: One of the highest demand health professions in Alaska is physical therapy and the demand will continue to grow with our aging population. This funding is for a faculty/liaison to coordinate three related efforts at the University of Alaska Anchorage: development of a clear pre-physical therapy track, development of partnership with one or more physical therapy schools to offer PT education in Alaska, and facilitation of a partnership or local model to offer a physical therapy assistant program in Alaska. This position would be located in Anchorage.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas by request of the Governor

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Anchorage
ALLOCATION: Anchorage Campus

ADD: \$354,900 GF 1004
\$190,000 Univ. Rcpts. 1048
\$544,900 Total
PFT Positions: 4

EXPLANATION: In an effort to improve graduation rates, this would fund four new academic development/student success professionals to bring the degree-seeking advisee-advisor ratio in-line with recommended national standards for four year public universities and for implementing the full MAP-Works student retention program. Making Achievement Possible (MAP) is a comprehensive student support and intervention program. Currently at the Anchorage campus Advising and Testing Center, three academic advisors try to provide educational advising for more than 454 Associate of Arts degree seeking, 900 undeclared Bachelor's degree seeking, and 4,027 non-degree seeking students. Not including the non-degree seeking students, the advisor student ratio in the center is 1:451.

OFFERED BY: Rep. Fairclough and Thomas by request of the Governor

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Fairbanks
ALLOCATION: Fairbanks Campus

ADD: \$80,000 GF 1004

EXPLANATION: Currently, there is a memorandum of agreement (MOA) between the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) (to include the Alaska Army and Air National Guard (AKNG) and the Alaska Naval Militia (ANM)) and the University of Alaska (UA)).

In FY10, \$328.5 of funding for the Alaska National Guard/University of Alaska Tuition Scholarship Program (TSP) was transferred from Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) to the University of Alaska Anchorage Campus. Prior to FY10, the program was funded through the DMVA and transferred to UA via a reimbursable service agreement (RSA). In FY10, UA also requested an increment of \$171.5 to cover additional waivers. The increment was not funded.

For FY11-FY13 the program has remained at the \$328.5 funding level while the TSP has awarded on average \$367.0 from FY09-FY12. UA and DMVA have used a combination of other funds to make up the difference. There are four sources of funding that may be available for the National Guardsmen. The four sources include the GI bill, Army National Guard Federal Program, Air National Guard Federal Program, and the Alaska National Guard/University of Alaska Tuition Scholarship (TSP). DMVA exhausts all other eligible funding sources before using the TSP.

Currently there is only \$328.5 in base funds and the average award has been \$365.0 over the last 4 years. These additional funds would get the University to a base level of sustainment funding plus provide them with some room for growth.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas by request of the Governor

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Fairbanks
ALLOCATION: Fairbanks Campus

ADD: \$600,000 GF 1004
\$273,200 Univ. Rcpts. 1048
\$873,200 Total
PFT Positions: 8

EXPLANATION: TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) level comprehensive advising support would be extended to about 400 of the estimated 1100 at-risk baccalaureate, AA, and AS students at UAF; SSS currently serves about 160 such students. The federally funded TRiO Student Support Services program has been very successful in retaining and graduating at-risk baccalaureate students with an academic need. The SSS six-year graduation rate surpassed that of all UAF baccalaureate students over the past several years, by as much as 19 percentage points.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Fairbanks
ALLOCATION: Fairbanks Campus

ADD: \$400,000 GF, 1004
\$400,000 Univ. Rcpts., 1048-
\$800,000 Total
PFT Positions: 3

EXPLANATION: In a response to state High-Demand Jobs this request would add 2 additional faculty slots, 12 teaching assistant positions and provide a peer level of support more consistent with current enrollment numbers at the College of Engineering and Mines (CEM). Student enrollment in the CEM has increased by 70% since 2006 and more than 120 degrees were awarded in FY11, a 50% increase since 2006. There are currently 750 undergraduate students majoring in engineering with only 23 teaching assistant positions.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Fairbanks
ALLOCATION: Fairbanks Campus

ADD: \$200.0, GF, 1004
\$200.0, Univ. Rcpts., 1048
Total: \$400.0
PFT Positions: 2

EXPLANATION: Based on a 2010 statewide needs assessment and an internal review, the University of Alaska Fairbanks is planning a new Department of Veterinary Medicine within the College of Natural Science and Mathematics. According to the US Department of Labor, veterinarians are the 18th fastest growing occupation and veterinary technicians are the 13th fastest. The foundation of this new program will be an accredited “2+2 program” between UAF and the College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, Colorado State University. Students will complete their pre-veterinary program (3-4 years) and the first 2 years of their professional program at UAF. Their final 2 years will be at the veterinary teaching hospital at CSU. The University plans to enhance veterinary coverage in Alaska by training veterinarians with an understanding of Alaskan needs. Specific interests include but are not limited to: public health, rural veterinary medicine, quality and safety of subsistence foods, population health of Alaskan wildlife, zoonotic disease, sustainable agriculture, toxicology, environmental contaminants, emerging disease and the effects of global warming. Equally important for the state are research, graduate veterinary education, professional services for the veterinary community, and continuing education in animal health and disease. The state funding requested will support the hire of a program coordinator and a faculty member to begin the start-up of the program which is scheduled open the summer of 2014.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Fairbanks
ALLOCATION: Fairbanks Organized Research

ADD:	\$300,000	GF 1004
	\$472,600	Univ. Rcpts. 1048
	\$772,600	Total

EXPLANATION: The Resilience and Adaptation Program (RAP) at UAF was established through two grants from the National Science Foundation and has operated with that funding for nine years. NSF has a time limit for support of graduate programs and that limit has been reached, so the NSF funding will not continue. However, the RAP program has been very successful and directly addresses Alaska's needs. Hence funds are requested to allow it to continue. RAP is a graduate education and training program focusing on interdisciplinary studies in northern sustainability, resilience, and adaptation to change. The mission of RAP is to prepare scholars, policy-makers, educators, community leaders, and managers to address issues of sustainability in an integrated fashion. Through coursework, an internship experience, thesis research, and other training, students address the challenge of sustaining the desirable features of Earth's social-ecological systems at a time of rapid change. To date thesis research by RAP students has focused on: Climate-Disturbance-Human Interactions, Food Systems and Food Security, Adaptive Resource Co-Management, Sustainable Fisheries and Forestry, Alternative Energy, Rural Community Resilience and Adaptation, and Wildlife and Subsistence Resources. Since 2002 over 80 graduate students have joined RAP and 31 students have graduated from the program. Currently over 50 PhD and masters students are participating in RAP. Additional students have taken RAP course classes and participated in its many activities. Over 41 faculty members have or are currently serving as major advisors to RAP students, with six UAF schools and colleges and more than 9 home departments involved. Additional departments at UAA have also been involved. The goal for establishing RAP as a permanent program at UAF is to create the very best interdisciplinary graduate program in high-latitude sustainability science in the world.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas by request of the Governor

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Southeast
ALLOCATION: Juneau Campus

ADD: \$87.3 GF, 1004
\$37.7 Univ. Rcpts., 1048
Total: \$125.0
1 PFT

EXPLANATION: This would fund one new position to develop and teach specific college courses that are designed to meet the needs of new students at the University of Alaska Southeast (UAS). The current status of preparatory courses at UAS is that they are not consistently offered on the Juneau campus despite the fact that most new students enroll in at least one developmental math and or English course. The position will also advise AA general studies students (100 fulltime students in the fall 2010) and coordinate startup of highly sought new summer bridge programs. The AA general studies students do not have a faculty advisor and summer bridge programs are not currently offered at UAS. Recent growth in enrollment at UAS has been attributed to recruiting efforts. Accommodating growth will also depend on an improvement in retention.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Southeast
ALLOCATION: Ketchikan Campus

ADD: \$85,000 GF, 1004

EXPLANATION: In response to State High-Demand Jobs this would move the funding for the Ketchikan-based Marine Transportation program from Technical Vocational and Education Program soft funding to General Funds to provide program funding stability. With over 6,500 credentialed mariners in Alaska, Marine Transportation is considered one of the high demand job fields in Alaska. Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water Vessels have a projected growth rate of 8.4% through the year 2018. The UAS Marine Transportation Program offers twenty-two (22) U.S. Coast Guard-approved maritime courses and is a training partner for Alaska Marine Highway System and Southeast Alaska Sea Pilot Association. The number of students enrolled in the program has doubled in the last five years from 200 to 400. There is no change to the position count.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Southeast
ALLOCATION: Ketchikan Campus

ADD: \$85,000 GF, 1004

EXPLANATION: In response to State High-Demand Jobs this would add an Assistant Professor of Fisheries Technology to the University of Alaska Southeast's Fisheries Technology program. This is necessary to offer qualified, locally trained fisheries technicians to replace the aging workforce and retiring managers in this field. As the only 2-year e-Learning fisheries technology program in the State of Alaska, the program supports a wide number of students across Alaska. The program provides hands-on intensive training to meet the demands of the private non-profit fish hatchery industry. There is no change to the position count.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Southeast
ALLOCATION: Sitka Campus

ADD:	\$145,100	GF 1004
	\$50,000	Univ. Rcpt. 1048
	\$195,100	Total

EXPLANATION: In response to State High-Demand Jobs this would add one staff position to the Alaska Training/Technical Assistance Center (ATTAC). ATTAC has been providing training and technical assistance to communities, Native health corporations, and the Department of Environmental Conservation for over 12 years with federal EPA funding. This funding ends in the current year. Technical Vocational and Education Program (TVEP) funding is being used to continue this program for FY12. Replacement of TVEP funding is being sought to move the Sitka-based ATTAC program from soft funding to GF to provide program funding stability.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Fairclough and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska Anchorage
ALLOCATION: Kenai Peninsula College

ADD:	\$375,000	GF (1004)
	\$ 94,000	Univ. Rcpts. (1048)
	\$469,000	Total
	2 PFT	

Funds are requested for two faculty members and one coordinator for the Process Technology program. Demand has been huge, both by students interested in the program and by industry needing process operators. Graduates have almost doubled in five years from 26 in 2006 to 51 in 2010. During this period, KPC has produced 189 process technology graduates; 65 at the Anchorage Extension Site and 124 at the KPC campus. This request will replace the TVEP funding and add two additional positions for the program. The large number of retiring workers in oil, gas and mining activities, and student and industry demand makes it imperative that KPC increase its capacities in this high demand program. Additional faculty are needed to meet the demand, and a program coordinator will enable more internships, increased interaction with the Alaska Process Industries Career Consortium (APICC), and summer job opportunities.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Stoltze and Thomas

DEPARTMENT: Alaska Court System

APPROPRIATION: Alaska Court System

DELETE: “Budget requests from agencies of the Judicial Branch are transmitted as requested”.

EXPLANATION: This amendment removes unnecessary conditional language.

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Stoltze, and T. Wilson

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Public Health

ALLOCATION: Women, Children and Family Health

ADD: Page 19, following line 13, insert new material to read:

"No money appropriated for public health and allocated to women, children, and family health may be expended for an abortion that is not a mandatory service required under AS 47.07.030(a). The money appropriated for Health and Social Services may be expended only for mandatory services required under Title XIX of the Social Security Act and for optional services offered by the state under the state plan for medical assistance that has been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services."