

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS FY2027 BUDGET OVERVIEW

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
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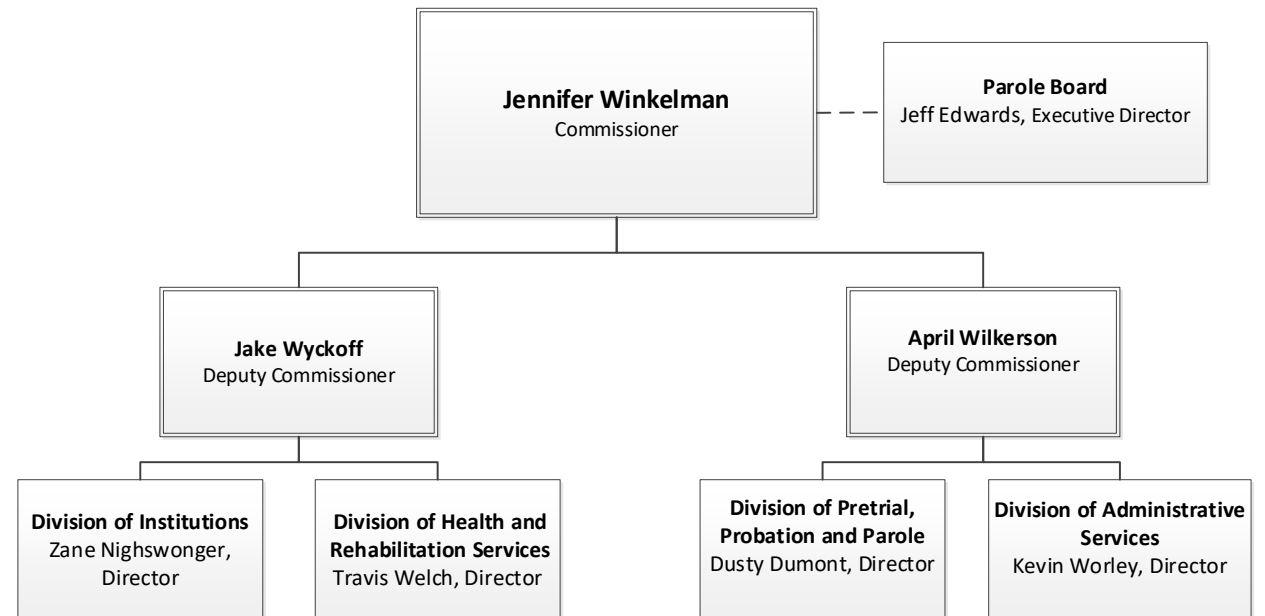


Presented By:
Deputy Commissioner April Wilkerson
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ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

- Commissioner's Office
- Division of Institutions
- Division of Health and Rehabilitation Services
- Division of Pretrial, Probation and Parole
- Division of Administrative Services
- Parole Board





MISSION AND CORE SERVICES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

- Mission: To provide secure confinement, reformatory programs, and a process of supervised community reintegration to enhance the safety of our communities
- Department FY2027 Positions: 2,127 Permanent Full-Time (PFT)
- Department FY2027 Budget Amended Request: \$523,436.2

Department Divisions	Core Service: Secure Confinement	Core Service: Supervised Release	Core Service: Reformatory Programs
Institutions	X	X	X
Health and Rehabilitation Services	X		X
Pretrial, Probation and Parole		X	X
Administrative Services	X	X	X



DOC AT A GLANCE

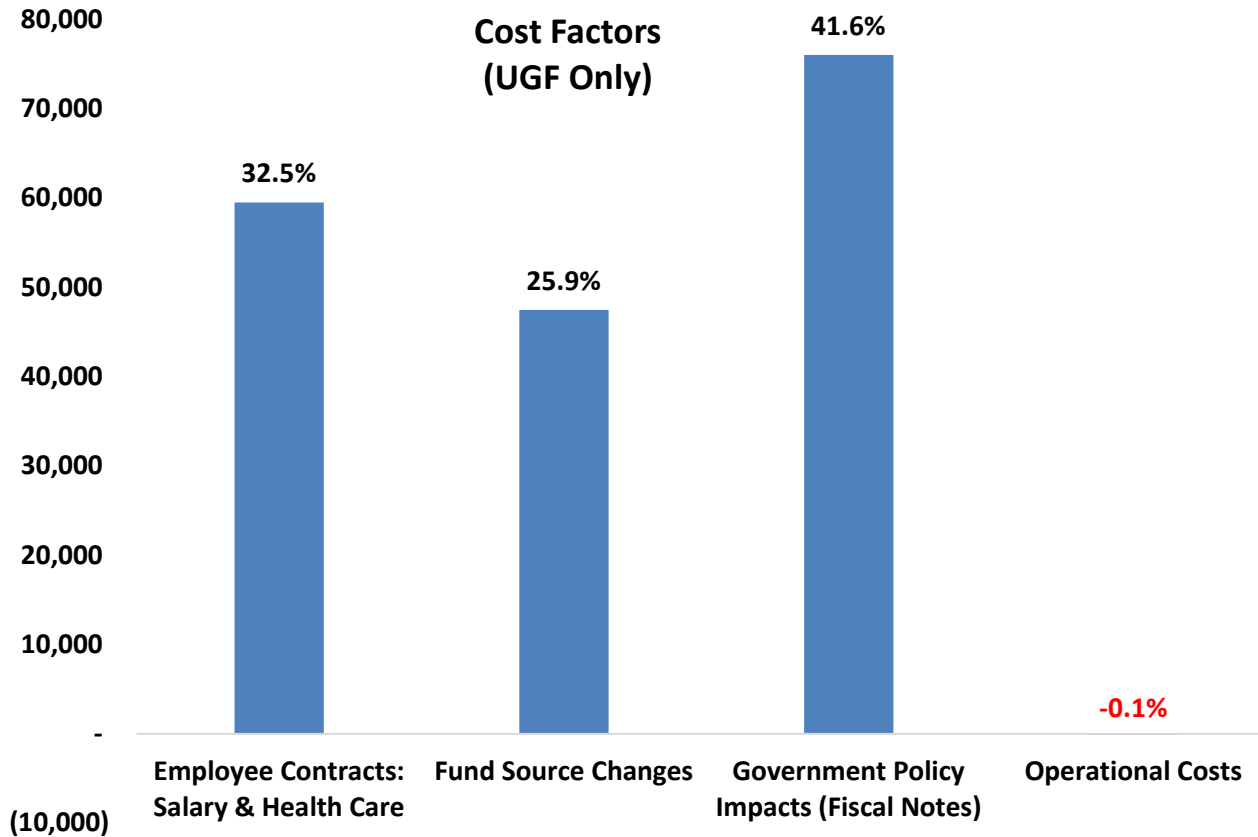
- Alaska is one of seven states that operate a unified correctional system. A state unified system is one in which there is an integrated state-level prison and jail system.
- DOC booked 25,823 offenders into its facilities in FY2025
 - ✓ 16,271 were unique offenders
 - ✓ 446 were non-criminal Title 47 bookings
- As of January 1, 2026, DOC was responsible for 9,976 individuals
 - ✓ 4,376 offenders in jail or prison
 - ✓ 282 offenders on sentenced electronic monitoring (EM)
 - ✓ 320 offenders in community residential centers (CRCs)
 - ✓ 3,548 offenders on probation or parole
 - ✓ 1,450 defendants on pretrial supervision (1,038 on pretrial EM)



BUDGET CHANGES AT A GLANCE

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

**Department of Corrections
FY2016 - FY2027
Cost Factors
(UGF Only)**



Employee Contracts: Salary & Health Care	\$59,521.6	32.5%
Fund Source Changes	\$47,464.9	25.9%
Government Policy Impacts (Fiscal Notes)	\$76,023.8	41.6%
Operational Costs	(\$94.4)	-0.1%
Totals Change	\$182,915.9	100.0%



FY2026 OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

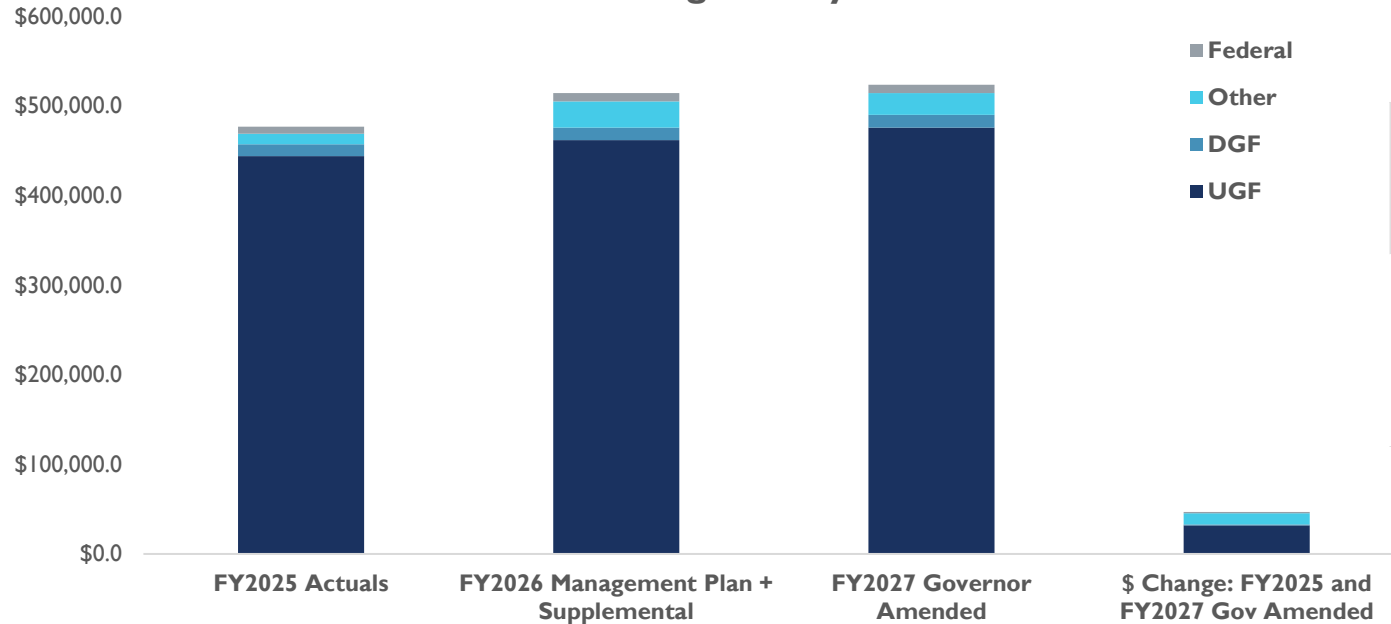
- Reduce institutional personal service authorization – **(\$6,000.0)**
- Reduce funding and close a housing unit at Spring Creek CC – **(\$7,500.0)**
- Reduce Regional and Community Jails – **(\$330.0)**
- Delete office assistant positions **(5)** and funding for inmate mail photocopying – **(\$372.4)**
- Community Residential Center (CRC) contractual costs – **\$2,628.8**



FY2027 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Funding History



	FY2025 Actuals	FY2026 Management Plan + Supplemental	FY2027 Governor Amended	\$ Change: FY2025 and FY2027 Gov Amended	% Change: FY2025 and FY2027
UGF	\$443,749.1	461,471.5	475,589.9	31,840.8	7.2%
DGF	13,248.8	14,110.0	14,170.2	921.4	7.0%
Other	11,769.8	29,247.1	24,293.2	12,523.4	106.4%
Federal	7,792.0	9,191.2	9,382.9	1,590.9	20.4%
Total	\$476,559.7	514,019.8	523,436.2	46,876.5	9.8%

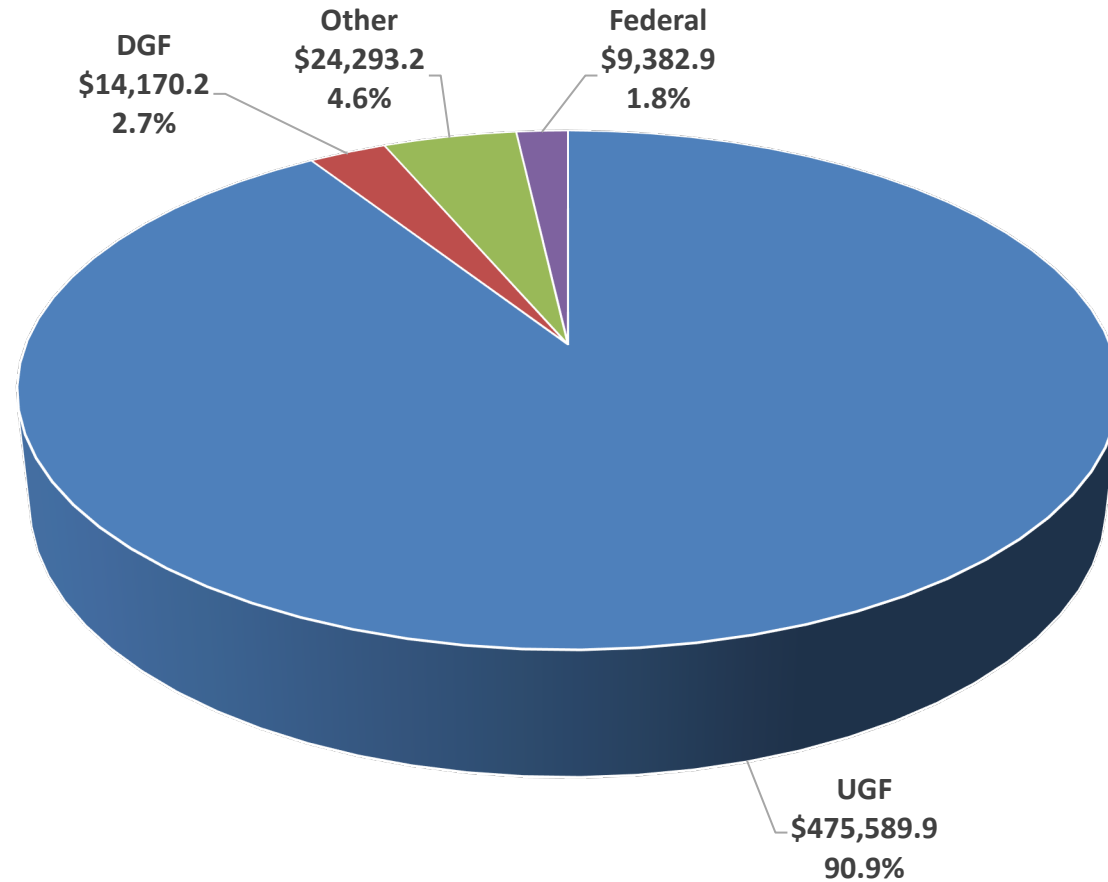
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF), Designated General Funds (DGF)



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Total \$523,436.2
2,127 PFT



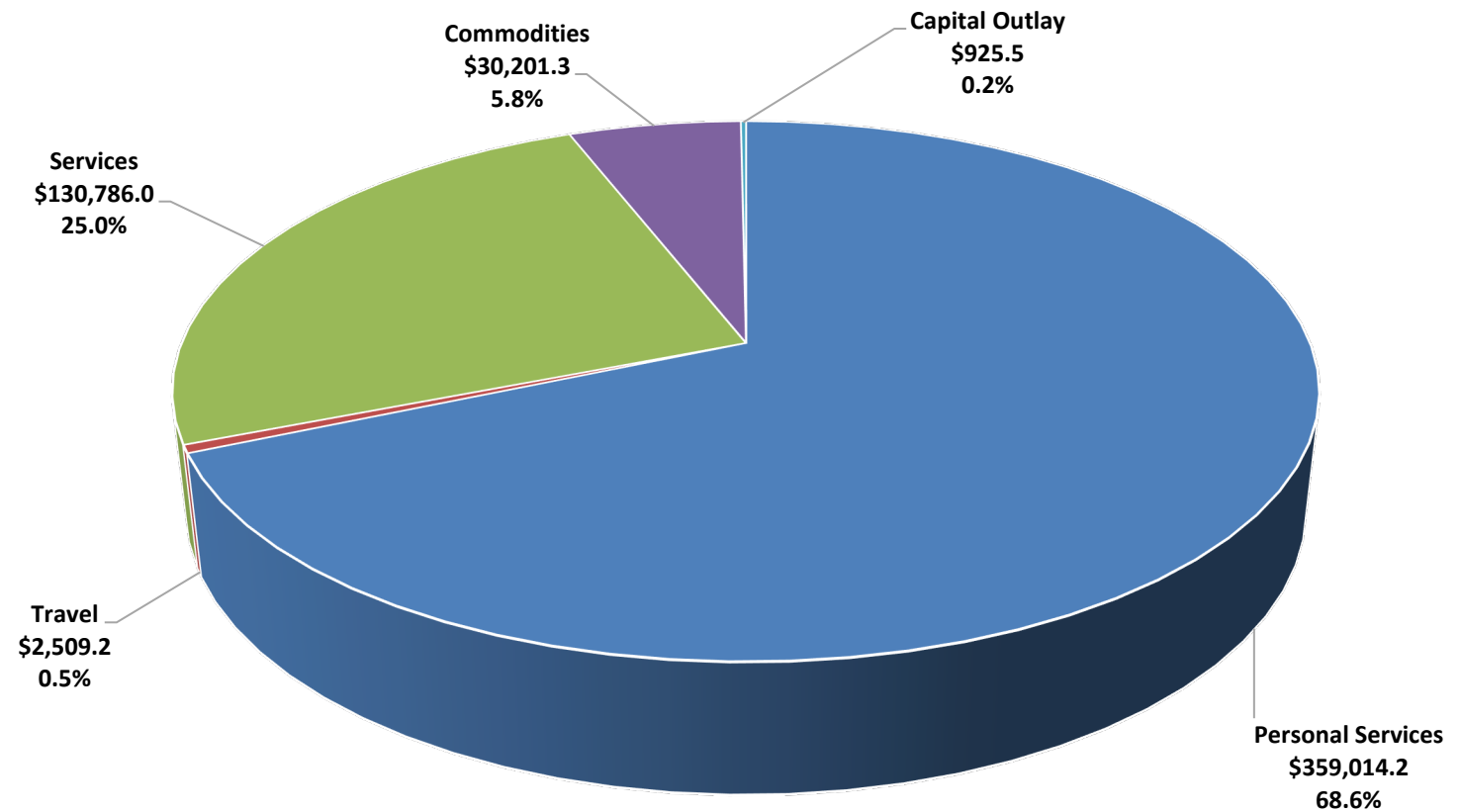


FY2027 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

BY LINE ITEM

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

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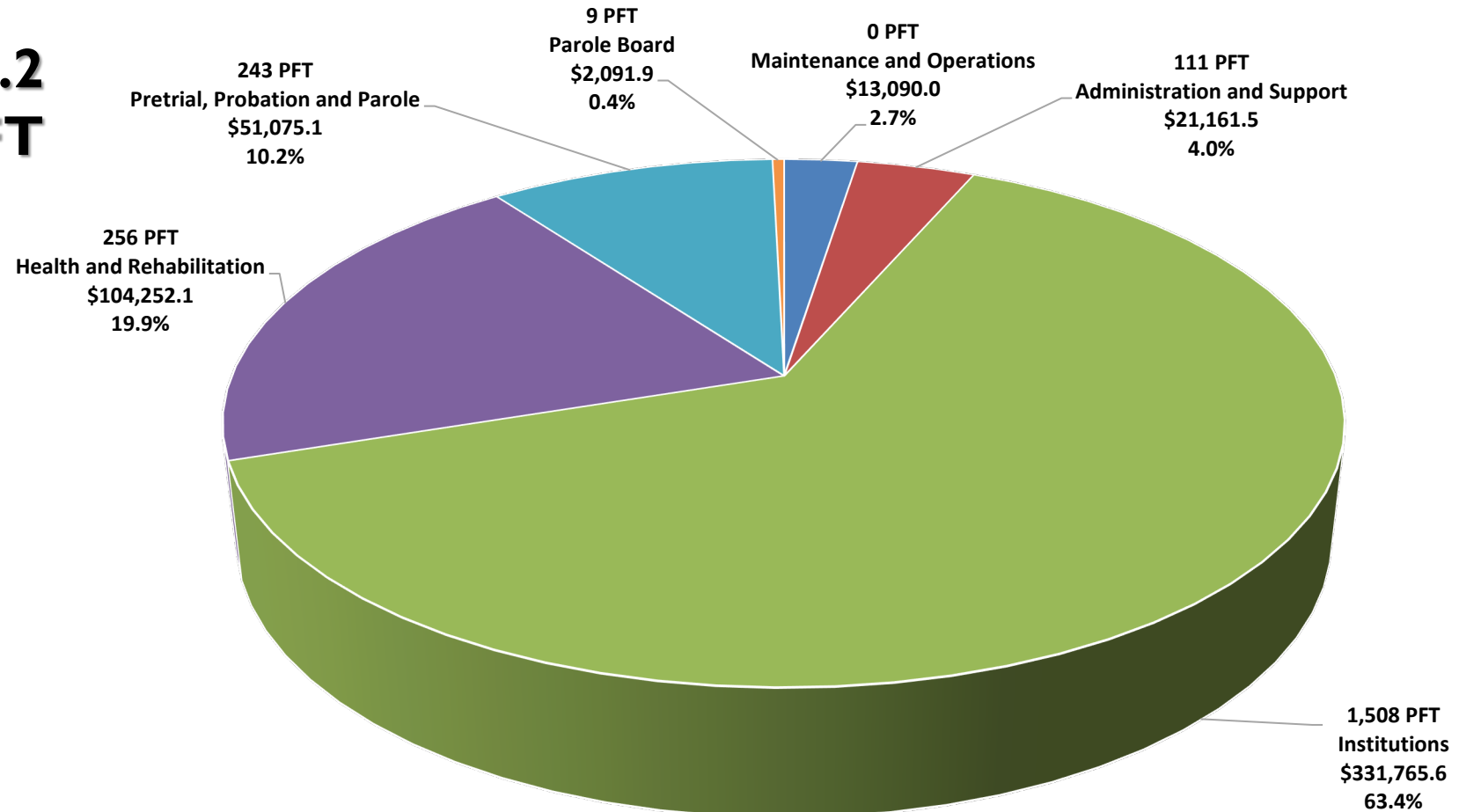


FY2027 OPERATING BUDGET REQUEST

BY DIVISION

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Total \$523,436.2
2,127 PFT





DIVISION SERVICES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Institutions

\$331,765.6 & 1,508 PFTs

- Inmate Time Accounting
- Chaplaincy Program
- Prison Rape Elimination Act Oversight
- Inmate Grievance Resolution
- Security Threat Group
- Classification and Furlough
- Inmate Transportation
- Point of Arrest
- K-9 Unit
- 13 Correctional Centers
- 7 Community Residential Centers
- 6 Sentenced Electronic Monitoring (EM) Offices
- Out-of-State

Maintenance and Operations

\$13,090.0 & 0 PFTs

- 24 Hour Institutional Maintenance
- Non-Institutional Maint. & Operations
- Non-Institutional Utilities
- Non-State-Owned Leases

Health and Rehabilitation Services

\$104,252.1 & 256 PFTs

- Medical and Dental Services and Oversight
- Medicaid Assistance
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Abuse
 - Assessment
 - Residential Treatment
 - Institutional Out-Patient Treatment
- Sex Offender Management
 - Polygraph
 - Institutional Sex Offender Program
 - Community Sex Offender Program
- Domestic Violence Program
- Reentry & Recidivism Unit
 - Offender Reentry
 - Community Coordination
- Education/Vocational Programs
 - Basic Adult Education
 - Apprenticeship Training
 - Vocational Training

Pretrial, Probation and Parole

\$51,075.1 & 243 PFTs

- Victim Service Unit
- Pretrial Services
 - Assessments
 - Supervision
 - Pretrial Electronic Monitoring
- Statewide Probation and Parole
 - 13 regional locations
 - Probation Accountability with Certain Enforcement
 - Pre-Sentencing Unit
 - Interstate Compact
- 14 Regional & Community Jails

Parole Board

\$2,091.9 & 9 PFTs

- Discretionary Parole
- Mandatory Parole
- Special Medical Parole
- Geriatric Parole
- Executive Clemency Program

Administration and Support

\$21,161.5 & 111 PFTs

- Executive Oversight
- Compliance Standards
- Inmate Grievances
- Training Academy
- Officer Recruitment & Retention
- Alaska Police Standards Council (APSC)
- Statewide Administrative Services
- Inmate Account and Banking
- Financial Oversight and Auditing
- Alcohol Ignition Interlock Device
- Research & Reporting
- Criminal Justice Information Security
- Alaska Corrections Offender Management System
- Inmate Law Library
- Facilities Capital Improvement Unit
- OSHA Compliance
- State Facilities Rent



FY2027 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

Fund Source Changes:

- Replace Funding Source to Align with Balance in Restorative Justice Fund (PFD Criminal Funds) in Physical Health Care:
 - **(\$4,695.6)** Other
 - \$4,695.6 UGF



FY2027 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

- Transfer Positions from Administration for Payroll Services, Accounts Payable and Travel and Expense Activities
 - 12 Positions PFT
- Information Technology Classification Study Implementation
 - \$120.5 UGF
- Transfer Authority to Department of Law for Legal Services Currently Supported with a Reimbursable Services Agreement
 - **(\$500.0) UGF**
- Meet Community Residential Centers Contractual Obligations
 - \$1,788.1 UGF



FY2027 MAJOR OPERATING BUDGET AMENDED CHANGES

(\$ in THOUSANDS)

- Increase Authority to Support Personal Services Needs within Correctional Facilities and Inmate Transportation Unit
 - \$20,000.0 UGF
- Increase Authority to Fully Support Personal Services Due to Inmate Medical Needs
 - \$3,100.2 UGF



KEY CHALLENGES

- Recruitment and retention of well-trained staff to maintain public safety and successful offender reentry
- Containment of health care costs for an aging offender population, increased chronic health conditions, and increased acute cases
- Maintenance and upkeep of aging correctional facilities and obsolete security systems



GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Health and Well-Being of Staff

Inmates, Defendants, and Probationer/Parolees Leave Us Better Than When They Entered the System

Identifying Efficiencies and Resources to Reduce Recidivism



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