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Line	Backup Pages	Bill Section	Bill Page	Bill Line	Department	Component	Language	Trans Type	Change Record Title	Description	UGF Amount	DGF Amount	Other Amount	Fed Amount	Total Amount	PFT	PPT	NP
28	26	1	29	17	Natural Resources (10)	Mining, Land & Water (3002)	N	FndChg	Budget Realignment for Staff Retention	<p>The Division of Mining, Land and Water (DMLW) is at the center of authorizing resource development on State land by issuing mining permits, creating easements, negotiating commercial leases, enabling infrastructure construction, selling land, authorizing industrial water use, approving dam projects, and defending Alaska's constitutional rights against federal overreach.</p> <p>The DMLW staff are also advancing projects of statewide and national significance, including the lifting of Public Land Order 5150 that impacts the Alaska Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) pipeline and the Ambler Road. These responsibilities cannot be fulfilled without skilled, knowledgeable, and dedicated staff.</p> <p>At the same time, the DMLW has worked strategically to strengthen its workforce. The department's targeted staffing effort has increased retention, preserved institutional knowledge, and built the expertise essential to fulfilling the DMLW's mission. The investment has paid off. The current vacancy rate is almost half of the historical average of 11 percent.</p> <p>However, this success puts additional pressure on the personal services budget which must be realigned to reflect a greater number of filled positions. Authority will be decreased in less utilized fund sources and increased in program receipts, wherein the majority of the DMLW's revenue is received. This budget realignment is critical to maintaining the DMLW's economic momentum and fulfilling administration priorities.</p>	-	975.0	(550.0)	(425.0)	-	-	-	-
29	27	1	29	25	Natural Resources (10)	Geological & Geophysical Surveys (1031)	N	IncT	Powering Alaska's Future with Geothermal Energy (FY25-FY27) Sec1 Ch7 SLA2024 P31 L10 (HB268)	<p>Alaska's economic growth is hampered by high energy costs and there is an urgent need for high quality, publicly available data to stimulate exploration and potential development of lower cost, sustainable energy. The Division of Geologic & Geophysical Surveys (DGGS) is well poised as the State's leader in applied geoscience to lead a new effort in geothermal space. Successful geothermal power will lower the cost of energy, benefiting residents and businesses alike. Alaska has a rich history of innovation in the energy sector, and this program will provide important information to enable Alaskans to participate in the State's transition to a sustainable energy future.</p> <p>The DGGS's initial stage of geothermal-characterization work is distinct and will be coordinated with the university, federal, native, and private sector partners' ongoing initiatives.</p> <p>The DGGS will perform and manage the following tasks: Analyze satellite-based remote sensing data for known geothermal springs and the areas around them; Contract airborne thermal imagery to identify and prioritize promising geothermal sites; Contract limited site-scale airborne geophysical surveys; Conduct ground-based geologic mapping and geothermal-site investigations; and Collect water samples from geothermal springs and obtain state-of-the-art analyses at commercial laboratories.</p> <p>Existing Full-time Geologist 4 (102085), range 21, Fairbanks or Anchorage New Full-time Geologist 3, range 19, Fairbanks or Anchorage New Full-time GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Analyst 3, range 19, Fairbanks or Anchorage</p>	1,000.0	-	-	-	1,000.0	-	-	-