

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE
HOUSE LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
(FIN SUB) COMMITTEE



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Official Business

Chair:

Representative
Calvin Schrage

Narrative Report

House Finance Subcommittee
Department of Labor and Workforce Development

March 2, 2026

Members:

Representative
Zack Fields

The House Finance budget subcommittee for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) recommends the following Fiscal Year 2027 budget:

Representative
Carolyn Hall

Subcommittee Recommendations (Numbers Section Only):

Representative
Ashley Carrick

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Representative
Robyn Niayuq Frier

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$23,364.7
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$28,683.5
Other Funds	\$17,094.3
Federal Funds	\$98,031.7
Total	\$167,174.2

Representative
Dan Saddler

Representative
Julie Coulombe

Positions:

Representative
David Nelson

Permanent Full-Time	672
Permanent Part-Time	32
Temporary	8
Total	712

Non-Voting Member:

Representative
Jeremy Bynum

Compared to the FY27 House Committee Substitute #1, the subcommittee recommendation represents a decrement of \$534.0 (or -2.2%) in Unrestricted General Funds, a decrement of \$5,724.3 (-16.6%) in Designated General Funds, a decrement of \$1,453.8 (-7.8%) in Other Funds, and a decrement of \$2,591.8 (-2.6%) in Federal Funds.

Budget Actions:

The House Finance budget subcommittee for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development held two informational meetings with the Department and one close-out meeting during the review of the FY2027 budget requests.

The subcommittee adopted:

- all Governor proposed budget changes with two fund source changes (detailed in Member Amendments below);
- a technical transaction correction from the Legislative Finance Division;
- a transfer of the State Training and Employment Program (STEP) from the numbers section to the language section; and
- a deletion of two positions within the Commissioner's office.

Member Amendments:

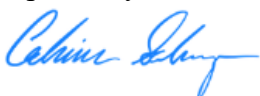
The Chair set an amendment deadline, welcomed amendments from all members, and received an amendment to change the fund source for a Workers' Compensation increment. DOLWD requested a one-time increment of UGF to maintain Workers' Compensation operations. The Worker's Safety and Compensation Administration Account (WSCAA) is currently underfunded due to a decrease in revenue derived from employer-paid insurance premiums and lack of reverse sweep, leaving no carryforward funding. Due to a member amendment, the subcommittee voted to change the increase (\$1,405.0) from UGF to Timber Sale Receipts.

A member conceptual amendment was also adopted to fully fund (\$478.9) the Office of Citizenship Assistance and its three positions through STEP funds instead of previously-used UGF.

Attached Reports:

The Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) adopted the BA Report and corresponding Legislative Finance Division documents, which are attached.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chair Calvin Schrage

House Finance Department of Labor and Workforce Development Subcommittee