

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES (FIN SUB) COMMITTEE



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Chair:

Representative
 Calvin Schrage

Narrative Report

House Finance Subcommittee
 Department of Natural Resources

March 2, 2026

Members:

Representative
 Robyn Niayuq Frier

The House Finance budget subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources recommends the following Fiscal Year 2027 budget:

Representative
 Maxine Dibert

Subcommittee Recommendations (Numbers Section Only):

Representative
 Carolyn Hall

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Representative
 Donna Mears

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$73,173.0
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$57,332.3
Other Funds	\$55,792.8
Federal Funds	\$25,890.9
Total	\$212,189.0

Representative
 Zack Fields

Representative
 Dan Saddler

Positions:

Representative
 Mike Prax

Permanent Full-Time	773
Permanent Part-Time	213
Temporary	71
Total	1,057

Representative
 Julie Coulombe

Representative
 Bill Elam

Compared to the FY27 House Committee Substitute #1, the subcommittee recommendations represent an decrease of \$272.5 (-0.4%) in Unrestricted General Funds, an increase of \$3,896.5 (7.3%) in Designated General Funds, \$1,355.2 (2.5%) in Other Funds, and \$7,609.9 (41.6%) in Federal Funds.

Non-voting Member:

Representative
 Frank Tomaszewski

Budget Action:

The House Finance budget subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) held two informational meetings with the Department and one close-out meeting. The subcommittee adopted:

- All of the Governor’s proposed budget requests except changes to create the Department of Agriculture, which included denying structure changes and two increments totaling \$301.1 of various fund sources (the subcommittee recommendation is to keep the Division of Agriculture housed within DNR);
- A decrement of \$641.1 UGF to delete four vacant forester positions located in Anchorage, Haines, and Ketchikan;
- A \$900.0 fund source change from UGF to Timber Sales Receipts to pay for forestry-related positions, reversing action taken in FY25;
- A deletion of the recently vacated Deputy Commissioner position;
- A one-time increment of \$1,956.6 in Vehicle Rental Tax to fund revenue-generating facilities and infrastructure projects within Parks Management and Access.

Compared to the FY27 Governor Amend budget, the subcommittee recommendations represent a decrease of \$1,960.5 (-2.6%) in UGF.

Subcommittee Amendments:

The Chair set an amendment deadline, welcomed amendments from all members, and received one amendments that ultimately was not offered during the close-out meeting. A conceptual amendment was offered but failed.

Attached Reports:

The House Finance budget subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) adopted the attached BA Report.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chair Calvin Schrage

House Finance Department of Natural Resources Subcommittee