



34th Alaska State Legislature
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 University of Alaska FY27 Operating Budget

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University of Alaska
 FY27 House Finance Budget Subcommittee
 Narrative Report
 March 9th, 2026

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the University of Alaska held a total of four meetings and submits the following recommended operating budget for FY27 to the House Finance Committee:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$369,755.1
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$310,797.3
Other Funds	\$253,116.8
Federal Funds	\$229,820.8

Total	\$1,163,490.0
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Compared to the FY27 Adjusted Base/House Committee Substitute 1, the subcommittee recommendations represent an increase of \$11,817.4 (3.3%) in Unrestricted General Funds and a decrease of \$9,776.4 (-3.0%) in Designated Funds. There is no difference in Other Funds and Federal Receipts.

Positions:

Permanent Full-Time	3,848
Permanent Part-Time	270
Temporary	0

Total	4,118
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BUDGET ACTIONS

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the University of Alaska reviewed the FY2027 Governor's budget request and recommends the following changes:

Items 2 and 3 are related. Item 3 modifies item 2 by changing the fund source from University Receipts to Unrestricted General Fund. This item is for non-union staff salary adjustments, changing the funding source from University Receipts to UGF. University Receipts require raising student tuition, auxiliary services and indirect costs, sales and rentals of university property, gifts and grants, among other sources. These sources of revenue vary and can be unpredictable on a year-to-year basis. Unrestricted General Fund, on the other hand, is a predictable fund source which will only be impacted by a decrement passed in an enacted budget.

Items 19, 23, and 27 are all related subcommittee additions. A total of \$1,076.0 UGF for five Permanent Full-Time (PFT) was recommended to address public safety concerns across all three University of Alaska campuses: University of Alaska, Anchorage (UAA), University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF), and University of Alaska, Southeast (UAS).

- UAA's Police Department has experienced a sharp increase in property crimes and crisis calls since 2022. An increment of \$500.0 UGF for two PFTs was recommended in order to support two new police officer positions and cover non-personnel costs such as body cameras, vehicle cameras, and less-than-lethal tasers. It would also allow UAA to make two currently temporary commissioned security officer positions permanent and support 40 hours of crisis intervention training to improve responses to mental health incidents.
- UAF currently does not have enough dispatchers in its emergency communications center for 24/7 coverage. An increment of \$326.0 UGF for two PFTs would help address this shortage. This funding would also be used for body and vehicle cameras to improve law enforcement integration and support de-escalation efforts.
- UAS currently does not have a full-time safety officer. For the past two years, students and employees at UAS have raised safety concerns and requested increased campus safety measures, including additional cameras and a greater safety presence. An increment of \$250.0 UGF for one PFT would reduce future losses due to thefts and damage, as well as improve the overall safety of the campus.

Items 20, 24, and 28 are all related subcommittee additions for a total of \$965.0 UGF for five PFTs was recommended to strengthen student mental health services and expand capacity across all three University of Alaska campuses.

- For context, recent statistics show 92% of suicides in Alaska were the result of mental health crisis. Additionally, in 2025 approximately 30% of students who received support from Student Health and Counseling Center in Anchorage reported experiencing suicidal ideation.
- At UAA, an increment of \$440.0 UGF for three PFTs and expanded telehealth services and reduce strain caused by high demand was recommended for Student Mental Health Support. Two of these positions are in-house providers and one position is a care team coordinator
- At UAF, an increment of \$350.0 UGF for one PFT was recommended to add a clinical psychologist and support predoctoral interns and a residency program. This investment would help offset turnover and staffing shortages, increasing the likelihood that students

receive consistent, high-quality psychological and counseling services. Each 1% increase in student retention at UAF prevents an estimated \$400,000–\$500,000 in annual revenue loss and supports continued enrollment growth and timely graduation.

- At UAS, an increment of \$115.0 UGF for one PFT was recommended for a case manager. This position would improve support for students facing challenges related to food insecurity, housing, and academic needs. Currently, UAS has only one in-house counselor, despite the growing demand for case management services. An additional \$60.0 UGF in general funds would support virtual counseling services to meet increased demand. Virtual care would allow after-hours access and provide services to out-of-state students who cannot see the in-person counselor due to Alaska licensure restrictions. Currently, students may wait up to two weeks for an in-person counseling appointment.

Items 21, 22, 25, and 26 were denied. The University transferred Higher Education Investment Fund receipts (HEIF) from the Troth Yeddha’ Campus to the College of Indigenous Studies. The original appropriation of those funds to Troth Yeddha’ Campus was appropriated in the language section of the bill. The transfer in the numbers section was made by mistake. Legislative Finance Division already fixed this in their Adjusted Base reports.

SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The Chair set an amendment deadline and welcomed amendments from all members. The subcommittee received no amendments.

ATTACHED REPORTS

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the University of Alaska adopted the attached reports:

- UA Agency Totals
- UA Transaction Compare: House Committee Substitute 1 to House Subcom
- UA Transaction Compare: GovAmend to House Subcom

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Alyse Galvin
Chair, House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the University of Alaska