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The Honorable Andy Josephson  
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 505  
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The Honorable Neal Foster  
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 511  
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The Honorable Calvin Schrage  
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee  
Alaska State Capitol, Room 410  
Juneau, AK 99801

Co-Chairs Josephson, Foster, and Schrage:

Thank you for having the department at the House Finance Committee on March 2, 2026, to present on the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs FY2027 Governor's Operating Budget and the State's disaster process. The department's responses to questions received from the committee during the department's budget overview and disaster response presentations are below.

**Representative Stapp asked a series of questions related to the Veteran Service Officer (VSO) program within the Office of Veterans Affairs, particularly related to staffing of positions in Fairbanks.**

The department confirmed the four Fairbanks VSO positions have all been filed.

**Representative Stapp requested information on how many members of the Alaska National Guard are currently deployed.**

As of early March 2026, the Alaska National Guard has more than 50 service members deployed or in an Active-Duty order status in various locations around the world.

**Representative Stapp requested information related to the department's FY2026 capital budget requests for armory maintenance work.**

The department did not request the armory projects from FY2026 in the FY2027 budget. The Alaska National Guard is seeking authorization from the National Guard Bureau to fund previously requested armory maintenance requests as 100 percent federally funded projects.

**Representative Stapp requested information related to the Alcantra Readiness Center, how it is being used for training and if the Army National Guard has any plans to move infantry battalions to Alcantra for training.**

Currently, the Alaska Army National Guard has three units at Alcantra: Det 4, Company B, 1-297th Infantry Regiment; Det 1, 297th Military Police (MP); and the 297th Field Feeding Team. The Alaska Army National Guard hasn't had any unit repositioning in years, however, there is consideration of a possible move that would see the 910th Engineers move to Alcantra and the 297th MPs move to JBER. The Alcantra Readiness Center is available to any unit of the Alaska Army National Guard for training.

**Representative Bynum requested information related to disaster expenditures and how the department tracks expenditures and requested the department provide current expenditure estimates to the committee.**

The department utilizes the State of Alaska Integration Resource Information System (IRIS), which is the State's financial management system, to track and process payments for disaster expenditures. The current financing plan for the West Coast Disaster (including Typhoon Halong) approved by the legislature via resolution in January, authorizes the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to utilize up to \$18,750,000 in federal authority and \$20,500,000 in State funds. As recovery continues for this disaster, the department will continue to submit amended financing plans to the legislature in accordance with Alaska Statute to address expenditure needs.

**Representative Bynum requested confirmation on how many financing plans were presented for approval or consideration to legislative leadership when the legislature was not in session.**

Three financing plans were sent to legislative leadership between October and December of 2025 and received legislative concurrence. The January 2026 request was addressed via Joint Resolution to both extend and amend the financing plan for the 2025 West Coast Storm response, bringing the total financing plan to \$20,500,000.

**Representative Bynum requested the Department provide information regarding the federal permanent housing construction program to the committee.**

The department continues to gather this information from FEMA and will provide it to the committee.

If you have any questions or need anything additional, please don't hesitate to reach out to the department's legislative liaison at [angela.laflamme@alaska.gov](mailto:angela.laflamme@alaska.gov) or via phone at (907) 782-6141 with any questions.

Sincerely,



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