

Senate Finance Department of Natural Resources Subcommittee

Members:
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Senator Dunbar
Senator Giessel
Senator Wielechowski
Senator Cronk

Narrative Closeout Report April 14, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources submits the following FY27 recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee:

Fund Group: (dollars are in thousands)	Senate Sub
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$74,963.2
Designated General Funds	\$56,432.3
Other Funds	\$55,855.1
Federal Funds	\$25,890.9
TOTAL FUNDS	\$213,141.5

Positions:	
Permanent Full-time	778
Permanent Part Time	213
Temporary	71
TOTAL POSITIONS	1,062

BUDGET ACTIONS:

After reviewing the FY27 budget request for the Department of Natural Resources, the Subcommittee highlights the flowing actions:

The Subcommittee did not accept Items 17–22, which relate to the creation of the Department of Agriculture and the transfer of positions from the division.

The subcommittee approved a one-time increment of \$1,956.6 from the Vehicle Rental Tax to fund revenue-generating facilities and infrastructure projects within the Division of Parks and Outdoor Recreation.

ATTACHED REPORTS

The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Legislature adopts the following attached reports:

1. Operating Budget Subcommittee Report
2. Wordage Report

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Merrick", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Senator Merrick
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