

Changes Between HB 263 (OpBud) CS1 Vers U and CS2 Vers E

Good afternoon Mr. Chairman, for the record my name is Pete Ecklund, staff to Senator Hoffman and the Senate Finance Committee

I'd like to walk the committee through the changes in the committee substitute before you as it compares to version U adopted last week

The new committee substitute (Vers E) makes the following fund changes:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$13,829.5
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$(1,981.7)
Other State Funds	\$1,882.4
Federal Funds	\$94.8
Total Funds	\$13,825.0

Numbers Section changes:

Department of Administration

an increase of \$50.0 to the Office of Public Advocacy in federal receipt authority for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and Guardian ad Litem programs (p4 lines 19-20 GovAmd)

Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development

Added intent language to encourage the timely payment of Community Assistance funds so communities have cash available to help with increased fuel and shipping costs (p5 lines 15-18)

Also in DCCED, there is a fund swap in the Alaska Energy Authority, Railbelt Transmission Organization, of \$653.1 between Railbelt Energy Fund (UGF) and regular UGF because the Railbelt Energy Fund has a zero balance (p6 line 26 GovAmd)

Department of Education and Early Development

Added \$450.0 UGF for utility costs, activities, travel and contracted mental health services for Mt. Edgecumbe High School (p12 lines 20 and 24)

Department of Health

Division of Public Assistance, there is an increase of \$3,017.8 UGF for maintenance of effort for Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and the Alaska Temporary Assistance Program (p21 lines 32 and 33, and p22 line 7)

Department of Public Safety

There is a net zero fund source change for Rural Trooper Housing of \$1,997.6 Designated General Funds (DGF) to Unrestricted General Funds (p32 line 7 GovAmd)

Also in DPS, an addition to Dispatch Services of \$924.8 UGF for increased contract costs (p32 line 8 GovAmd)

In the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA) added \$600.0 UGF for direct service provider grants and \$250.0 UGF for legal services to replace declining federal Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) funds (p33 lines 5-7)

There are many salary adjustments across the entire department personal service lines for the Public Safety Employee Association (PSEA) contract, resulting in a total increase of \$5,625.1 all funds (pages 31-33 GovAmd). The contract is approved in the language section, section 38, Salary and Benefit Adjustments (p95 lines 15-17 GovAmd)

Department of Revenue

Added wordage directing DOR to seek tax exemptions for the energy relief portion of the 2026 PFD consistent with the tax-exempt status of the 2022 energy relief program (p35 lines 17-20)

Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Added \$1,836.4 of International Airport Revenue Funds for the Anchorage and Fairbanks airport police and fire officers represented by PSEA (p40 lines 31 and p41 lines 11 and 20 GovAmd) and authorized approval of the contract in the language Salary and Benefit Adjustments, section 38 of the bill (p95 lines 18-19)

Judiciary

Increase of \$363.5 UGF for the Trial Courts court visitor program (p 44 lines 9 and 11 - Court System ‘Amendment’ from their original budget request)

Legislature

Increase of \$400.0 UGF to the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee to contract out for a Public School Funding Adequacy Study (p44 lines 23 and 26)

Supplemental Numbers Section (Section 4, which begins on page 59)

The new CS (Vers E) makes the following Supplemental fund changes:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$2,550.1
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$0
Other State Funds	\$0
Federal Funds	\$869.0
Total Funds	\$3,419.1

Supplemental Department of Administration

\$50.0 to Office of Public Advocacy federal receipt authority, consistent with the change in FY27 mentioned earlier (page 59 line 10-11 GovAmd)

Supplemental Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

\$800.0 UGF named recipient grant to Cook Inlet Tribal Council for federal TANF maintenance of effort and to help with the influx of 200 people displaced by Typhon Halong (p59 lines 15-16)

Alaska Energy Authority net zero fund swap of \$98.7 to replace insufficient Railbelt Energy Funds (UGF) with regular UGF (p61 lines 8-9)

Supplemental Language Section Changes

Supplemental Department of Law

Section 7 (a), judgements and settlements, added \$1,586.3 UGF for a new total of \$2,120.3 for judgements and settlements (page 63 line 1 GovAmd)

Supplemental Fund Capitalization

Section 9, \$163.8 UGF and \$819.0 federal funds to the election fund required by the Help America Vote Act (p65 lines 16-20 GovAmd)

Supplemental Special Appropriations

The next change, Mr. Chairman, is on page 67 line 8, amending last year's surplus waterfall to add \$11 million to outside the formula funding for the Base Student Allocation, for a new total of \$111 million

Fiscal Year 2027 language section Changes

Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Section 21, subsection (L), \$7.4 UGF of NRA license plates revenue to grants for shooting programs and competition (p75, lines 18-24)

Section 21, subsection (m), a \$300.0 UGF grant to the Alaska Farmers Market Association for the supplemental nutritional assistance program (SNAP) and women, infants and children's (WIC) senior nutrition program. (p75 lines 25-30 Multi-Year FY27-29),