

2019 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Department of Environmental Conservation
Subcommittee

TO: HB 39 / HB 40

OFFERED BY: Representative Ortiz

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Conservation

DELETE DEPARTMENT LEVEL INTENT: At the discretion of the Office of Management and Budget, funding may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department.

EXPLANATION: Legislative Legal Services warns that such language is an abrogation of the legislature's power of appropriation.

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APPROPRIATION: Administration

ALLOCATION: Office of the Commissioner

DELETE: \$7.6 UGF (1004), Travel

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APPROPRIATION: Administration

ALLOCATION: Administrative Services

DELETE: \$0.3 UGF (1004)

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Conservation

APPROPRIATION: Air Quality

ALLOCATION: Air Quality

DELETE: \$4.4 UGF (1004)

DEPARTMENT: Environmental Conservation

APPROPRIATION: Water

ALLOCATION: Water Quality, Infrastructure Support & Financing

DELETE: \$28.9 UGF (1004)

EXPLANATION: 50% travel reduction to UGF only in all allocations except
Environmental Health

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OFFERED BY: Representative Hopkins

DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Conservation

APPROPRIATION: Air Quality

ALLOCATION: Air Quality

ADD: It is the intent of the legislature that, with regards to the Air Quality situation in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Department of Environmental Conservation shall:

1. Submit a Serious State Implementation Plan (SIP) as quickly as possible that includes sufficiently stringent Best Available Control Technologies (BACT) and Best Available Control Measures (BACM) to be legally defensible and approvable by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
2. Maintain adequate DEC staff in the Fairbanks North Star Borough and streamline the Notice of Violation (NOV) process to ensure compliance with current regulations in place and additional regulations implemented under the Serious SIP.
3. DEC shall coordinate with local governments impacted by PM 2.5 non-attainment to best utilize municipal powers for mitigation, monitoring and enforcement to the maximum extend possible under state and local law.

EXPLANATION: Besides the negative health effects of prolonged exposure to high PM 2.5 levels, the added consequences of not having an EPA approved Serious SIP will eventually result in federal sanctions which would have significant negative economic impacts on the State of Alaska and the Fairbanks North Star Borough, specifically, impoundment of federal highway funds in excess of \$37 million per year.