



34<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature  
House Finance Budget Subcommittee  
Department of Law  
FY26 Operating Budget

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Department of Law  
FY26 House Finance Budget Subcommittee  
Narrative Report  
February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law held a total of four meetings and submits the following recommended operating budget for FY26 to the House Finance Committee:

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$84,799.1
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$3,016.8
Other Funds	\$42,482.1
Federal Funds	\$2,452.3

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$132,750.3</b>
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Compared to the FY26 Governor's Amended budget, the Subcommittee recommendations represent a decrease of -\$500.0 (-0.6%) in Unrestricted General Funds, for a total of -\$500.0 (-0.4%) in all funds.

**Positions:**

Permanent Full-Time	611
Permanent Part-Time	0
Temporary	29

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<b>Total</b>	<b>640</b>
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## BUDGET ACTIONS

The subcommittee only addressed the Governor's items as no other items were proposed.

The subcommittee adopted all the Governor's proposed Budget Action items except

- Item 5: Continued Statehood Defense Efforts Across Multiple Agencies Supporting Alaska's Statehood Sovereignty (FY26-FY27)

The department will already receive \$500.0 from a temporary increment in the base budget (FY25-FY27). Furthermore, \$3,700.0 in previously appropriated statehood defense monies are unspent. The department testified that statehood defense costs the state an estimated \$2,000.0 - \$3,000.0 per year (since FY22) on average. Therefore, the subcommittee was not convinced that the department required another \$1 million over the next two fiscal years.

### Highlights- Approved Budget Action Items

- Criminal Division
  - Funded 5 new Permanent Full-Time positions to reduce increased caseloads to manageable levels (\$1,194.1 UGF)
  - Funded an Attorney 5 position dedicated to complex "Brady Case" disclosures (\$279.9 UGF)
  - Funded an Attorney 5 position and a Law Office Assistant position for post-conviction relief cases (\$387.3 UGF)
- Civil Division
  - Approved the transfer in of funding for Labor Relations Analysts from the Department of Administration in conjunction with the Governor's Administrative Order 356
  - Funded an Attorney 5 position to assist with labor relations work (\$279.9 UGF)

## SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

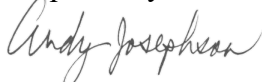
The Chair set an amendment deadline, welcomed amendments from all members, and the subcommittee received no amendments.

## ATTACHED REPORTS

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law adopted the attached reports:

- LAW Agency Totals
- LAW Transaction Compare: Adjusted Base+ to House Subcom
- LAW Transaction Compare: GovAmend to House Subcom

Respectfully Submitted,



Representative Andy Josephson

Chair, House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law