



33rd Alaska State Legislature
House Finance Budget Subcommittee
Department of Education and Early Development
FY24 Operating Budget

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Today's Date: March 10, 2023

Education & Early Development (Fin Sub) Committee

The Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development reviewed the Governor's FY24 budget proposal and recommends the items contained in the below details.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$69,984.2
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$26,268.2
Other Funds	\$36,478.6
Federal Funds	\$270,083.5
Total	\$402,814.5

Compared to the FY24 adjusted base, the subcommittee recommendations represent a decrease of \$14,845.9 in UGF (-17.5%), an increase of \$23,480.9 in DGF (842.4%), an increase of \$2,140.0 in other funds (6.2%), and an increase of \$22,357.5 in Federal Funds (9.0%), for a total increase of \$33,132.5.

Positions:

Permanent Full-Time	273
Permanent Part-Time	10
Temporary	10
Total	293

BUDGET ACTION:

After reviewing and discussing each of the Governor's proposed transactions in detail, the subcommittee made numerous recommendations, as well as adopted an amendment put forward by a member during the final meeting.

Further, it is the intent of the Chair to bring forward an amendment in the full Finance Committee, and to work with the members on the committee, to recommend three Cultural Specialist positions for the department instead



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of two Reading Specialist positions to assist in implementing the Alaska Reads Act.

Significant Budget Action Taken by the Subcommittee:

- Education Support and Admin Services – Rejected the Governor's \$900.0 (UGF) request for a Student Information System and Predictive Data Dashboard.
- Alaska State Libraries, Archives and Museums – Returned UGF authority to FY22 actuals.
- Education Support and Admin Services – Fund source change for the ANSEP program's \$1,000.0 appropriation from UGF to the Higher Education Investment Fund
- Education Support and Admin Services – Reject \$385.0 (UGF) in Review Panel Costs Associated with FY24 Fiscal Note Projection for HB 114 (Alaska Reads Act)
- Education Support and Admin Services – Add 2 Reading Specialist Positions for an additional \$258.8 (UGF).
- Education Support and Admin Services – Replace GF/Program Receipts with UGF to offset teacher certification fees in the amount of \$126.2.
- Education Support and Admin Services – Add \$320.0 (UGF) for the Imagination Library to increase outreach.
- Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education – Add intent language directing the ACPE direct its resources to student completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and require a report on such.

SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The Chair set a deadline and welcomed amendments from all members. The committee received eight amendments, one of which was adopted to expand the Best Beginnings' Dolly Parton Imagination Library program as outlined above.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development adopted the attached reports:

- House Subcommittee Spreadsheet (BA Sheet)
- Agency Totals
- Transaction Compare: Adjusted Base+ to House Subcom
- Transaction Compare: GovAmd to House Subcom
- Wordage

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julie Coulombe".

Representative Julie Coulombe



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