

**State of Alaska**  
**Executive Order 136**  
**Statement of Cost**

**Summary**

This executive order transfers the duties and functions related to agriculture under the Department of Natural Resources to a new Department of Agriculture. The statutory responsibilities and functions for agriculture do not change.

The commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources will need to consult with the commissioner of the Department of Agriculture versus the Board of Agriculture and Conservation on the disposal or sale of land for agricultural purposes.

This executive order also renames the Natural Resource Conservation and Development Board to the Soil and Water Conservation and Development Board. The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture serves as ex officio to the board and appoints the executive director of the board. The board’s responsibilities and current composition do not change.

In order to implement this executive order, a total of 37 existing positions (32 full-time and five part-time) and \$7,266.0 in funding requested in the Governor’s FY2026 proposed budget for the Division of Agriculture will be transferred from the Department of Natural Resources to the Department of Agriculture. In addition, the Department of Natural Resources will transfer two vacant permanent full-time (PFT) positions to the new Department of Agriculture to be reclassified based on the needs within the new department.

**Agency Cost Summary**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Cost</b>
<b>Alaska Department of Natural Resources</b>	
Transfer out the existing Division of Agriculture and 37 positions	(\$7,266.0)
Transfer out two vacant positions to Department of Agriculture	(\$230.2)
<b>Alaska Department of Agriculture</b>	
Transfer in the existing Division of Agriculture and 37 positions	\$7,266.0
Transfer in two vacant positions from Department of Natural Resources	\$230.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>

The funding breakdown is shown below.

<b>Funding</b>	<b>Amount</b>
UGF	\$3,330.7
DGF	1,992.2
Other	346.2
Federal	1,817.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,496.2</b>