



33<sup>rd</sup> Alaska State Legislature  
House Finance Budget Subcommittee  
Department of Public Safety  
FY25 Operating Budget

Chair: *John Carlson*

Today's Date: March 4, 2024

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465-3879

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Department of Public Safety (Fin Sub) Committee

The Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety reviewed the Governor's FY25 budget proposal and recommends the items contained in the below details.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$255,594.2
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$9,333.8
Other Funds	\$14,241.4
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$40,916.3</u>
Total	\$320,085.7

Compared to the FY25 adjusted base, the subcommittee recommendations represent an increase of \$11,174.8 in UFG (4.6%), \$-153.8 in DGF (-1.67%), \$-2,335.8 in other funds (-14.1%), and \$1,725.0 (4.4%) in Federal Funds, for a total increase of \$10,410.2 (3.4%).

**Positions:**

Permanent Full-Time	1001
Permanent Part-Time	12
<u>Temporary</u>	<u>30</u>
Total	1,043

**BUDGET ACTION:**

After holding four meetings and reviewing and discussing each of the Governor's proposed transactions in detail, the subcommittee adopted all items by unanimous consent before taking up amendments.

It is the intent of the Chair to recommend the budget item for Alaska State Trooper clothing, uniforms, tools, and safety gear, move from the language section of the budget to the numbers section, and changed to a



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one-time item (IncOTI), so the legislature can more accurately assess ongoing annual costs in the department's budget.

Some highlights of the items are:

- \$56.3 for Alaska State Trooper applicants to cover air travel costs who advance to the testing process and who are not on the Alaska Road system.
- \$147.0 for three vehicles to replace decommissioned vehicles used for inmate travel.
- \$698.5 for three child crimes Investigators in Bethel.
- \$450.1 for two long-term non-permanent Investigators for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons.
- \$154.1 for a Criminal Justice Planner to oversee the tactical and administrative functions related to the Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS).
- \$3,499.8 added for 10 new Village Public Safety Officers, bringing the total to 80.
- A new Victims' Services Division has been created within the Department of Public Safety.
- \$67.0 for a Crime Data Portal for the public, media, and academia to find crime data reporting.

**SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:**

The Chair set an amendment deadline, welcomed amendments from all members, and the committee entertained five amendments, three of which were adopted.

- The subcommittee removed a request for \$75.0 for additional Digital Evidence Management Storage
- The subcommittee removed \$193.3 for a Program Manager for recruitment efforts, leaving intact the funding for Alaska State Trooper applicant travel for testing.
- The subcommittee removed \$178.4 for an Administrative Investigator for the Alaska Police Standards Council.

**ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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

- 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  
Chair, House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety