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 FY25 Operating Budget

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs submits the following recommended operating budget for FY2025 to the House Finance Committee:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$17,218,800
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$ 28,500
Other Funds	\$12,538,800
Federal Funds	\$34,302,800
Total	\$64,088,900

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY25 Adjusted Base to the House Subcommittee budget recommendation is an increase of \$1,843.1 million of Unrestricted General Funds, which is 12% above the FY25 Adjusted Base.

Positions:

Permanent Full-time	283
Permanent Part-time	0
<u>Temporary</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	283

BUDGET ACTION:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs reviewed the FY2025 Governor's budget request, including amendments, and recommends the following actions:

- 1) Accept all the Governor's proposals for the Alaska Military Youth Academy (AMYA) This includes the following items:
 - \$160 thousand increase of General Fund Match for federally funded employee benefit costs.
 - \$51.3 thousand of General Fund Match for 2 Coordinators to meet federally required counselor-to-cadet and case manager-to-cadet ratios.
 - \$631.8 thousand of General Funds for operational costs increases due to inflation, maintenance, and technology costs.

- 2) Approve all transactions for the Office of the Commissioner, including following new positions:
 - \$138.1 thousand for a Program Manager to oversee the Alaska State Defense Force.
 - \$26.4 thousand of General Funds, \$1.8 thousand of General Fund Match for an Accounting Technician to process travel for Army National Guard and Alaska State Defense Force.
 - \$50.9 thousand of General Funds, and \$1.1 thousand of General Fund Match for a Systems Programmer for Cybersecurity.
- 3) Accept the Governor's request for \$261.7 thousand of General Funds to expand operations of the Alaska State Defense Force, Naval Militia, and Civil Air Patrol
- 4) Accept the Governor's request for \$200.0 thousand of General Funds for tuition assistance for Alaska National Guard and Naval Militia members.
- 5) Approve all transactions for the Homeland Security and Emergency Management, including following new positions:
 - \$143.2 thousand of Federal Funds, and \$61.4 thousand of I/A Receipts for two Emergency Management Specialist positions
 - \$80.2 thousand of Federal Funds, and \$34.4 thousand of I/A Receipts for one Emergency Management Specialist supervisor position.
- 6) The subcommittee also took the following action:
 - Added \$186.0 thousand of General Funds for increased pay of \$7,000.00 for each of the 17 Veteran Service Officers (VSO) around the state and added one additional VSO for additional services in Ketchikan.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs adopts the attached reports:

1. Agency Totals
2. Transaction Compare FY25AdjBase+ and House Subcommittee
3. Transaction Compare FY25GovAmd and House Subcommittee
4. Wordage

Respectfully Submitted,



Representative Neal Foster, Chair

House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs