

## **2024 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL #4**

**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Health

**TO:** HB 268 / HB 270

**OFFERED BY:** Representative Prax

**FISCAL YEAR:** FY 2025

**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Health

**APPROPRIATION:** Division of Public Health

**ALLOCATION:** Nursing

**DELETE:** \$764,100.00, General Fund - Match, fund code 1003

**POSITIONS:** Delete 6 PFT positions (all currently vacant)

06-1109 - Public Health Nurse 3, Wasilla

06-1490 - Public Health Nurse 2, Homer

06-1500 - Public Health Nurse 2, Ketchikan

06-1686 - Public Health Nurse 3, Fairbanks

06-1323 - Public Health Nurse 3, Anchorage

06-1544 - Public Health Nurse 3, Juneau

**EXPLANATION:** These positions are currently vacant according to the Department of Health. The length of the vacancy ranges from 7 to 20 months. These positions are also primarily located in urban areas or areas that have a competitive advantage to recruiting potential hires. Although the need for public health nurses is acknowledged, this reduction is only 25% of vacant positions identified by the department.