

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.