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BY REPRESENTATIVE CARPENTER

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Referred: House Special Committee on Ways and Means, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the duties of the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee; relating**
2 **to the Executive Budget Act; establishing consensus estimating conferences; relating to**
3 **the development of official information for use in preparing the state budget; and**
4 **providing for an effective date."**

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 * **Section 1.** AS 24.08.035(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) In addition to the fiscal note required by this section, the sponsor of a bill
8 or resolution may prepare a fiscal note in conformity with the requirements of this
9 section and submit it to the committee of first referral or the finance committee. A
10 committee may prepare an additional fiscal note in conformity with the requirements
11 of this section. **The sponsor of a bill or resolution or a committee may also request**
12 **that a special impact estimating conference evaluate a fiscal note under (h) of this**
13 **section.**

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 24.08.035 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(h) A special impact estimating conference appointed under AS 37.07.036 may evaluate a fiscal note prepared under this section. The special impact estimating conference may prepare a fiscal note in conformity with the requirements of this section and submit it to the committee of first referral or the finance committee. A fiscal note prepared by the special impact conference replaces the fiscal note prepared by a department, sponsor of a bill or resolution, or committee under this section.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 24.20.206 is amended to read:

Sec. 24.20.206. Duties. The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee shall

(1) annually review the long-range operating plans of all agencies of state that perform lending or investment functions;

(2) review periodic reports from all agencies of the state that perform lending or investment functions;

(3) prepare a complete report of investment programs, plans, performance, and policies of all agencies of the state that perform lending or investment functions and notify the legislature on or before the first day of each regular session that the report is available;

(4) in conjunction with the finance committee of each house, recommend annually to the legislature the investment policy for the general fund surplus and for the income from the permanent fund;

(5) provide for an annual post audit and annual operational and performance evaluation of the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation investments and investment programs;

(6) provide for an annual operational and performance evaluation of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority; the performance evaluation must include, but is not limited to, a comparison of the effect on various sectors of the economy by public and private lending, the effect on resident and nonresident employment, the effect on real wages, and the effect on state and local operating and capital budgets of the programs of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and the Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority;

(7) provide assistance to the trustees of the trust established in

1 AS 37.14.400 - 37.14.450 in carrying out their duties under AS 37.14.415; and
2 (8) adopt a method of measuring results for state agencies and
3 provide the measures to the Office of the Governor in accordance with
4 AS 37.07.014(b).

5 * **Sec. 4.** AS 37.07.010 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 37.07.010. Statement of policy.** It is the purpose of this chapter to
7 establish a comprehensive system for state program and financial management that
8 furthers the capacity of the governor and legislature to plan and finance the services
9 that they determine the state will provide for its citizens. The system must include
10 procedures for

11 (1) the orderly establishment, continuing review, and periodic revision
12 of the program goals [AND POLICIES OF STATE AGENCIES] and financial goals
13 and policies of the state;

14 (2) the development, coordination, and review of long-range program
15 and financial plans that will measure the extent to which program and financial
16 goals have been met [IMPLEMENT ESTABLISHED STATE GOALS AND
17 POLICIES];

18 (3) the preparation, coordination, analysis, and enactment of a budget
19 that is organized by the programs and [TO FOCUS ON THE] services provided by
20 state agencies, [AND ON] the cost of those services, and the desired results of those
21 services [THAT PROVIDES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND
22 PLANS, IN THE SUCCEEDING BUDGET PERIOD];

23 (4) the evaluation of alternatives to existing policies, plans, and
24 procedures that offer potential for more efficient state services;

25 (5) annual [THE REGULAR] appraisal and reporting of program
26 performance;

27 (6) public participation in the development of the annual budget,
28 including opportunity for the public to review and comment on [UPON] the services,
29 [PLANS AND] programs, and financial goals of the Office of the Governor and all
30 state agencies in the executive branch, the legislature, the judicial system, the
31 University of Alaska, and the public corporations of the state.

1 * **Sec. 5.** AS 37.07.014(a) is amended to read:

2 (a) To carry out its legislative power under art. II, sec. 1, Constitution of the
 3 State of Alaska, and to promote results-based government, the legislature shall review
 4 the budget for the succeeding fiscal year by service or program within each
 5 agency and include service and program cost and desired measurements for each
 6 service and program [ISSUE A MISSION STATEMENT FOR EACH AGENCY
 7 AND THE DESIRED RESULTS THE AGENCY SHOULD ACHIEVE. THE
 8 LEGISLATURE MAY ISSUE A SEPARATE MISSION STATEMENT FOR A
 9 SUBUNIT OF AN AGENCY. A MISSION STATEMENT AND DESIRED RESULTS
 10 SHOULD PROMOTE THE EFFICIENT, MEASURED USE OF THE
 11 STATE'S RESOURCES. A MISSION STATEMENT AND DESIRED RESULTS
 12 CONSTITUTE POLICY UNDER WHICH AN AGENCY SHALL OPERATE, AND,
 13 WHERE APPROPRIATE, THE MISSION STATEMENT MAY BE
 14 IMPLEMENTED BY STATUTE].

15 * **Sec. 6.** AS 37.07.014(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) The legislature shall provide for a budget review function that promotes
 17 results-based government. The Legislative Budget and Audit Committee
 18 [LEGISLATURE] shall adopt a method of measuring results for each agency. The
 19 Legislative Budget and Audit Committee shall provide the measures to the Office
 20 of the Governor not later than August 1 each year. Measurements [, AND
 21 MEASUREMENTS] shall be reported semi-annually by each agency to the
 22 legislature. The reports shall be used by the legislature to evaluate whether the
 23 [MISSION AND] desired results for that agency or subunit of the agency are being
 24 achieved.

25 * **Sec. 7.** AS 37.07.014(d) is amended to read:

26 (d) To foster results-based government [, TO CARRY OUT THE MISSION
 27 STATEMENTS,] and to obtain desired results, the legislature shall authorize the
 28 comprehensive operating and capital improvements programs and financial plans. The
 29 legislature shall allocate the state's resources for effective and efficient delivery of
 30 public services by

31 (1) clearly identifying service, program, and financial goals and

desired results;

- (2) setting priorities;
- (3) assigning **service or program measurements and financial measurements** [ACCOUNTABILITY]; and
- (4) **assigning** [USING] methods for measuring, reporting, and evaluating results.

* **Sec. 8.** AS 37.07.014(f) is amended to read:

(f) To help fulfill the legislature's responsibilities under this section and achieve results-based government, each agency shall

(1) allocate resources to achieve the service, program, and financial goals [MISSION] and desired results established by the legislature;

(2) express desired results established by the legislature and other program results in measurable terms;

(3) measure progress **toward service, program, and financial goals**, [TOWARDS MISSION STATEMENTS AND] desired results established by the legislature, and other results;

(4) promote activities consistent with **service, program, and financial goals** [MISSION STATEMENTS] and desired results established by the legislature that reduce or avoid future costs;

(5) plan for the short-term and the long-term using consistent assumptions for major demographic and other trends; and

(6) require accountability at all levels for meeting service, program, and financial goals [MISSION STATEMENTS] and desired results established by the legislature.

* **Sec. 9.** AS 37.07.016 is amended to read:

Sec. 37.07.016. Governor's use of service, program, and financial goals [MISSION STATEMENTS]. To carry out the executive power under art. III, sec. 1 and sec. 16, Constitution of the State of Alaska, the governor shall use the financial goals [MISSION STATEMENTS] and desired results issued by the legislature as a guide to implement and execute the law. The governor shall ensure [ASSURE] that each agency complies with the **service or program measurement requirements**

1 [MISSION STATEMENT] and achieves the desired results identified by the
 2 legislature.

3 * **Sec. 10.** AS 37.07.020(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The governor shall prepare a budget for the succeeding fiscal year that
 5 must cover all estimated receipts, including all grants, loans, and money received from
 6 the federal government and all proposed expenditures of the state government. The
 7 budget shall be organized **by service or program within each agency and include**
 8 **service and program cost and desired measurements for each service and**
 9 **program. Each service and program expenditure request must include details on**
 10 **the unit cost and performance cost of the service or program expenditure** [SO
 11 THAT THE PROPOSED EXPENDITURES FOR EACH AGENCY ARE
 12 PRESENTED SEPARATELY]. The budget must be accompanied by the information
 13 required under AS 37.07.050 and by the following separate bills: (1) an appropriation
 14 bill authorizing the operating and capital expenditures of the state's integrated
 15 comprehensive mental health program under AS 37.14.003(a); (2) an appropriation
 16 bill authorizing state operating expenditures other than those included in the state's
 17 integrated comprehensive mental health program; (3) an appropriation bill authorizing
 18 capital expenditures other than those included in the state's integrated comprehensive
 19 mental health program; and (4) a bill or bills covering recommendations, if any, in the
 20 budget for new or additional revenue. **In a year in which a new governor has not**
 21 **been elected, the** [THE] budget for the succeeding fiscal year and each of the bills
 22 shall become public information on December 15. **In a year in which a new**
 23 **governor has been elected, the budget for the succeeding fiscal year and each of**
 24 **the bills shall become public information on January 15. On the date the budget**
 25 **and bills become public,** [AT WHICH TIME] the governor shall **deliver** [SUBMIT]
 26 copies **of the budget and bills** to the legislature and make copies available to the
 27 public. The **budget and** bills, identical in content to the copies released on
 28 December 15 **or January 15, as applicable**, shall be delivered to the rules committee
 29 of each house before the fourth legislative day of the next regular session for
 30 introduction.

31 * **Sec. 11.** AS 37.07.020(b) is amended to read:

(b) In addition to the budget and bills submitted under (a) of this section, the governor shall submit a capital improvements program covering the succeeding six fiscal years. The governor shall also submit a fiscal plan with estimates of significant sources and uses of funds for the succeeding three [10] fiscal years. The fiscal plan

(1) must include sufficient details to identify

(A) significant sources of funds;

(B) significant uses of funds, including lump sum projections

of

(i) operating expenditures;

(ii) capital expenditures;

(iii) debt service expenditures;

(iv) fund capitalizations;

(v) appropriations of income of the Alaska permanent
sec. 15, Constitution of the State of Alaska), if any;

(2) must balance sources and uses of funds held while providing for services and protecting the economic stability of the state;

(3) must include projected balances of significant funds held in separate accounts, including the budget reserve fund (art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska), the public education fund (AS 14.17.300), and the Alaska capital income fund (AS 37.05.565);

(4) must set out significant assumptions used in the projections with sufficient detail to enable the legislature to rely on the fiscal plan in understanding, evaluating, and resolving issues of state budgeting, including information that supports major areas of operating increases, such as population demographics that affect the need for particular government services.

* **Sec. 12.** AS 37.07.020(c) is amended to read:

(c) Proposed expenditures may not exceed [ESTIMATED] revenue estimates for the succeeding fiscal year. The expenditures for agency and statewide operations may not exceed official estimates of recurring revenue. The expenditures proposed in the six-year capital improvements program may not exceed the estimated revenue and bond authorizations passed and proposed.

* **Sec. 13.** AS 37.07.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(g) In addition to the budget, bills, and fiscal plan submitted under (a), (b), and (f) of this section, the governor shall submit

(1) an alternative budget plan for the succeeding fiscal year based on the average price per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast over the preceding 10 fiscal years;

(2) an alternative budget plan for the succeeding fiscal year based on an average price of \$70 per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast;

(3) a three-year forecast based on the average price per barrel over the 10 preceding fiscal years for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast over the preceding 10 fiscal years; and

(4) a three-year forecast based on an average price of \$70 per barrel for Alaska North Slope crude oil for sale on the United States West Coast;

* **Sec. 14.** AS 37.07 is amended by adding new sections to read:

Sec. 37.07.034. Formation, powers, and duties of consensus estimating conferences. (a) The following consensus estimating conferences are created in the executive branch of the state for the following purposes:

(1) economic estimating conference, for the purpose of developing official information relating to the national and state economies; the official information of the economic estimating conference

(A) must include basic, long-term trend forecasts;

(B) may include cycle forecasts if the forecast is developed in a special impact estimating conference under AS 37.07.036;

(2) demographic estimating conference, for the purpose of developing official information relating to national and state population demographics, organized by age, race, and sex as the conference considers necessary for state planning and the state budget;

(3) revenue estimating conference, for the purpose of developing official information relating to anticipated state and local government revenue and estimated income of a trust fund;

(4) education estimating conference, for the purpose of developing official information relating to the state public and private educational systems, including information relating to public school funding, correspondence study programs, and state boarding schools;

(5) criminal justice estimating conference, for the purpose of developing official information relating to

(A) the criminal justice system in the state, including forecasts of prison admissions and population; and

(B) the number of sex offenders who are required by law to register under AS 12.63.010, who are required by law to be placed on probation or parole, and who are subject to electronic monitoring;

(6) social services estimating conference, for the purpose of developing official information relating to the social services system of the state, including forecasts of social services caseloads, utilization, and expenditures and information relating to cash assistance and medical assistance caseloads; and

(7) retirement systems actuarial assumption conference, for the purpose of developing official information relating to the public employees' retirement system (AS 39.35) and the teachers' retirement system (AS 14.25).

(b) The membership of each conference consists of a principal and participants. The principal of each conference is the director of the legislative finance division or the director's designee. The president of the senate, speaker of the house of representatives, and governor shall appoint persons to serve as participants of each conference.

(c) Each conference shall develop official information within its area of responsibility that the conference determines, by consensus, is needed for the purpose of preparing the state budget. Unless the members of a conference unanimously agree otherwise, all official information developed by the conference must

(1) be based on the assumption that current law and current administrative practices will remain in effect throughout the period for which the official information is to be used; and

(2) include forecasts for a period of at least three years.

(d) Whenever a conference is convened, official information does not exist until the conference reaches an initial or new consensus.

(e) The official information developed by the economic conference and the official information developed by the demographic conference shall be used by the other conferences in developing official information. The division of retirement and benefits shall provide all information requested by the retirement systems actuarial assumption conference.

(f) The principal of a conference may preside over conference sessions, convene conference sessions, request information needed by the conference, identify topics to be included on the conference agenda, agree or withhold agreement on whether information is to be official information of the conference, release official information of the conference, interpret official information of the conference, and monitor errors in official information of the conference. The principal shall provide the schedule for conference sessions.

(g) The principal of a conference may invite a person to participate in a session of the conference. At the request of the principal, a person invited to participate under this subsection shall, before or during a session of the conference, develop alternative forecasts, collect and supply data, perform analyses, or provide other information needed by the conference. Participants appointed by the governor under (b) of this section shall provide information requested by the principal within a reasonable amount of time. Each conference shall consider the information provided by participants under this subsection when developing its official information.

(h) All sessions and meetings of a conference must be open to the public under AS 24.60.037. Unless exempt under the procedures adopted under AS 40.25.123(b), information used to develop the official information of a conference must be made available to the public.

(i) A conference may be convened

(1) by the governor to develop official information on behalf of the governor for use in the governor's legislative budget recommendations;

(2) by a member of a conference to

(A) develop official information on behalf of the legislature for

1 the legislature's use in its budget deliberations;

2 (B) review and reconsider official information of the
3 conference that the member believes is no longer valid; or

4 (C) develop official information that reflects specific changes
5 or proposed changes relating to the area of responsibility of the conference.

6 (j) A participant of a conference may notify the principal in writing if the
7 participant believes that an item of official information of the conference is no longer
8 valid. The principal shall review a request made under this subsection and, if the
9 principal determines that a session of the conference is warranted, convene the
10 conference for the purpose of reviewing and reconsidering the official information in
11 question.

12 (k) Following each regular session of the legislature, each conference shall
13 convene in a final session to revise the official information of the conference to reflect
14 changes made in the law. The conference shall publish the official information
15 developed at the final session. The published information constitutes the official
16 information of the conference until the adjournment of the next conference. The
17 principal of the conference shall, within two working days after adjournment of the
18 final session of the conference, prepare a final report on the official information of the
19 conference. The principal shall deliver the final report to the co-chairs of the finance
20 committee of each house of the legislature. The principal shall continue to monitor the
21 official information developed at the final session of the conference to ensure the
22 official information remains valid.

23 (l) The principal of a conference, or the principal's designee, is responsible for
24 preparing and distributing to the participants the necessary documents for the meetings
25 of the conference. The principal may cancel a meeting of the conference if the
26 necessary documents have not been distributed before the meeting. Upon request, the
27 documents must include comparisons with alternative information.

28 (m) In this section, "official information" means the data, forecasts, estimates,
29 analyses, studies, and other information adopted by a consensus estimating
30 conference.

31 **Sec. 37.07.036. Special impact estimating conferences.** (a) The president of

1 the senate or the speaker of the house of representatives may request a special impact
2 estimating conference to evaluate a legislative proposal using tools and models not
3 generally employed by the conferences under AS 37.07.034, including cost-benefit,
4 return-on-investment, or dynamic scoring techniques, when suitable and appropriate
5 for the legislative proposal being evaluated. A separate special impact estimating
6 conference may be appointed for each legislative proposal. A sponsor of a bill or
7 resolution or a committee may also request a special impact estimating conference to
8 evaluate a fiscal note under AS 24.08.035.

9 (b) A special impact estimating conference consists of four principals, each
10 having appropriate fiscal expertise in the subject matter of the legislative proposal,
11 appointed as follows:

12 (1) one person from the executive branch, appointed by the governor;
13 (2) the director of the legislative finance division, or the director's
14 designee;

15 (3) one person from the staff of the senate, appointed by the president
16 of the senate; and

17 (4) one person from the staff of the house of representatives, appointed
18 by the speaker of the house of representatives.

19 (c) After the appointment of the principals, a special impact estimating
20 conference shall convene to adopt official information relating to the legislative
21 proposal.

22 (d) A principal of a special impact estimating conference may invite a person
23 to participate in the conference, and that person shall be designated as a participant. A
24 participant shall, at the request of a principal, before or during a meeting of the special
25 impact estimating conference, collect and supply data, perform analyses, or provide
26 other information needed by the conference.

27 (e) The director of the legislative finance division may convene whichever
28 type of conference under AS 37.07.034 is needed to reach a consensus on
29 supplemental information required for the analysis of the proposed legislation.

30 (f) The principals of a special impact estimating conference shall adopt by
31 consensus all official information of the conference.

(g) In this section, "official information" has the meaning given in AS 37.07.034.

* **Sec. 15.** AS 37.07.040 is amended to read:

Sec. 37.07.040. Office of management and budget. The Alaska office of management and budget shall

(1) assist the governor in meeting the requirements of AS 37.07.020, including the coordination and analysis of state agency goals and objectives, plans, and budget requests;

(2) prepare for submission to the legislature by December 15 each year a five-year capital improvements program; the five-year capital improvements program must include the estimated cost of construction and maintenance, the estimated project timeline, potential funding sources, and justification for each project; the Alaska office of management and budget shall update the five-year capital improvements program annually [GOVERNOR AN ANNUALLY UPDATED SIX-YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM AND THE PROPOSED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR THE COMING FISCAL YEAR, THE LATTER TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL PROJECT JUSTIFICATION WITH DOCUMENTATION OF ESTIMATED PROJECT COST];

(3) develop procedures to produce the information needed for effective policy decision making, including procedures to provide for the dissemination of information about plans, programs, and budget requests to be included in the annual budget and opportunity for public review and comment during the period of budget preparation;

(4) assist state agencies in their statement of goals and objectives to achieve, among other things, the legislature's **service, program, and financial goals** [MISSION] and desired results, preparation of plans, assessments of the extent to which **goals** [MISSIONS] and desired results have been achieved, budget requests, and reporting of program performance; all documents forwarded by the office to a state agency containing instructions for the preparation of program plans and budget requests and the reporting of program performance are public information after the date they are forwarded;

(5) administer its responsibilities under the program execution provisions of this chapter so that the policy decisions and budget determinations of the governor and the legislature are implemented;

(6) provide the legislative finance division with the budget information it may request;

(7) provide the legislative finance division with an advance copy of the governor's **electronic data for the current fiscal year management plan** [BUDGET WORKBOOKS] at least seven days before the legislature convenes in a regular session;

(8) prepare the proposed capital improvements budget for the coming fiscal year evaluating both state and local requests from the standpoint of need, equity, and priorities of the jurisdiction; other factors, including [SUCH AS] project amounts, population, local financial match, federal funds being used for local match, municipality or unincorporated community acceptance of the facility, and all associated costs of the facility, may be considered;

(9) for each department in the executive branch, report to the legislature by the 45th day of each regular session the amount of money appropriated to the department that is expected to lapse into the general fund at the end of the current fiscal year;

(10) establish and administer a state agency program performance management system involving planning, performance budgeting, performance measurement, and program evaluation; the office shall ensure that information generated under this system is useful for managing and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of agency operations;

(11) by January 15, list each lease-purchase agreement entered into by an agency during the immediately preceding fiscal year for the acquisition of equipment or other personal property, together with a description of the property acquired and financial details, including the purchase price, the term for payments, the amount of each payment, and the amount of interest or financing charges paid;

(12) work with state agencies to develop a standardized methodology to collect and store energy consumption and expense data.

* **Sec. 16.** AS 37.07.050(a) is amended to read:

(a) The agencies shall ensure [ASSURE] the development of a statewide system of results-based government designed to increase efficiency and effectiveness of state programs and services. Toward that end, each state agency shall, on a semi-annual basis, report the [IDENTIFY RESULTS-BASED MEASURES THAT HAVE BEEN USED TO WORK TOWARD] achievement of the service, program, and financial goals [MISSION STATEMENT] and desired results issued by the legislature and of other goals of the agency [, AND SET OUT THE RESULTS AS MEASURED]. Each state agency shall also prepare information that shall be compiled and submitted on December 15 each year to the office, the legislature, and the legislative finance division; this information must

(1) identify the agency **service, program, and financial goals** [MISSION] and desired results established by the legislature:

(2) identify the goals and objectives the agency will use to achieve the legislature's **service, program, and financial goals** [MISSION] and desired results;

(3) set out the results of [ANY] user group surveys and, if the results do not agree with the **service, program, and financial goals** [MISSION] and desired results [, GOALS,] and objectives, explain why;

(4) include written, defined methods of measuring results that apply to the responsibilities, products, and services of the agency;

(5) identify results-based measures that have been used to work toward achievement of the service, program, and financial goals [MISSION STATEMENT] and desired results issued by the legislature and other goals of the agency and set out the results as measured;

(6) identify surveys or other methods of gathering user group opinions that have been used by the agency to identify ways to improve its programs;

(7) identify methods of measuring performance when the service, program, and financial goals [MISSION STATEMENT] and desired results issued by the legislature involve more than one agency and make recommendations to eliminate duplication of government functions and waste:

(8) identify ways in which the agency has involved its employees in

1 the development of methods of measuring results, including opportunities for
 2 employee representatives to participate in committees established to develop methods
 3 of measuring results;

4 (9) include the budget requested to carry out the agency's proposed
 5 plans in the succeeding fiscal year, including information reflecting the expenditures
 6 during the last fiscal year, the expenditures authorized for the current fiscal year, the
 7 expenditures proposed for the succeeding fiscal year, an explanation of the services to
 8 be provided, the number of total positions for all persons employed or under contract
 9 by the agency for personal services, including those rendered for capital improvement
 10 projects, the need for the services, the cost of the services, and other information
 11 requested by the office;

12 (10) include a report of agency receipts during the last fiscal year, an
 13 estimate of receipts during the current fiscal year, and an estimate of receipts for the
 14 succeeding fiscal year;

15 (11) identify legislation required to implement the proposed programs
 16 and financial plans;

17 (12) include an evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of
 18 specific alternatives to existing or proposed agency activities or administrative
 19 methods;

20 (13) prioritize the activities of the agency from the most important to
 21 the least important.

22 * **Sec. 17.** AS 37.07.060(a) is amended to read:

23 (a) The governor shall formulate the operating and capital budget, capital
 24 improvements program, and fiscal plan required to be recommended to the legislature
 25 by AS 37.07.020 after considering the state agency proposed program and financial
 26 plans prepared in accordance with AS 37.07.050, and other programs and alternatives
 27 that the governor considers appropriate. The plans must include the governor's
 28 recommended service, program, and financial goals [MISSIONS] and results,
 29 recommended strategies to implement the service, program, and financial goals
 30 [MISSIONS] and results, recommended measures for determining whether the
 31 service, program, and financial goals [MISSIONS] and desired results are achieved,

1 including an assessment of whether prior year **service, program, and financial goals**
 2 [MISSIONS] and desired results have been achieved, recommended operating
 3 program for the succeeding fiscal year, recommended capital improvements program
 4 for the succeeding six fiscal years, recommended programs for the upgrading of public
 5 buildings and facilities prepared in accordance with AS 35.10.015, and recommended
 6 revenue measures to support the programs.

7 * **Sec. 18.** AS 37.07.080(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) Except as limited by executive decisions of the governor, the **service,**
 9 **program, and financial goals** [MISSION STATEMENTS] and desired results issued
 10 by the legislature, appropriations by the legislature, and other provisions of law, the
 11 several state agencies have full authority for administering their program service
 12 assignments and are responsible for their proper management.

13 * **Sec. 19.** AS 37.07.080(c) is amended to read:

14 (c) The office shall

15 (1) review each operations plan to determine that **plan** [IT] is
 16 consistent with the executive decisions of the governor, the **service, program, and**
 17 **financial goals** [MISSION STATEMENT] and desired results issued by the
 18 legislature, appropriations by the legislature, and other provisions of law, that **the plan**
 19 [IT] reflects proper planning and efficient management methods, and that
 20 appropriations have been made for the legislatively established purpose and will not
 21 be exhausted before the end of the fiscal year;

22 (2) approve the operations plan if satisfied that **the plan** [IT] meets the
 23 requirements under (1) of this subsection; otherwise, the office shall require revision
 24 of the operations plan in whole or in part.

25 * **Sec. 20.** Section 6 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2025.

26 * **Sec. 21.** Except as provided in sec. 20 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2024.