



33rd Alaska State Legislature

House Finance Budget Subcommittee

Department of Education and Early Development

FY25 Operating Budget

Today's Date: March 3, 2024

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development 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)	\$84,105.9
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$25,293.4
Other Funds	\$36,818.1
<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>\$270,464.3</u>
Total	\$416,681.7

Compared to the FY25 Adjusted Base, the Subcommittee recommendations represent an increase of \$15,192.0 in UGF (22.0%), a decrease of \$85.2 in Other funds (-0.2%), and an increase of \$90.7 in Federal funds (0.0%), for a total net increase of \$15,197.5 (3.8%).

Positions:

Permanent Full-Time	279
Permanent Part-Time	10
<u>Temporary</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	301

BUDGET ACTION:

After holding four meetings and reviewing and discussing each of the Governor's proposed transactions in detail, the Subcommittee adopted the Governor's proposal with the following changes:

- The subcommittee removed a \$5,000.0 request for the Alyeska Reading Academy and Institute (ARAI) and adopted an amendment for \$5,000.0 for the Head Start Program.
- The subcommittee removed an \$84.9 request for an Administrative Assistant position in the Executive Administration allocation.



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- The subcommittee removed a \$1,200.0 request for Coding in Minecraft licenses.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- \$5,000.0 for the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program.
- \$1,500.0 for Career and Technical Education Initiatives.
- \$1,500.0 for Teacher Recruitment, Retention, Certification and Apprenticeship Development.
- \$650.0 for increased costs for statewide academic assessments.
- \$1,000.0 for Grant Funding for Hunter Education Program.

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is the intent of the Chair to recommend the Department of Education and Early Development partner with the Alaska Department of Fish and Game to utilize their existing hunting and fishing education programs for their hunter education programs. Additionally, it is recommended that the Department provide information to the full House Finance Committee on the increased Mount Edgecumbe High School dorm management and food services contractual costs.

SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The Chair set an amendment deadline, welcomed amendments from all members, and the committee entertained five amendments, three of which were adopted as changes to the Governor's proposed budget, as noted above.

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 Subcommittee
- Transaction Compare: Governor's Amended to House Subcommittee
- 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 Education and Early Development