

2025 Session Operating Budget Amendment

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Offered In: The House Finance Committee
To: HB 53 / HB 55
Offered By: Representative Stapp

Agency: University of Alaska
Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Systemwide Reduction/Additions

Transaction Details

Title: Add Funds for UAF to Achieve R1 Research Status (FY26-FY27)
Section: Language
Type: MultiYr

Line Items (Amounts are in thousands)

Personal Services:	0.0
Travel:	0.0
Services:	0.0
Commodities:	0.0
Capital Outlay:	0.0
Grants:	0.0
Miscellaneous:	7,500.0
	<u>7,500.0</u>

Positions

Permanent Full-Time:	0
Permanent Part-Time:	0
Temporary:	0

Funding (Amounts are in thousands)

1226 High Ed	7,500.0
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Explanation

These funds would be used to assist the University of Alaska Fairbanks campus to achieve R1

Research Status as defined by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. The \$7.5 million will be funded from the Higher Education Investment Fund (1226) which will provide additional motivation for UAF to succeed in their pursuit of R1

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Research status and if successful, provide a return on investment to the University of Alaska in the form of higher enrollment and additional research grants.

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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE Stapp

TO: CSHB 53(FIN), Draft Version "I"

1 Page 66, following line 11:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **"* Sec. 24. UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA.** The sum of \$7,500,000 is appropriated from the
4 Alaska higher education investment fund (AS 37.14.750) to the University of Alaska
5 Fairbanks to assist the University of Alaska Fairbanks in achieving R1 research status, as
6 defined by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, for the fiscal years
7 ending June 30, 2026, and June 30, 2027."
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9 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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11 Page 81, line 9:

12 Delete "25(b), (c), and (i), 27, 28(a) - (k) and (m), and 29(a)"

13 Insert "26(b), (c), and (i), 28, 29(a) - (k) and (m), and 30(a)"

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21 Insert "6 - 28, 29(a) - (c) and (f) - (m), 30 - 34, and 36"

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23 Page 81, line 29:

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- 1 Delete "Section 34"
- 2 Insert "Section 35"
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- 4 Page 81, line 30:
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Offered In: The House Finance Committee
To: HB 53 / HB 55
Offered By: Representative Schrage

Agency: University of Alaska
Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Troth Yeddha' Campus

Transaction Details

Title: Assist the UAF to Achieve R1 Research Status (FY26-FY28)
Section: Section 1
Type: IncT

Line Items (Amounts are in thousands)

Personal Services:	0.0
Travel:	0.0
Services:	0.0
Commodities:	0.0
Capital Outlay:	0.0
Grants:	0.0
Miscellaneous:	1,500.0
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Positions

Permanent Full-Time:	0
Permanent Part-Time:	0
Temporary:	0

Funding (Amounts are in thousands)

1004 Gen Fund	1,500.0
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Explanation

Adds \$1,500,000 for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028 (totaling \$4,500,000) to assist the University of Alaska Fairbanks in achieving R1 research status, as defined by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education. This builds upon the \$14,600,000 multi-year appropriation made last year for FY25-27.

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Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Troth Yeddha' Campus

Transaction Details

Title: Assist the UAF to Achieve R1 Research Status (FY26-FY27)
Section: Language
Type: MultiYr

Line Items (Amounts are in thousands)

Personal Services:	0.0
Travel:	0.0
Services:	0.0
Commodities:	0.0
Capital Outlay:	0.0
Grants:	0.0
Miscellaneous:	2,500.0
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Positions

Permanent Full-Time:	0
Permanent Part-Time:	0
Temporary:	0

Funding (Amounts are in thousands)

1004 Gen Fund	2,500.0
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Explanation

The sum of \$2,500,000 is appropriated to the University of Alaska Fairbanks to assist the University of Alaska Fairbanks in achieving R1 research status, as defined by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

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6 Institutions of Higher Education, for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, and June 30,
7 2027."

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- 1 Delete "Section 34"
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To: HB 53 / HB 55
Offered By: Representative Schrage

Agency: University of Alaska
Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Troth Yeddha' Campus

Transaction Details

Title: UAF Alaska Center Unmanned Aircraft System Integration (ACUASI)
(FY26-FY28)
Section: Section 1
Type: IncT

Line Items (Amounts are in thousands)

Personal Services:	0.0
Travel:	0.0
Services:	0.0
Commodities:	0.0
Capital Outlay:	0.0
Grants:	0.0
Miscellaneous:	2,000.0
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Positions

Permanent Full-Time:	0
Permanent Part-Time:	0
Temporary:	0

Funding (Amounts are in thousands)

1004 Gen Fund	2,000.0
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Explanation

Appropriates \$2,000,000 to the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) as a IncT for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028 (totaling \$6,000,000).

UAF conducts many of the testing operations needed to support the full integration of

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drones with traditional aircraft in United States airspace and develop the workforce needed to support this emerging industry in Alaska. The UAF and its partners across the University of Alaska system are working to develop a drone economy in Alaska.

This effort includes developing educational pathways into this emerging industry, working with the Federal Aviation Administration to develop rules and regulations that will allow the safe integration of drones with traditional aviation in Alaska, supporting the development and testing of technologies for Alaskan missions created by Alaskan companies, and determining the potential economic and social benefits of the technology to Alaskans, especially those in rural communities.

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To: HB 53 / HB 55
Offered By: Representative Schrage

Agency: University of Alaska
Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Troth Yeddha' Campus

Transaction Details

Title: UAF Alaska Center Unmanned Aircraft System Integration (ACUASI)
(Year 4) (FY26-FY28)
Section: Language
Type: MultiYr

Line Items (Amounts are in thousands)

Personal Services:	0.0
Travel:	0.0
Services:	0.0
Commodities:	0.0
Capital Outlay:	0.0
Grants:	0.0
Miscellaneous:	3,000.0
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Positions

Permanent Full-Time:	0
Permanent Part-Time:	0
Temporary:	0

Funding (Amounts are in thousands)

1004 Gen Fund	3,000.0
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Explanation

Appropriates \$3,000,000 to the University of Alaska Fairbanks (UAF) as a multi-year appropriation for Fiscal Years ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028.

The UAF conducts many of the testing operations needed to support the full integration of

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1 Page 66, following line 11:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **** Sec. 24. UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA.** The sum of \$3,000,000 is appropriated from the
4 general fund to the University of Alaska Fairbanks for the Alaska Center for Unmanned
5 Aircraft Systems Integration for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and
6 June 30, 2028."

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22 Page 81, line 29:

23 Delete "Section 34"

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- 1 Insert "Section 35"
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To: HB 53 / HB 55
Offered By: Representative Schrage

Agency: University of Alaska
Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Troth Yeddha' Campus

Transaction Details

Title: UAF Agriculture and Food Systems for Alaska's Economic Sustainability (FY26-FY28)
Section: Section 1
Type: IncT

Line Items (Amounts are in thousands)

Personal Services:	0.0
Travel:	0.0
Services:	0.0
Commodities:	0.0
Capital Outlay:	0.0
Grants:	0.0
Miscellaneous:	1,000.0
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Positions

Permanent Full-Time:	0
Permanent Part-Time:	0
Temporary:	0

Funding (Amounts are in thousands)

1004 Gen Fund	1,000.0
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Explanation

Appropriates \$1,000,000 for the University of Alaska Fairbanks for research into agriculture and food systems for Alaska's economic sustainability for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, June 30, 2027, and June 30, 2028 (totaling \$3,000,000).

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Alaska agricultural research will become more agile as Alaska faces increasing food security demands and the need for industrial growth and expansion to help all Alaskans live better lives. Investment in agricultural research by Alaska will open more opportunities for diversified research production, meet federal capacity grant funding needs, and become a viable place for collaborative agricultural research with other states and nations.

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To: HB 53 / HB 55
Offered By: Representative Schrage

Agency: University of Alaska
Appropriation: University of Alaska
Allocation: Troth Yeddha' Campus

Transaction Details

Title: UAF Agriculture and Food Systems for Alaska's Economic Sustainability (FY26-FY27)
Section: Language
Type: MultiYr

Line Items (Amounts are in thousands)

Personal Services:	0.0
Travel:	0.0
Services:	0.0
Commodities:	0.0
Capital Outlay:	0.0
Grants:	0.0
Miscellaneous:	1,500.0
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Positions

Permanent Full-Time:	0
Permanent Part-Time:	0
Temporary:	0

Funding (Amounts are in thousands)

1004 Gen Fund	1,500.0
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Explanation

This amendment appropriates \$1,500,000 to the University of Alaska Fairbanks for research into agriculture and food systems for Alaska's economic sustainability for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

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Alaska agricultural research will become more agile as Alaska faces increasing food security demands and the need for industrial growth and expansion to help all Alaskans live better lives. Investment in agricultural research by Alaska will open more opportunities for diversified research production, meet federal capacity grant funding needs, and become a viable place for collaborative agricultural research with other states and nations.

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4 general fund to the University of Alaska Fairbanks for research on agriculture and food
5 systems to address the state's economic sustainability for the fiscal years ending June 30,
6 2026, and June 30, 2027."
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21

22 Page 81, line 29:

23 Delete "Section 34"

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- 1 Insert "Section 35"
- 2
- 3 Page 81, line 30:
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- 5 Insert "29(d)"
- 6
- 7 Page 81, line 31:
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Offered In: The House Finance Committee
To: HB 53 / HB 55
Offered By: Representative Stapp

Agency: Fund Transfers
Appropriation: General Fund (Revenue)
Allocation: General Fund (Revenue)

Transaction Details

Title: 4.85% Draw from Earnings Reserve Account
Section: Language
Type: Lang

Line Items (Amounts are in thousands)

Personal Services:	0.0
Travel:	0.0
Services:	0.0
Commodities:	0.0
Capital Outlay:	0.0
Grants:	0.0
Miscellaneous:	0.0
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	0.0

Positions

Permanent Full-Time:	0
Permanent Part-Time:	0
Temporary:	0

Funding (Amounts are in thousands)

Explanation

This amendment represents a 4.85% draw from the Percent Of Market Value (POMV) from the earnings reserve account. The reduction is in the amount appropriated to the general fund.

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AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE _____

TO: CSHB 53(FIN), Draft Version "I"

- 1 Page 57, line 12:
- 2 Delete "\$3,798,888,398"
- 3 Insert "\$3,684,921,746"
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- 5 Page 57, line 18:
- 6 Delete "\$1,294,439,328"
- 7 Insert "\$1,180,472,676"

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13

Offered In: The House Finance Committee
To: HB 53 / HB 55
Offered By: Representative Tomaszewski

Agency: Commerce, Community & Econ Dev
Appropriation: Community and Regional Affairs
Allocation: Community & Regional Affairs

Transaction Details

Title: Extend Arctic Winter Games Grant through FY26
Section: Language
Type: Lang

Line Items (Amounts are in thousands)

Personal Services:	0.0
Travel:	0.0
Services:	0.0
Commodities:	0.0
Capital Outlay:	0.0
Grants:	0.0
Miscellaneous:	0.0
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Positions

Permanent Full-Time:	0
Permanent Part-Time:	0
Temporary:	0

Funding (Amounts are in thousands)

Explanation

Changing to extend the Arctic Winter Games Grant from June 30, 2025 through the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026

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OFFERED IN THE HOUSE

BY REPRESENTATIVE _____

TO: CSHB 56(FIN), Draft Version "N"

- 1 Page 13, line 23, following "DEVELOPMENT."
2 Insert "(a)"
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4 Page 13, following line 26:
5 Insert a new subsection to read:
6 "(b) Section 35(*l*), ch. 7, SLA 2024, is amended to read:
7 (*l*) The sum of \$150,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the
8 Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for payment as a
9 grant under AS 37.05.316 to Arctic Winter Games Team Alaska for Arctic Winter
10 Games events for the fiscal years [YEAR] ending June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026."