

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska Department of Law

TO: Representative Dugan
House Finance Committee

DATE: February 9, 2012

THROUGH: Representative Bill Stoltze
Co-Chair
House Finance Committee

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FROM: Dave Blaisdell, Director *DB*
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SUBJECT: Oil, Gas and Mining
Outside Counsel funding
for Department of Law

In House Finance Committee meeting on February 1st, you requested additional information on the Department of Law's \$9.05 million undesignated general fund request (UGF). I understood your question was whether the funding was an increase from the previous year and centered around the information provided on page 144 of Legislative Finance's, *The Fiscal Year 2013 budget: Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Overview of the Governor's Request*.

The request is not a \$9.05 million increase from FY12 and should be viewed as maintenance level funding. The chart below compares the amounts appropriated for FY12 and the FY13 request:

	FY12	FY13 Req
Outside Counsel – unrelated to the Gasline	\$ 8,116.0 *	\$ 6,150.0
Gasline funding	\$ 2,000.0	\$ 2,900.0
Total funding	\$ 10,116.0	\$ 9,050.0

*Including supplemental request

The \$6,150.0 is being treated as an increment in the budget but would be added to the Department's base budget as presented in the FY13 budget request. The \$2,900.0 is being treated as a one-time increment and will be backed out of the FY13 base by Legislative Finance and any related funding would be treated as an increment in the FY14 budget request.

Please let me know if you have additional questions.