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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representative Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Conservation

APPROPRIATION: Air Quality

ALLOCATION: Air Quality

ADD: \$160,600, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)

DELETE: \$160,600, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Conservation

APPROPRIATION: Water

ALLOCATION: Water Quality

ADD: \$222,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)

DELETE: \$222,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Law

APPROPRIATION: Civil Division

ALLOCATION: Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy

ADD: \$136,800, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)

DELETE: \$136,800, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Natural Resources

APPROPRIATION: Administration & Support

ALLOCATION: State Pipeline Coordinator's Office

ADD: \$670,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)

DELETE: \$670,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
APPROPRIATION: Design, Engineering and Construction
ALLOCATION: Statewide Design and Engineering Services

ADD: \$692,900, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)
DELETE: \$692,900, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

EXPLANATION:

Code 1232 is a newly created code designed to meet accounting requirements for separation of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) budget from money spent by other agencies at the request of AGDC. This is one of two fund codes that access the in-state pipeline fund established with the adoption of HB4 during the 2013 session. (The other is code 1229.)

Fund code 1229 should be used only to record the operating budget of the AGDC. Code 1232 should be used only to record AGDC's purchases of services from other state agencies. Agencies can spend code 1232 only as specified in a reimbursable services agreement signed by the corporation. Funding for RSAs will be drawn from the fund without appearing in the operating budget of AGDC.

The amendment has no impact other than to ensure that AGDC has control over pipeline funds spent by other agencies.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson, Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Administration

APPROPRIATION: Centralized Administrative Services

ALLOCATION: Office of the Commissioner

ADD:

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration coordinate with the state's Congressional Delegation; Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; the Department of Education and Early Development and school districts; telecommunication service providers; other affected entities of the State of Alaska; and any other relevant stakeholder organization to:

1. Determine the existing broadband resources and capacity in rural Alaska
2. Identify cost sharing and cost saving opportunities
 - a. Through sharing existing broadband resources
 - b. Through partnering for expansion of broadband resources

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration provide recommendations, including possible legislation, and findings based on the results of their coordination and submit them to the House and Senate Finance Committees by January 15, 2015.

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services, prepare a five-year statewide plan that includes an implementation policy for statewide information technology systems, including their procurement and support, which results in cost savings and will serve the needs of state executive branch departments, not including state corporations. It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration submit a plan to the House and Senate Finance Committees by January 15, 2015.

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Costello, Edgmon, Munoz, T. Wilson, Thompson,
Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

APPROPRIATION: Community and Regional Affairs

ALLOCATION: Community and Regional Affairs

ADD: \$49,200 Boat Registration Fees (1216), IncOTI

EXPLANATION: This amendment restores the 25% reduction imposed by the House Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. This organization provides boating education and training and is the only source for required marine safety training.

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Stoltze, Austerman, Holmes, Thompson, Wilson, Neuman

DEPARTMENT: Fish and Game

APPROPRIATION:

ALLOCATION:

ADD:

It is the intent of the legislature that the department maintain fishery management activities in state waters as its top priority when determining where to apply unallocated reductions included in the FY2015 operating budget and provide a fishery management activity prioritization report to the Finance Committees by October 31, 2014.

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Reps. Austerman, Stoltze, T. Wilson, Holmes, Edgmon

DEPARTMENT: Department of Fish & Game

APPROPRIATION: Commercial Fisheries

ALLOCATION: Westward Region Fisheries Management

ADD: \$200,000, Test Fisheries Receipts, (1109)

EXPLANATION: This amendment adds \$200,000 of Test Fisheries Receipts of Golden King Crab for Red King Crab Research in the Adak and Petrel Banks areas.

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TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson,
Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

ADD: Intent Language

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services submit a report of transfers between appropriations that occurred in the first half of FY2015 by January 30, 2015, and a report of transfers in the second half of FY2015, by September 1, 2015, to the House and Senate Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division.

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara, Neuman, and Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

ADD: Intent Language:

It is the intent of the legislature that the department find efficiencies, and use savings from those efficiencies, to implement priorities of the department. These priorities may include implementing the 2012 Office of Children's Services Workload Study recommendations.

EXPLANATION:

The intent of this section is to find efficiencies (and funding) within the department in order to implement the Workload Study without increasing the department's FY15 budget.

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson, Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health and Social Services
APPROPRIATION: Behavioral Health
ALLOCATION: Services to the Seriously Mentally Ill

ADD: \$525,000 GF/MH - Fund Code 1037

EXPLANATION:**Complex Behavioral Collaborative Project**

Intensive consultative services are offered to families and programs serving individuals at the highest risk of being moved to more costly out-of-state or institutional placements due to difficult-to-manage behaviors. This project has demonstrated success in reducing long term General Fund costs by keeping these Alaskans in their homes and current placements.

FY 2015 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: CSHB 266(FIN) / CSHB 267(FIN)

OFFERED BY: Representative Edgmon and Representative Austerman

PART A

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers

ALLOCATION: Rural Trooper Housing

ADD: \$78,600 General Fund (1004)

ALLOCATION: Alaska Wildlife Troopers

ADD: \$112,500 General Fund (1004)

ALLOCATION: Alaska Wildlife Troopers Marine Enforcement

ADD: \$208,900

EXPLANATION:

Part A of this amendment restores 80% of the Governor's decrements associated with the transfer of the Patrol Vessel *Stimson* from Dutch Harbor to Kodiak.

The decrements included in the Governor's request were split between three allocations:

- 1) Rural Trooper Housing: (\$98,300) UGF
- 2) Alaska Wildlife Troopers: (\$140,600) UGF
- 3) Alaska Wildlife Troopers Marine Enforcement: (\$261,100) UGF

The total of Part A restores \$400,000 UGF of (\$500,000) UGF deleted by the Governor to relocate the *Stimson* from Dutch Harbor to Kodiak.

PART B

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers
ALLOCATION: Alaska Wildlife Marine Enforcement

ADD: \$155,000 General Funds (1004)

ADD: 1 PFT position

EXPLANATION:

Part B of this amendment partially restores two decrements requested by the Governor associated with decommissioning the Patrol Vessel *Woldstad* and replacing it with a smaller 58 foot vessel. A total of \$125,000 will be utilized to keep the *Woldstad* available for use during the latter portion of FY15 (repairs estimated to be completed by April 1, 2015) and \$30,000 will fund a deleted Boat Officer for one quarter of FY15.

The decrements included in the Governor's request for these related items were transmitted as follows:

- 1) (\$500,000) to decommission the Patrol Vessel *Woldstad*; and
- 2) (\$110,900) to delete a vacant Boat Officer IV assigned to the *Woldstad*.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson, Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Revenue
APPROPRIATION: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

ADD: Intent Language

It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Mental Health Trust assess the potential impact of expanded broadband on long term general fund operating costs by looking at the following:

1. Existing broadband capacity (including educational and tribal health networks) that could be accessed by the state;
2. The broadband capacity needed to improve access to health care;
3. Costs of and barriers to expanding broadband; and
4. Potential long-term general fund savings attributable to expanding broadband access.

It is also the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Mental Health Trust submit a report to the legislature outlining the results of assessing the above items by January 15, 2015.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Representatives Thompson and Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Revenue
APPROPRIATION: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
ALLOCATION: Mental Health Trust Operations

ADD: \$49,900 Mental Health Trust Admin Receipts (1094) – Inc

EXPLANATION:

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (the Trust) Board of Trustees seeks restoration of funds previously approved by the Board of Trustees which were not included in the Governor's original or amended FY2015 budget requests.

The Trust's administrative budget supports essential work of the Board of Trustees as well as the administrative operations of the Trust. The funding is necessary for the Trust to continue to meet the Trust's statutory obligations, fulfill its mission and maintain support functions.

Reasonable and necessary expenses to be funded by restored funds include honorariums and associated costs of holding additional meetings that Trustees have requested to be scheduled, which assists them in their important planning and deliberative decision making processes. Other costs include anticipated contractual increases associated with performance of the Trust's annual audit (due to new real estate investments acquired and managed by the Department of Natural Resources, Trust Land Office) as well as increases in contracts for fiscal analysis, legal consultations, and program analysis – all reasonable expenses which aid Trustees and staff in their essential duties. Finally, the increase will cover cost of living adjustments which the Trust is required to pay.

This MHTAAR Administration funding was approved by the Board of Trustees at the September 4-6, 2013 board meeting. This funding does not create a new position.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Representative Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Public Facilities

APPROPRIATION: Highways, Aviation and Facilities

ALLOCATION: Central Region Highways and Aviation

ADD: \$71,000, Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts, (1200)

DELETE: \$71,000, General Funds, (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment replaces \$71,000 unrestricted general funds with available Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representatives Stoltze and Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Alaska Court System

APPROPRIATION: Alaska Court System

ALLOCATION: Trial Courts

DELETE: \$21,900 General Funds (1004)

EXPLANATION: The Court System has recently been advised that lease cost increases associated with the Nome Court House will not be needed until FY16. This amendment decreases the \$104,300 appropriated by the House Subcommittee for existing facility leases.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Austerman, Neuman, Edgmon, T. Wilson, Holmes, Munoz

ADD LANGUAGE

Insert the following language in a new section following section 4 in HB 266 and following section 8 in HB 267.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that the Departments of Corrections, Health and Social Services, and Labor and Workforce Development, along with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, and the Alaska Court System, continue to work collaboratively to identify common clients who are being released from correctional institutions and do the following:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive, complementary, non-duplicative plan for providing substance abuse, mental health, housing and employment services to those who are released from correctional institutions.
2. Use the plan to assist the Departments, Authority, agency, and Court System in improving treatment and other outcomes for recently released inmates with the goal of reducing correctional system recidivism rates.
3. Gather and analyze data on the substance abuse, mental health, employment and housing services needed and the services provided to the released clients.
4. Propose effectiveness and efficiency measures for the new plan.
5. Jointly report on plan implementation and data findings to the legislature by February 2, 2015.

ReNUMBER bill sections accordingly.

AMENDMENTOFFERED IN THE HOUSE **FINANCE COMM.**

TO: CSHB 266(FIN), Draft Version "P"

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE,
**AUSTERMAN, NEUMAN,
MUNOZ, HOLMES,
EDGMON**

1 Page 53, following line 3:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **** Sec. 5. CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS.** (a) It is the intent of the legislature to increase
4 crime victims' access to the criminal justice process, to improve communication between
5 criminal justice agencies and crime victims, and to ensure that crime victims' legal rights are
6 not denied. Crime victims in this state should be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness as
7 guaranteed by the Constitution of the State of Alaska. The Department of Law, Department of
8 Corrections, Department of Public Safety, and the division in the Department of Health and
9 Social Services responsible for juvenile justice should continue to partner with the office of
10 victims' rights to improve the criminal justice process for crime victims.

11 (b) One of the surest ways to affect each victim's sense of fairness and justice is
12 through clear and consistent communication by agency staff to crime victims. Timely
13 communication to crime victims helps to ensure victims' notice and opportunity to be heard at
14 key stages of criminal investigations and prosecutions. Police officers and prosecutors, upon
15 first contact with crime victims, are required by law to inform crime victims about the office
16 of victims' rights. Law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, corrections agencies, social service
17 agencies, and the courts should make every reasonable effort to ensure that victims' legal
18 rights are preserved. Victims' privacy and dignity should be protected throughout the process.
19 A timely and fair disposition of criminal charges promotes public trust, including victims'
20 trust, in the criminal justice process. Timely, full, and prompt financial restitution to crime
21 victims also provides crime victims with a tangible sense that the criminal justice system has
22 acted to restore the victim."

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1 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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3 Page 58, line 28:

4 Delete "sec. 25(j)"

5 Insert "sec. 26(j)"

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7 Page 70, line 22:

8 Delete "sec. 15(b)"

9 Insert "sec. 16(b)"

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11 Page 76, lines 13 - 14:

12 Delete "secs. 8(c), 9, 10(b), and 25 - 27"

13 Insert "secs. 9(c), 10, 11(b), and 26 - 28"

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15 Page 76, line 15:

16 Delete "sec. 12(h)(1)"

17 Insert "sec. 13(h)(1)"

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19 Page 76, line 20:

20 Delete "Sections 30 and 34"

21 Insert "Sections 31 and 35"

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23 Page 76, line 21:

24 Delete "Section 26(c)"

25 Insert "Section 27(c)"

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27 Page 76, line 22:

28 Delete "secs. 35 and 36"

29 Insert "secs. 36 and 37"

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee**TO:** CSHB 266 (FIN)**OFFERED BY:** Rep. Austerman**REVISE LANGUAGE:** Decrement \$2,267,813 General Funds (1004) by amending sec. 23(k) to read:

(k) The sum of **\$126,642,396**[128,910,209] is appropriated to the Department of Education and Early Development for state aid for costs of school construction under AS 14.11.100 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, from the following sources:

General Fund	<u>\$107,342,396</u> [\$109,610,209]
School Fund (AS 43.50.140)	19,300,000

EXPLANATION:

Based on recent projections, the amount of state aid required for costs of school construction under AS 14.11.100 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 is estimated to be \$2,267,813 less than originally requested. Reasons for a lower projection include anticipated projects not approved, debt for several projects sold later than anticipated, and a larger premium received than anticipated.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee**TO:** HB 266**OFFERED BY:** Reps. Costello, T. Wilson, Neuman**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Health and Social Services**APPROPRIATION:** Public Health**ALLOCATION:** Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion**DELETE:** \$720,000 General Fund (1004)

EXPLANATION: This decrement removes funding for the advertising and research portion for the “Play Every Day Campaign.” More specifically the proposed contract work listed below.

Table C. (Provided by the Department of Health and Social Services)

Contract 1: Northwest Strategies - Main Deliverables	Amount
Provide social marketing consultation and a three-year strategic plan to build a campaign that helps reduce childhood obesity in Alaska.	\$160.0
Develop public education materials that include TV and radio PSAs, print and online materials, a website, social media, and a library of images and video.	\$130.0
Provide social marketing technical assistance and training to DHSS’s nine new school district grantees to improve public education statewide. Provide social marketing consultation to the Alaska Alliance for Healthy Kids.	\$10.0
Acquire and place media that effectively reaches the target audience statewide, hitting the CDC target for Gross Rating Points (GRPs) to impact behavior change.	\$350.0
SUBTOTAL	\$650.0
Contract 2: Hayes Research Group - Deliverable	
Focus groups to inform motivational messages, and one survey to evaluate the effectiveness of the messages.	\$70.0
CONTRACTS TOTAL	\$720.0

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Stoltze and Neuman

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Public Facilities

APPROPRIATION: Marine Highway System

ALLOCATION:

ADD:

It is the intent of the legislature that the department eliminate any future issuing of free annual passes for vehicles of state agencies, state employees, or retirees and their families on the Alaska Marine Highway System.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE *FINANCE COMM.* BY REPRESENTATIVE COSTELLO
TO: CSHB 266(FIN), Draft Version "P"

1 Page 56, line 30, following "associations":

2 Insert "for the following purposes:

3 (1) promotion of seafood and seafood by-products that are harvested in
4 the region and processed for sale;

5 (2) promotion of improvements to the commercial fishing industry and
6 infrastructure in the seafood development region;

7 (3) establishment of education, research, advertising, or sales
8 promotion programs for seafood products harvested in the region;

9 (4) preparation of market research and product development plans for
10 the promotion of seafood and their by-products that are harvested in the region and
11 processed for sale;

12 (5) cooperation with the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and other
13 public or private boards, organizations, or agencies engaged in work or activities
14 similar to the work of the organization, including entering into contracts for joint
15 programs of consumer education, sales promotion, quality control, advertising, and
16 research in the production, processing, or distribution of seafood harvested in the
17 region;

18 (6) cooperation with commercial fishermen, fishermen's organizations,
19 seafood processors, the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, the Fisheries
20 Industrial Technology Center, state and federal agencies, and other relevant persons
21 and entities to investigate market reception to new seafood product forms and to
22 develop commodity standards and future markets for seafood products"

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara and Guttenberg

DEPARTMENT: Labor and Workforce Development

APPROPRIATION: Business Partnerships

ALLOCATION: Business Services

ADD: \$2,391,700 General Funds (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment will restore the base funding in the Governor's requested budget for the Alaska Youth First Program. This program provides grants to organizations across the state to assist Alaskans - both school age students and adults - in job readiness and career counseling. Restoration will help offset losses of job and career counselors school districts have been forced to cut the past three years.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara and Guttenberg

DEPARTMENT: Education and Early Development

APPROPRIATION: K-12 Support

ALLOCATION: Foundation Program

ADD NEW LANGUAGE SECTION: Sec. 14(b)

The sum of \$101,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education and Early Development to be distributed as state aid to districts according to the average daily membership for each district adjusted under AS 14.17.410(b)(1)(A) - (D) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Renumber sections accordingly.

EXPLANATION: This amendment would reflect the equivalent of a \$404 Base Student Allocation increase in the event a base student allocation bill to reverse the recent course of educator cuts does not pass.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266
OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara and Guttenberg

DEPARTMENT: Education and Early Development
APPROPRIATION: Teaching and Learning Support
ALLOCATION: Pre-Kindergarten Grants

ADD: \$2,000,000 GF (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment will allow more students to participate in Pre-K. High-quality Pre-K programs have been proven to improve a child's chances of succeeding in school and in life. Children who attend high-quality programs are less likely to be held back a grade, less likely to need special education, and more likely to graduate from high school and college. They also have higher earnings as adults and are less likely to become dependent on welfare or involved with law enforcement.

The current \$2 million program only serves roughly 300 students. This "pilot" program started in FY10 and was intended to become a statewide effort once its success was shown. It has proven successful.

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representatives Guttenberg and Gara

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska

APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska

ALLOCATION: Budget Reductions/Additions - Systemwide

ADD: \$424,500 (\$357,100 UGF 1004 / \$67,400 UNIV RCPT 1048)

EXPLANATION: This increment will complete the mandatory comprehensive advising program across the University of Alaska.

UAF College of Rural and Community Development Student Advisors

UAF CRCD campuses deliver courses that allow students to receive education and training in or near their home community. Rural campuses offer students certificate and associate degree programs that lead to jobs and the preparation needed to transfer to a baccalaureate program if desired. This project supports two student advisors to be housed at the Bristol Bay Campus and Kuskokwim campus. A Research Specialist will also be supported to perform degree audits, so that student advisors can contact non-completing, degree-seeking students to encourage them to complete their degree.

UAS First Year Advisor

The goal of this position is to continue to increase the retention of first-year students. The most critical transition in every student's career happens during the first six weeks.

This position will deliver services directed solely to first-year-students such as:

- Teach first-year courses that are currently not offered, building off new student orientation.
- Take a leading role in delivering a student leadership program focused on first year students.
- Manage and integrate critical student transition efforts that are currently offered on an ad hoc basis.

UAS Disability Support Provider

Students seeking accommodations for disabilities are one of the fastest growing sub-populations at UAS. On the Juneau campus, there has been a 73% increase in requests from 2009 to 2012. This increment is critical to fulfilling our student learning mission,

especially when the new 120- bed residence hall fills with a diverse pool of traditional-age full-time students in the fall of 2014. Currently UAS has a .5 FTE professional staff dedicated to providing this service and has been utilizing temporary hires to meet current needs. These positions will have a direct and positive impact on retention rates, credit hours, and efficiency of student services.

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representatives Guttenberg and Gara

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska

APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska

ALLOCATION: Anchorage Campus

ADD: \$727,900 (\$652,900 UGF 1004 / \$75,000 UNIV RCPT 1048)

EXPLANATION: This increment will provide funding for the Alaska Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program that provides critical healthcare workforce development activities in each region across the state.

The AHEC System is key to growing, strengthening and diversifying the healthcare workforce. AHEC is housed at the University of Alaska Anchorage and the Program Office sets the direction for annual and long-term performance. AHEC centers are located in five regions: Southcentral, Southeast, Northwest, the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta, the Interior and the Program Office in Anchorage.

AHEC activities use the Alaska Health Workforce Coalition's strategies to engage, train, recruit and retain healthcare workers.

The AHECs use live and distance-delivered continuing education and training opportunities, health career presentations and job fairs, job shadows, internships, clinical rotations, preceptor / clinical coach development and health career camps, each according to regional needs.

Engaging Potential Healthcare Professionals:

AHECS reached 816 students and 64% stated they were more interested in health careers after the AHEC activity. AHECs also coordinated 245 job shadows across Alaska.

Training Healthcare Professionals:

AHECS coordinated and funded 225 clinical rotations and developed six new clinical sites, expanding Alaska's capacity for training students and getting them through school.

Recruiting Healthcare Professionals to Work in Alaska Communities:

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development provided data to assess programmatic impact by tracking how many students since 2006 are working in Alaska. 1,089 students have graduated and 843 (77%) are working in Alaska. 18% work in a rural borough or census area. This percentage is considerably higher than average rural recruitment rates, which range nationally between 8-12%.

Retaining Alaska's Healthcare Professionals:

AHEC's workforce retention strategy centers on providing and improving access to continuing education and professional development. This strategy is widely recognized as a key to health workforce retention. In 2013, 1,171 unique participants attended AHEC training and professional development and 45% were from rural communities. The Rural Veterans' Health Access trainings touched 108 providers and 309 additional participated in the Alzheimer's training series, of which 56% reported a plan to implement a change in their practice.

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OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Representatives Guttenberg and Gara

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services
APPROPRIATION: Senior and Disabilities Services
ALLOCATION: Senior Community Based Grants

ADD: \$325,000 General Fund (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment will help fund the Caregiver Support Program. This program is available to unpaid family caregivers of persons age 60 and over and to grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers of a child who is not more than 18 years of age. The program helps keep Alaskans out of institutional care by providing respite, caregiver training, equipment and home modifications.