

# **ALASKA PUBLIC OFFICES COMMISSION**

# **AGENCY OVERVIEW**

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**House Finance  
Subcommittee**  
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# APOC BUDGET

| APOC                       | FY2015<br>Mgmt Plan | FY2016<br>Mgmt Plan | FY2017<br>Governor | % Change<br>from FY15 |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>UGF</b>                 | <b>1,395.2</b>      | <b>790.5</b>        | <b>790.5</b>       | <b>-43.3%</b>         |
| DGF                        | 120.0               | 240.0*              | 240.0*             | +100%                 |
| OTHER                      | 0.0                 | 0.0                 | 0.0                |                       |
| Total                      | 1,515.2             | 1,030.5             | 1,030.5            | -32%                  |
| Excluding<br>uncollectible | 1,515.2             | 910.5               | 910.5              | -40%                  |

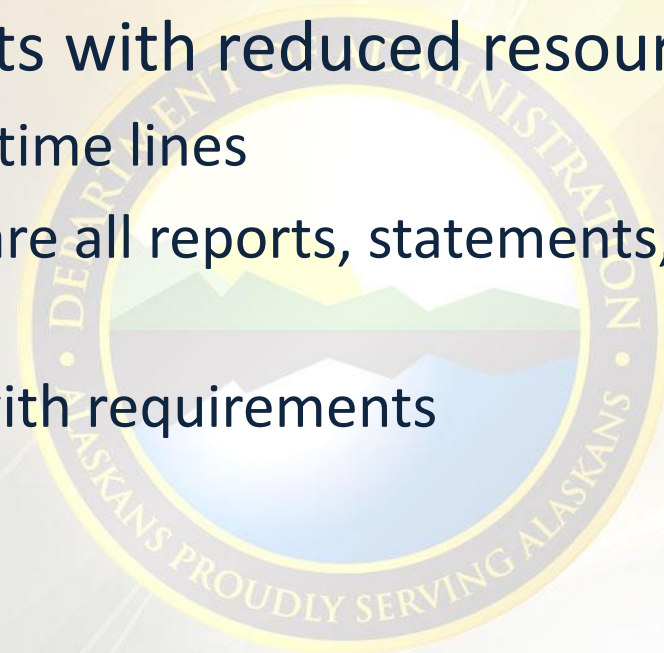
\*120,000 of this amount is uncollectible as the agency has not been provided authority to increase current or establish new fees.



# APOC CHALLENGES

**Mission Statement:** “To encourage the public's confidence in their elected and appointed officials by administering Alaska's disclosure statutes and publishing financial information regarding the activities of election campaigns, public officials, lobbyists and lobbyist employers.”

- Meeting statutory requirements with reduced resources
  - Advisory opinion and complaint time lines
  - Examine, investigate, and compare all reports, statements, and actions required
  - Assist all persons in complying with requirements

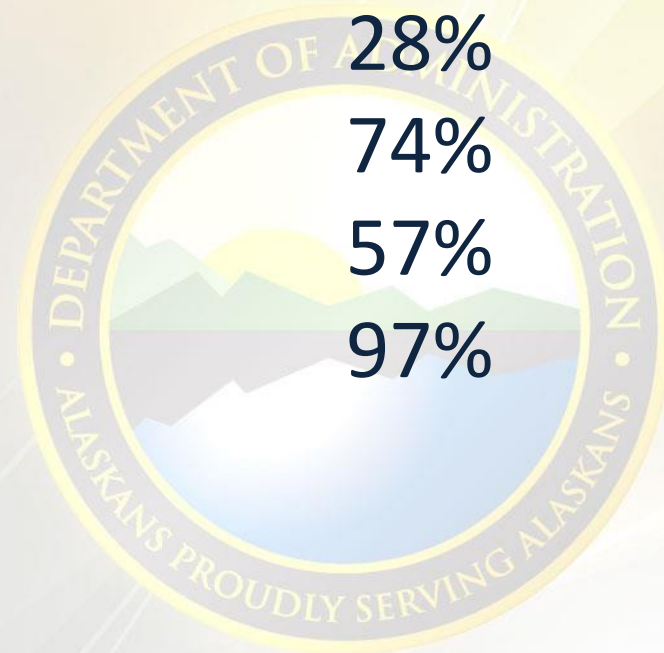


## APOC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed a very high level of auditing

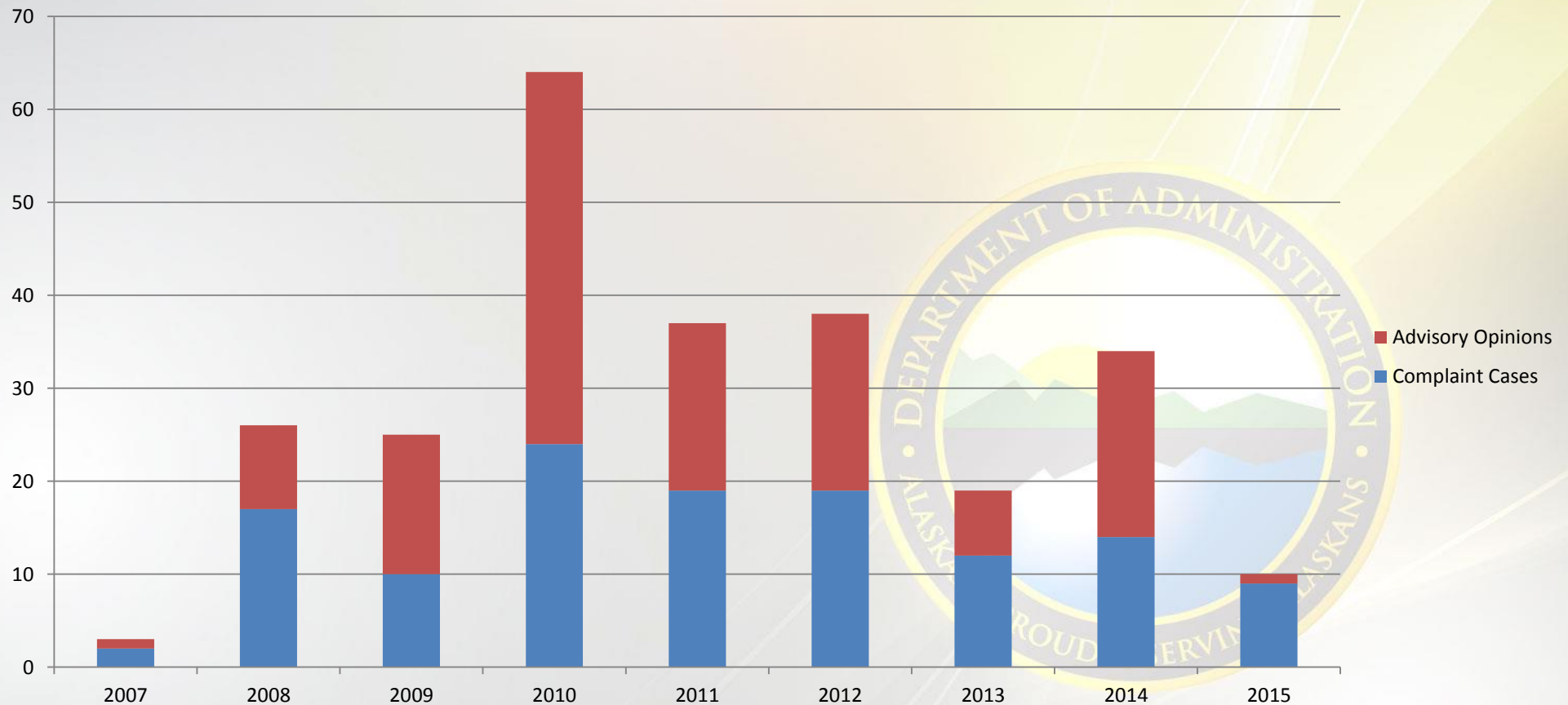
### Reports

| YEAR | Received | Audited | % Audited |
|------|----------|---------|-----------|
| 2012 | 4,646    | 1,309   | 28%       |
| 2013 | 4,797    | 3,538   | 74%       |
| 2014 | 9,117    | 5,198   | 57%       |
| 2015 | 4,939    | 4,798   | 97%       |



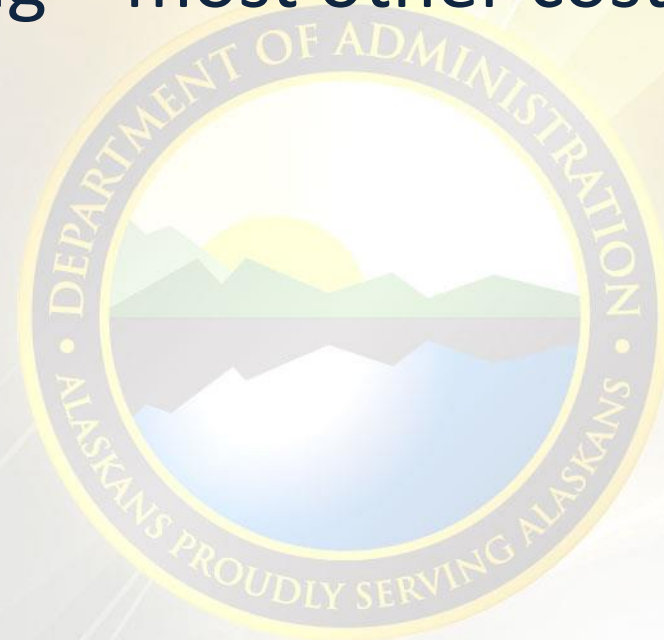
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- Fewer complaints filed and advisory opinions requested—due to increased training efforts



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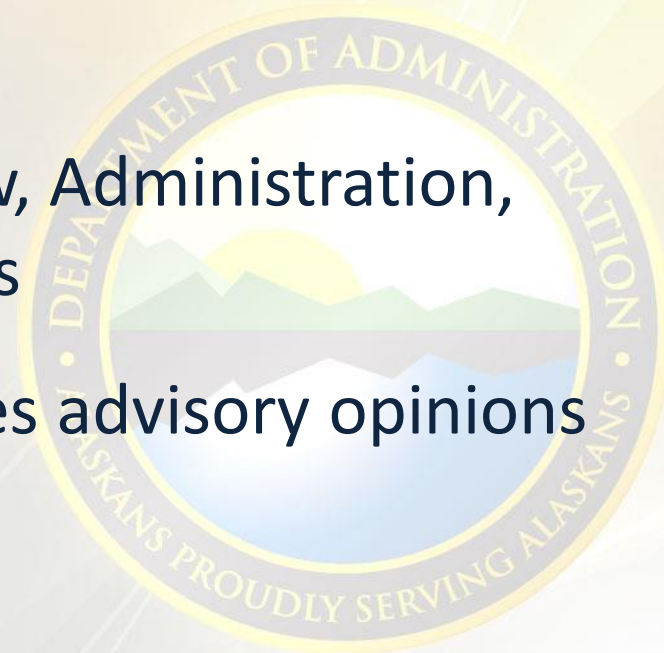
- Validity of Commission actions upheld by numerous court decisions
- Cost reductions through held vacancies, minimal travel, and teleconferencing—most other costs fixed





## WHAT APOC DOES

- Conduct audits and provide direct services to the public
- Hold Commission meetings and attend to administrative tasks
- Research, notification to filers, correspondence, work on civil penalties
- Work with Departments of Law, Administration, Commissioners, and Legislators
- Deal with complaints and issues advisory opinions





## CHALLENGES

- Dealing with budget cuts by:
  - Layoffs
  - Travel freeze
  - Expanded use of email and web



## RECOMMENDATIONS

Several Statutory changes that have been previously submitted:

- 1) Revise AS 15.13.040, delete sections (k) & (n);
- 2) Revise AS 15.13.060(c);
- 3) Clarify AS 15.13.072(b), accepting contributions;
- 4) Clarify AS 15.13.090(c) & (d), paid for identifiers;
- 5) Revise AS 15.13.374, advisory opinions;
- 6) Revise AS 15.13.380, statements of contributions;
- 7) Revise AS 15.13.390, regarding penalties;
- 8) Revise AS 39.50.145, POFD reporting for small communities.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Enable APOC to increase fees or create new ones
- Possible statutory changes to fit current situation
- Make training mandatory for all candidates and groups to reduce problems





**Thank you!**

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**Questions?**

