



Senate Finance Subcommittee Education & Early Development

Professional Teaching Practices Commission



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PTPC History and Membership

- The Professional Teaching Practices Act, **1966** (AS 14.20.370 – 14.20.510)
- The Professional Teaching Practices Commission (20 AAC 10.010 – 20 AAC 10.900)
- Membership
 - 5 classroom teachers
 - 1 principal
 - 1 superintendent
 - 1 representative from Office of the Commissioner of Education
 - 1 representative from higher education
- Appointed by Governor from nominations from constituent groups
- Approved by Legislature

Mission and Focus

- The Professional Teaching Practices Commission's intent is to serve as a preventative and positive force in helping to enhance the professional performance of all educators so that the public's right to the best education possible for all of Alaska's students is adequately protected.
- Educator misconduct
- Safety for all students
- Ethical violations
- Licensing issues (background checks)

Code of Ethics of the Education Profession

- 20 AAC 10.200
- Educator obligations to:
 - Students
 - The public
 - The profession
- PTPC can promulgate regulations (AS 14.20.450, AS 14.20.460)
- Latest Revisions 1994, 1999, 2000, 2005 (minor), 2017 (ongoing)

Reporting

- Anyone can file a complaint. Anonymous complaints are not accepted.
- Mandatory reporting to PTPC:
 - Physical abuse or sexual misconduct with a student by an educator
- Complaints received:

FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17
63	57	69	83	54	31 (to date)

Sanctions

	FY 12	FY 13	FY 14	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17 (to date)	Total
Warning	2	1	3	5	3	5	19
Reprimand	4	1	1	2	3	1	12
Suspension	6	7	4	8	9	3	37
Revocation (and Surrender)	6	4	4	0	5	0	19
Denial	0	1	4	1	1	0	7
Total	18	14	16	16	21	9	94

Actions that have resulted in sanctions

- Sexual misconduct with a student
- Serious criminal conduct (moral turpitude)
- Misuse of sick leave
- Testing protocol violations (SBAs, AMP, etc.)
- Showing inappropriate movie to students
- Boundary issues with students
- Theft of school property
- Breach of contract (leaving midyear; leaving in summer)

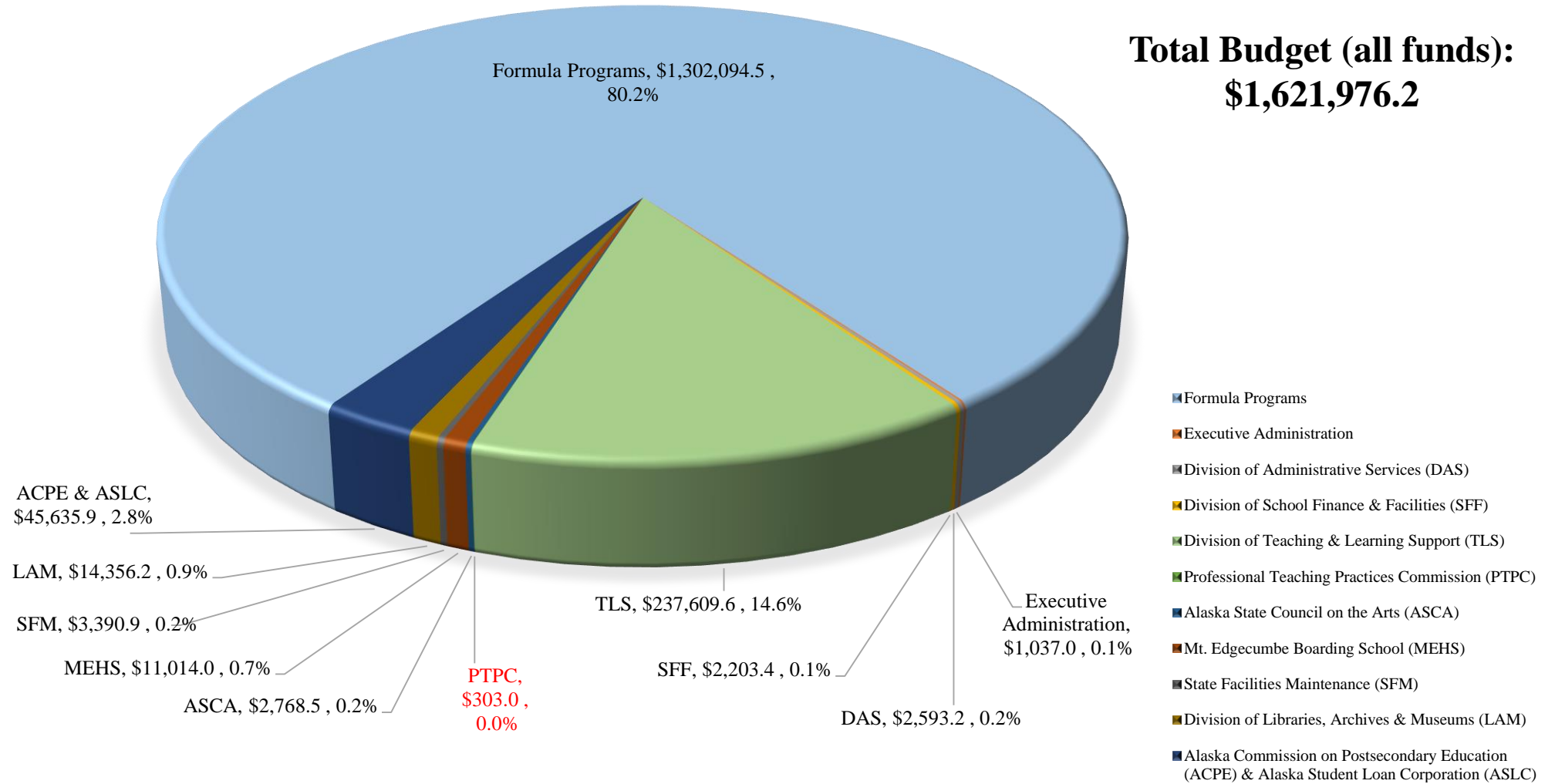
[Most common complaint received in PTPC office]

Actions that have resulted in sanctions

- Viewing pornography using school resources (computer or Wi-Fi)
- Presenting at a district in-service while intoxicated
- Inappropriate communication with students
- Providing marijuana to a student
- Falsification on applications (failure to divulge criminal conviction)
- Teaching regular education with Type M certificate (Superintendent was sanctioned)
- Misuse of school funds
- Bringing loaded firearm to school

FY2018 Governor's Budget by Structure

**Total Budget (all funds):
\$1,621,976.2**

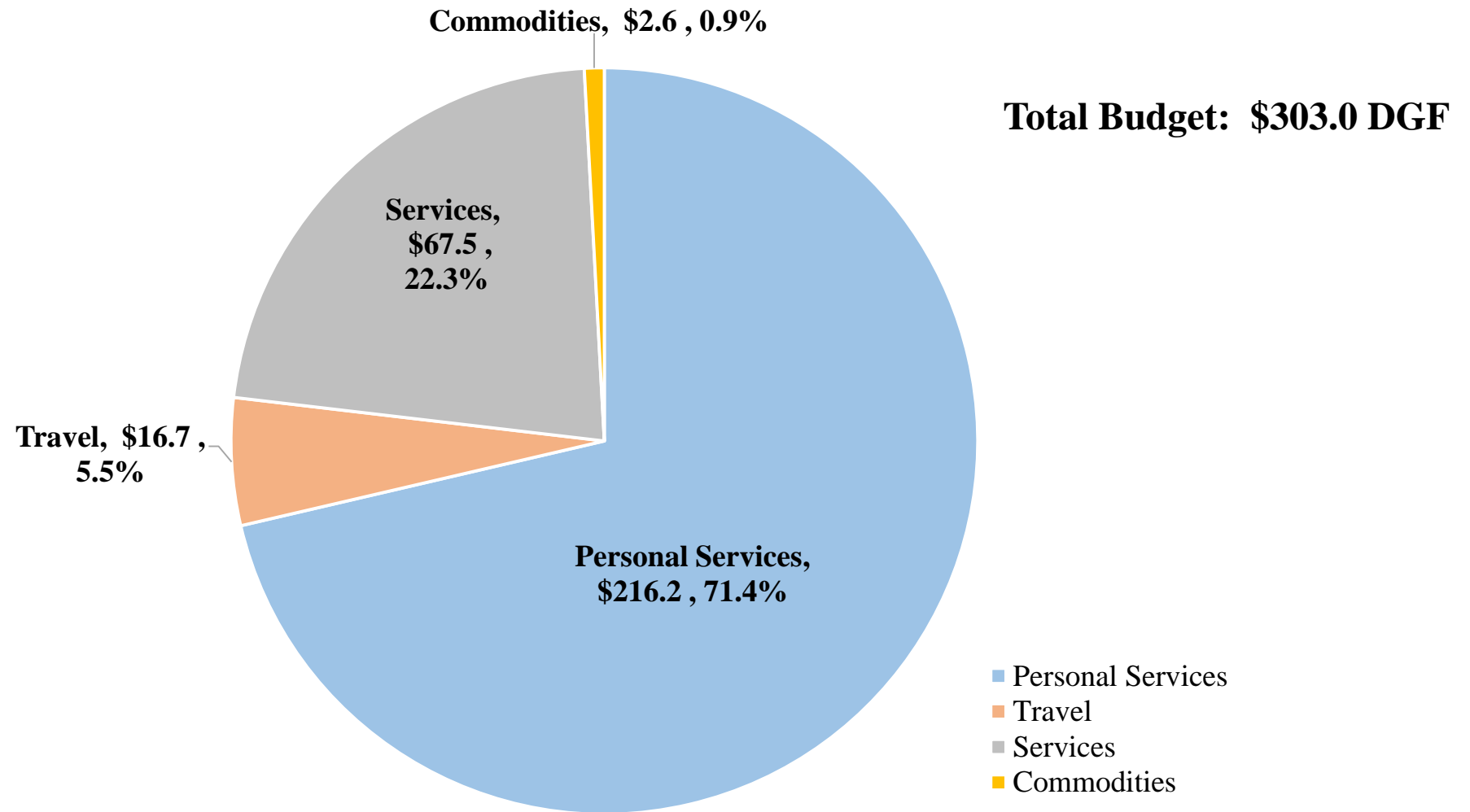


FY2018 Governor's Budget

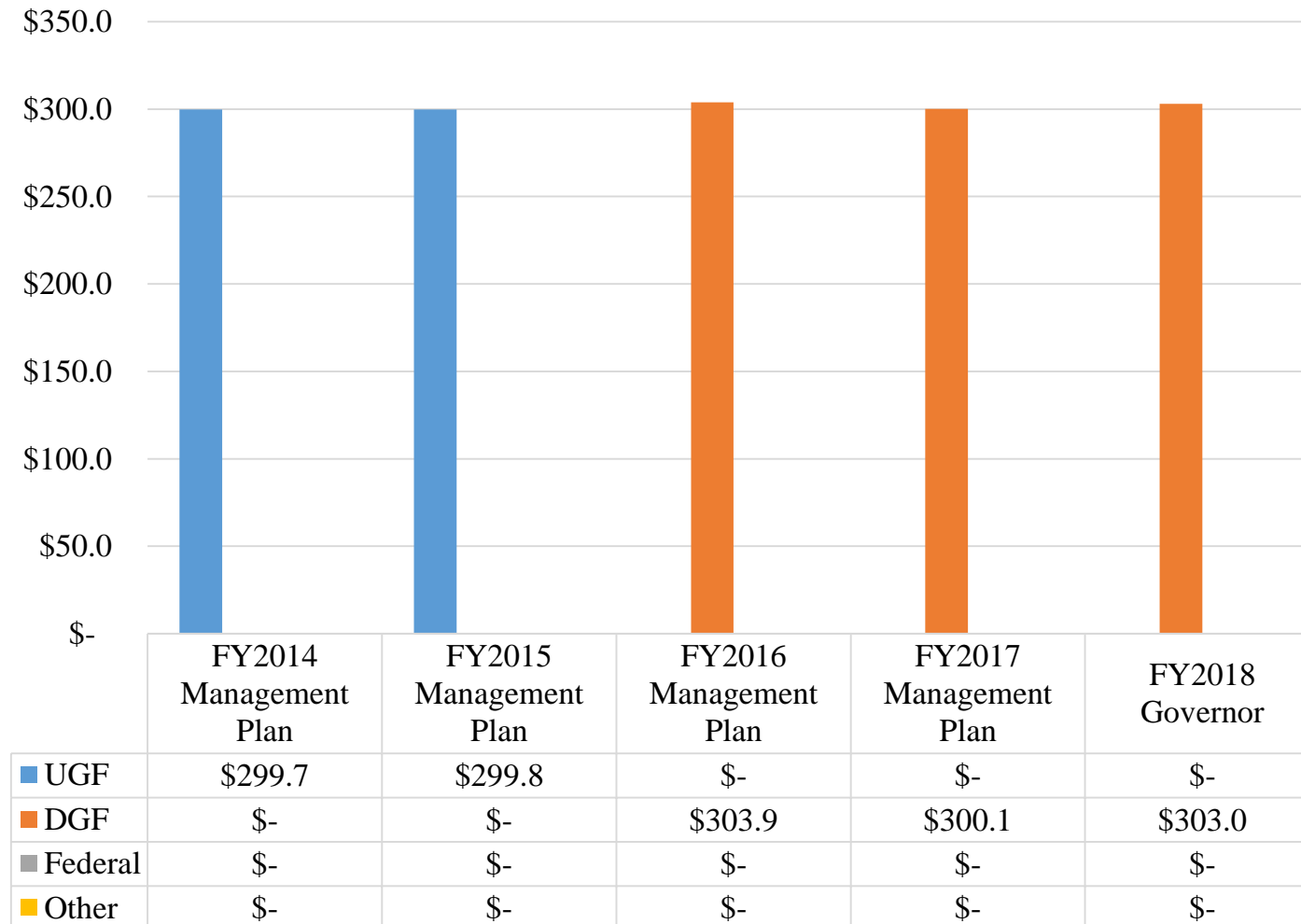
	Designated General Funds	Unrestricted General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Total
Commissions and Boards					
Professional Teaching Practices Commission	303.0	-	-	-	303.0

- FY2018 Governor's Budget (changes from FY2017 Management Plan):
 - \$2.9 DGF – salary and health insurance adjustments

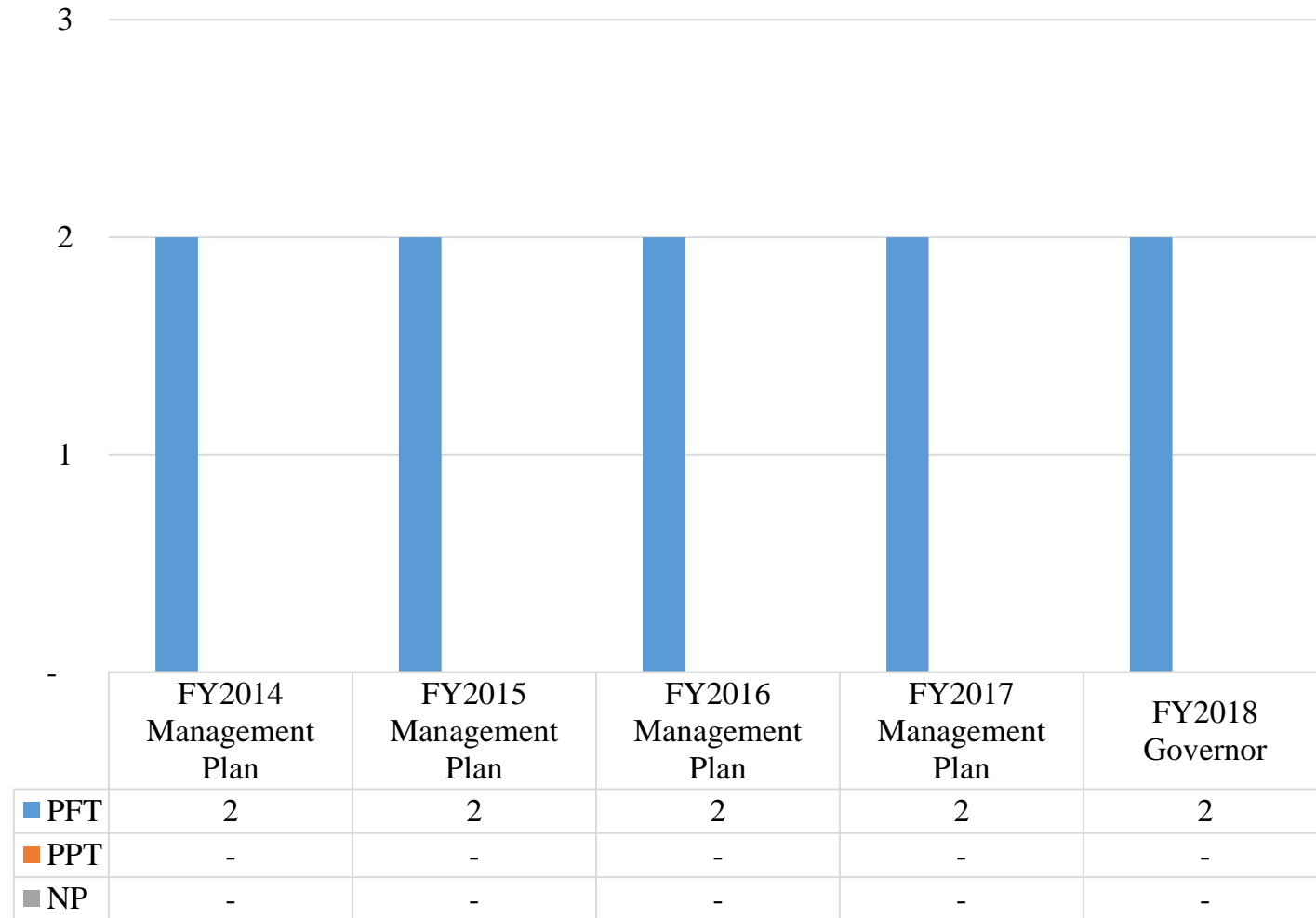
FY2018 Governor's Budget by Line Item



Professional Teaching Practices Commission by Fund Source



Professional Teaching Practices Commission Budgeted Positions



Thank You

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