

DEPARTMENT OF LAW
FY19 - Summary of Significant Budget Issues

Governor's Budget Items Approved as Requested

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source	Comment
1	Criminal Division/ Second Judicial District	Delete Uncollectible Statutory Designated Program Receipt Authority	(\$184.5) Stat Desig (Other)	Because an agreement between the Department of Law and the North Slope Borough to fund a second prosecutor in Utqiagvik (formerly known as Barrow) was not renewed in FY16, FY17 or FY18, the authorization to receive the funding was deleted.
2	Civil Division/ Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy	Delete Uncollectible Receipt Authority	(\$138.6) ISPF-I/A (Other)	According to the department, the authorization to receive and expend In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Inter-Agency Receipts funding is no longer necessary because the funding was associated with an in-state natural gas pipeline project that is no longer being pursued.

Legislative Additions

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3	Criminal Division/ Third Judicial District: Anchorage	Fully Fund One Prosecutor Position Added in FY18	\$81.4 UGF	In FY18, a position was added, but not fully funded. The legislature added the \$81.4 UGF needed to fully fund the position in FY19.
4	Civil Division/ Commercial and Fair Business	Increment to Add One Attorney IV	\$140.2 UGF 1 PFT Position	The legislature added one Attorney IV position to the Consumer Protections (CP) unit, which pursues violations of state consumer protection statutes. Beyond protecting the public from illegal actions, the unit recovers money from settlements and other legal matters. Adding an attorney to the two current staff will increase the unit's ability to pursue consumer protections and, according to the department, may even pay for itself as a result of increased recoveries. The legislature partially funded the position in FY19 by reducing the amount needed to fully fund the position by 25%.
				Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: In FY20, an increment request of \$46.8 is anticipated in order to support the full cost of the position.

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5	Criminal Division/ Various	Requests in Department of Law Related to the Public Safety Action Plan (PSAP)	\$1,163.2 UGF 8 PFT Positions	\$872.4 UGF 8 PFT Positions	The Governor's budget request included \$33.5 million to fund Public Safety Action Plan (PSAP) efforts in Corrections (\$10,447.6), Law (\$1,163.2), Public Safety (\$3,850.6) and DHSS (\$18 million Supplemental). In recognition of the time needed to recruit, the legislature partially funded each of the Governor's requested items by reducing the amount appropriated by 25%. • \$214.7 for 1 Prosecutor in Kotzebue in the Second Judicial District (legislature funded at 75%--\$161.0) • \$473.1 for 2 Prosecutors and 2 Support Staff in the Third Judicial District: Anchorage (legislature funded at 75%--\$354.8) • \$310.5 for 1 Prosecutor and 1 Support Staff in the Fourth Judicial District (legislature funded at 75%--\$232.9) • \$164.9 for 1 Anchorage Drug Prosecutor in Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation (legislature funded at 75%--\$123.7) Legislative Risk Analyst Comment: In FY20, increment requests for the remaining 25% are anticipated in order to support the full cost of the positions.