2019 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN:

The House Finance Subcommittee

TO:

HB 39

OFFERED BY:

Representative Vance

DEPARTMENT:

University of Alaska

APPROPRIATION:

University of Alaska

ALLOCATION:

Budget Reductions/Additions - Systemwide

DELETE:

\$77,199.6 UGF, fund code 1004, miscellaneous line

EXPLANATION: An alternative to Governor Dunleavy's budget, \$77,199.6 is 50% of his proposed cut to University funding. This compromise may do several things; hopefully, it will encourage the University to pursue the several methods of efficiency President Johnson and the Board of Regents have been working towards but will do so in a manner that allows a longer timeframe to reach their goal. This amendment would change the 41% reduction of UGF state funding to 20.5%, a number, that, when paired alongside the University's total appropriation, results in a reduction of only 8.5% for the University as a whole (half of Governor Dunleavy's proposed 17% reduction impact).

It is the sponsor's hope that, in order to intentionally pursue efficiency, this 8.5% reduction in total authorization will be willingly absorbed by the University and this committee. In addition, this amendment may deter any potential inclination for the Governor to veto our subcommittee's current proposal.