

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



## DEPARTMENT OF LAW HOUSE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

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### NARRATIVE REPORT

March 22, 2019

#### SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee held five meetings (open to the public) with the Department of Law during our review of their FY20 budget request.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee recommends that the House Finance Committee accept the FY20 adjusted base budget as amended by the subcommittee.

The numbers-only budget with amendment totals:

#### Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$52,174.7
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$ 2,877.7
Other Funds	\$31,242.6
Federal Funds	\$ 1,494.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$87,789.0</b>

Unrestricted General Funds decreased by \$7,100.6, a 12.0 percent difference from the FY15 Management Plan to the FY20 House Subcommittee budget recommendation.

From the FY20 Adjusted Base, the House Subcommittee recommendation reflects a total increase in Unrestricted General Funds of \$1,754.2, a 3.5 percent increase.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE ACTIONS:**

The subcommittee accepted all increment and decrement requests the governor submitted, including an increment submitted March 14, 2019 for an Information Technology salary adjustment billed to the Department of Law. The subcommittee also accepted the Department's fund source change—from UGF to Interagency Receipts—to maintain the Department's capacity to accommodate a change in their rate structure.

Additionally, the subcommittee adopted the following budget amendments to:

- 1) Delete OMB wordage that would allow funding to be transferred between all appropriations in the Department.
- 2) Add, in the Criminal Division, five attorneys and five support staff in the following locations:

An Attorney IV and Office Assistant II in Juneau, and an Office Assistant II in Ketchikan in the First Judicial District.

An Office Assistant II in Nome, in the Second Judicial District.

Two Attorneys IV, a Law Office Assistant I in Anchorage, in the Third Judicial District: Anchorage.

A V/W Paralegal in Palmer, and a V/W Paralegal I in Kenai in the Third Judicial District: Outside Anchorage.

A V/W Paralegal I in Bethel and an Attorney IV and Law Office Assistant I in Fairbanks in the Fourth Judicial District.

An Attorney IV, a V/W Paralegal I, and an Office Assistant II in Anchorage for Criminal Appeals/Special Litigation.

- 3) Add language signifying the legislature's intent that the Department conduct and document an assessment of the benefits of locating a prosecutor and support staff in Utqiagvik, in the Second Judicial District

**ATTACHED REPORTS:**

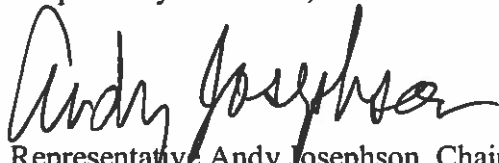
The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law adopted the attached reports:

- The Budget Action Sheet
- Multi-Year Agency Totals (All Funds)
- Two Transaction Compare Reports

And adopted the Conditional Language and Intent in the

- Wordage Report.

Respectfully submitted,



Representative Andy Josephson, Chair  
House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law