

# State of Alaska

# Office of Management and Budget

**Legislative Budget & Audit Committee**  
**Seafood Processor Relief RPLs**  
**December 14, 2022**



# Highlights

- The State has \$20 million in federal relief funding to distribute to Seafood Processors impacted by COVID-19
- The State has identified a legal path forward to increase existing appropriation items and distribute the last of this funding

# Appropriation Items Identified

1		Appropriation	General	Other
2	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds
3	Administration's federally approved cost allocation plan.			
4	Legal and Advocacy Services	<del>60,174,000</del> <del>62,523,900</del>	<del>58,088,600</del> <del>60,430,500</del>	2,085,400
5	It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration use the additional			
6	funding included in this appropriation to provide retention bonuses to the Public Defender			
7	Agency and the Office of Public Advocacy staff who are employed on June 30, 2022, and			
8	who continue to be employed on May 31, 2023. It is the intent of the legislature that bonuses			
9	be allocated as follows: \$10,000 for attorney positions; \$5,000 for associate attorneys,			
10	paralegals, investigators, or similar positions; and \$3,000 for law office assistants, public			
11	guardians, and general office personnel. It is not the intent of the legislature to provide			
12	bonuses to the Public Defender, the Office of Public Advocacy Division Director, or			
13	nonpermanent positions.			
14	Office of Public Advocacy	<del>28,724,900</del> <del>29,693,300</del>		
15	Public Defender Agency	<del>31,449,100</del> <del>32,830,600</del>		
16	Alaska Public Offices Commission	1,071,500	1,071,500	
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18	Commission			
19	Motor Vehicles	18,799,200	18,228,300	570,900
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21	Agency Unallocated	608,600	278,200	330,400
22	Unallocated Rates	608,600		
23	Adjustment			
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25	* * * * * Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development * * * * *			
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27	Executive Administration	6,696,000	1,161,800	5,534,200
28	Commissioner's Office	1,617,400		

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3	have high cost of entry. The Department shall provide the plan to the Finance Co-Chairs and			
4	the Legislative Finance Division no later than December 20, 2022.			
5	Investments	5,517,900	5,517,900	
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# RPL Statute and Appropriation Bill Language

- AS 37.07.080(h): The increase of **an appropriation item** based on additional federal or other program receipts **not specifically appropriated** by the full legislature may be expended in accordance with the following procedures...
- Sec. 77, ch 11, SLA 22: (a) Federal receipts,...that are received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, and that exceed the amounts appropriated by this Act are appropriated conditioned on compliance with the program review provisions of AS 37.07.080(h).
- Sec. 77, ch 11, SLA 22: (e) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, **an appropriation item** for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, may not be increased under AS 37.07.080(h)
  - (2) by more than \$10,000,000.

# Wrap Up

- Commerce has the statutory authority to distribute these grants
  - AS 44.33.020 (a) The Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development shall
    - (20) administer state and, as appropriate, federal programs for revenue sharing, community assistance, grants, and other forms of financial assistance
- The State has identified two appropriation items that can each be increased by not more than \$10 million
- This solution will result in the distribution of federal relief funding to eligible Seafood Processors this month



Questions?

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