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MEMORANDUM

TO: HFIN CED Subcommittee Members

FROM: Representative Bryce Edgmon

DATE: 3/16/21

RE: HFIN CED Subcommittee Questions Follow-up (3/16/21 Meeting)

Below are follow up items from yesterday's subcommittee meeting. You will also receive an electronic report outlining the economic impacts and social benefits of the services provided by Alaska Legal Services Corporation. Please contact my office if you have any additional questions pertaining to yesterday's presentation or any of our other meetings.

How were Alaska Legal Services Corporation's operations affected when they did not receive a general fund appropriation between 2006-2008?

From Nikole Nelson, ALSC Executive Director:

"I looked through some old board packets and reporting files and I was able to find the following information regarding ALSC's operations during the period 2006-2008 when we didn't get a state GF appropriation. During that time we were unable to operate local offices in: Kenai, Wasilla/Palmer, Utqiavik and Kodiak. Our records show we were averaging only about 2081 cases per year (as compared to the 3,559 cases we handled last year)."

How many volunteers participate in the MLK day of Service and how many individuals are served?

From Nikole Nelson, ALSC Executive Director:

At this year's MLK day clinic which operated virtually due to the pandemic, 20 lawyers volunteered and provided free legal help to 85 people. Since the inception of the event, more than 4,000 Alaskans have been helped, through the efforts of 1,500 volunteer lawyers who have donated 7,000 volunteer hours totaling nearly \$1 million worth of free legal help.