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# House Bill No 102

**Alaska Department of Administration  
Division of Risk Management**

**Director Scott Jordan**

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# Purpose

- This legislation would change the Catastrophic Reserve Account (CATFund) from \$5,000,000 to \$50,000,000 unencumbered funds.
- The purpose is to allow the State to self-insure for property coverage.
- The State currently self-insures for Workers' Compensation and General Liability.
- Due to the global property insurance markets hardening, we saw a 30% increase in insurance costs from FY20 to FY21 and have been told to expect another 15% to 20% for FY22.
- Currently, the limit on catastrophic coverage is \$50,000,000 for an annual premium. By increasing the statutory cap, the State will be able to fully self-insure against property losses and in doing so save the annual premium.

# History of the Catastrophic Reserve Account (CATFund)

## **Sec. 37.05.289. State insurance catastrophe reserve account.**

(a) There is established in the general fund a state insurance catastrophe reserve account consisting of assets appropriated to it by the legislature, assets allocated to the account by the Department of Administration as provided in this section, and amounts deposited into the account as provided in this section. Assets of the account may be used to obtain insurance, to establish reserves for the self-insurance program, and to satisfy claims or judgments arising under the program. Interest earned on money in the account shall be remitted to the Department of Revenue in accordance with AS 37.10.050.

(b) The Department of Administration may allocate to the state insurance catastrophe reserve account, from the appropriations to all state agencies for insurance-related purposes, an amount that the commissioner of administration determines to be necessary to provide an adequate insurance program for the operations of state government. Money remaining in the account at the end of a fiscal year is not a one-year appropriation under AS 37.25.010 and does not lapse, except for amounts determined by the commissioner of administration to be unnecessary to maintain this account at an appropriate level and not to exceed \$5,000,000. If the amount necessary to satisfy claims or judgments for which payment may be due under the state insurance program in a fiscal year exceeds the unexpended balance of the amounts allocated to the account, the department may charge an additional amount from the unencumbered balance of any appropriation that is determined by the commissioner of administration to be available for lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

(c) The \$5,000,000 cap, set in (b) of this section, on money that may be retained in the state insurance catastrophe reserve account applies only to unobligated money in the account at the end of a fiscal year.

(d) Amounts received in settlement of insurance claims or as recovery for losses shall be deposited into the state insurance catastrophe reserve account.





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Spike in losses					
FY15 due to the Crystal Lake Hatchery fire in March 2014. Total paid just over \$4,000,000					
FY20 due to the claims from the November 30, 2018 earthquake in Anchorage, Total paid to date, \$1,263,631					
FY20 due to a \$1,000,000 retention paid for a DOT maintenance shop snow collapse in McGrath.					

# 10 year history of property payments compared to all lines of business

ARDATA Reports FY10-Present; ONLY PROPERTY			
FISCAL YEAR	PROP PREMIUMS	LOSS PAYMENTS	TOTAL PROP
FY10	\$ 2,061,843.00	\$ 1,244,906.00	\$ 3,306,749.00
FY11	\$ 2,310,286.00	\$ 326,352.47	\$ 2,636,638.47
FY12	\$ 3,050,126.00	\$ 220,190.00	\$ 3,270,316.00
FY13	\$ 3,117,942.00	\$ 141,890.46	\$ 3,259,832.46
FY14	\$ 3,389,966.00	\$ 556,612.81	\$ 3,946,578.81
FY15	\$ 3,521,573.00	\$ 4,885,306.78	\$ 8,406,879.78
FY16	\$ 3,952,259.00	\$ 850,422.30	\$ 4,802,681.30
FY17	\$ 3,795,316.43	\$ 668,751.69	\$ 4,464,068.12
FY18	\$ 4,282,910.00	\$ 1,051,496.86	\$ 5,334,406.86
FY19	\$ 4,435,391.00	\$ 1,130,821.91	\$ 5,566,212.91
FY20	\$ 5,118,935.00	\$ 2,418,913.30	\$ 7,537,848.30
	39,036,547.43	\$ 13,495,664.58	\$ 52,532,212.01
ARDATA Reports FY10-Present; ALL TYPES OF INSURANCE			
FISCAL YEAR	ALL PREMIUMS	ALL CREDITS	LOSS PAYMENTS
FY10	\$ 5,625,503.00	\$ -	\$ 38,322,997.00
FY11	\$ 5,775,140.95	\$ -	\$ 40,835,395.68
FY12	\$ 6,448,982.00	\$ -	\$ 41,167,877.00
FY13	\$ 6,695,671.73	\$ -	\$ 43,706,502.48
FY14	\$ 7,261,291.50	\$ -	\$ 47,522,650.89
FY15	\$ 7,618,977.00	\$ -	\$ 51,236,139.47
FY16	\$ 8,114,115.00	\$ -	\$ 39,355,380.26
FY17	\$ 7,939,340.00	\$ (54,000.48)	\$ 41,035,789.90
FY18	\$ 7,997,497.55	\$ -	\$ 36,670,077.88
FY19	\$ 8,403,934.86	\$ -	\$ 44,880,951.21
FY20	\$ 8,302,650.56	\$ -	\$ 44,969,851.96
	80,183,104.15	(54,000.48)	\$ 469,703,613.73



# Larger claims paid out of the CRA (CATFund)



➤ AMHS LeConte Grounding May 2004	\$1,187,330
➤ F&G Crystal Lake Hatchery fire March 2014	\$4,078,137
➤ Alaska Aerospace Kodiak Launch Facility rocket explosion August 2014	\$1,513,667
➤ PFAS claims starting in November 2017	\$5,877,555
➤ Earthquake related claims November 2018	\$1,263,631

# Lapse Appropriations Summary

- The budget includes lapse appropriations to shore up certain state accounts up to statutory limits
- The Risk Management lapse appropriation is last to ensure sufficient lapse for the other accounts
- The total FY2021 projected UGF lapse is \$110.7 million

## UGF Lapse Appropriations Summary (in thousands)

March 8, 2021

	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020
Working Reserve Account Lapse Contributions	\$ 1,142.8	\$ 476.5	\$ -
Group Health and Life Benefits Fund Lapse Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
State Insurance Catastrophe Reserve Account Lapse Contributions	\$ 982.6	\$ 3,368.9	\$ 241.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,125.4</b>	<b>\$ 3,845.5</b>	<b>\$ 241.0</b>



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