

## **Department of Health and Social Services**

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The Honorable Matt Claman Chairman, House Judiciary Committee Alaska House of Representatives Alaska State Capitol Room 118 Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Claman:

Thank you for the House Judiciary Committee consideration of HB 105 Detention of Minors on Friday, March 5, 2021.

You asked for the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) to provide information related to Title II grant award to the State of Alaska and the impact that may be caused if the statutory changes proposed in HB 105 are not approved.

The DJJ collects an average of \$500,000 annually for all direct federal grants and a small amount of Medicaid funding. This amount is approximately 0.9% of our total budget. The general fund budget for DJJ in FY 21 is \$56.3 million. This represents approximately 96% of the division's overall budget.

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 20, the grant award was \$424,752. A 20% penalty would reduce this grant amount by \$85,000. The division would also be required to allocate 50% of the remaining grant award to address issues related to non-compliance, which would allow only \$170,000 remaining to support programs. This results in overall reduction of 60%, or approximately \$225,000 for DJJ services funded by the Title II grant award.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or if you would like additional information.

The division looks forward to the consideration of HB 105 Detention of Minors in the House Judiciary Committee.

Sincerely,

Director, Division of Juvenile Justice

CC: Commissioner Adam Crum

**Deputy Commissioner Clinton Lasley**