

# ALASKA STATE SENATE

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SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS: SENATOR COSTELLO, SENATOR HUGHES, & SENATOR STEVENS

## NARRATIVE CLOSEOUT REPORT

April 29, 2021

### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Judiciary submits a recommended operating budget for Fiscal Year 2022 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

FUND SOURCE	Difference Adj Bs to Sen					
	FY21 Mgt Plan	FY22 Adj Base	FY22 House	FY22 Sen Sub	Over/(Under)	
UGF	\$ 111,486.4	\$ 112,067.7	\$ 112,548.1	\$ 112,548.1	\$	480.4
DGF	518.0	518.0	518.0	518.0		-
Total GF	\$ 112,004.4	\$ 112,585.7	\$ 113,066.1	\$ 113,066.1	\$	480.4
Other	2,206.1	2,206.1	2,246.1	2,246.1		40.0
Federal	975.6	975.6	975.6	975.6		-
Total All Funds	\$ 115,186.1	\$ 115,767.4	\$ 116,287.8	\$ 116,287.8	\$	520.4

### POSITIONS

PFT	737	737	737	737	0
PPT	37	37	37	37	0
Temp	5	5	5	5	0

### SALARY ADJUSTMENT FUND SOURCE - Informational Only

UGF	\$ 597.3
DGF	-
Total GF	\$ 597.3
Other	-
Federal	-
Total All Funds	\$ 597.3

## **BUDGET ACTION:**

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The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Judiciary held three (3) meetings (including closeout) with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's budget transactions. Following are budget features.

### Governor's Amended Budget Request:

- The subcommittee accepted most of the Governor's amended budget request with the following highlights:
  - \$40.0 I/A Receipts increment to transfer oversight of processing marriage licenses in Fairbanks from the Department of Health & Social Services – Health Analytics & Vital Records to the Alaska Court System (ACS) due to lack of an office; both agencies agree with this change
  - \$480.4 UGF increment to effectuate the January 18, 2021 published recommendations of the Legislative Task Force on Therapeutic Courts to provide dedicated personnel to work exclusively in the state's Therapeutic Courts programs to enable appropriate oversight and training and participant/alumni support: one prosecutor, who will work at the Department of Law; one public defender, who will work for the Public Defender's Office; and one peer support group program coordinator
  - \$597.3 UGF increment salary adjustments to maintain parity with state union contract salary increases

### Subcommittee Additions, Reductions and Changes:

- The subcommittee rejected the following requested budget items:
  - (\$99.3) decrement UGF Risk Management reduction for property excess coverage insurance that depended on statutory change through legislation that will not likely pass before FY22
  - \$960.6 UGF increment for transfer of Office of Public Advocacy Court Visitor Program to the ACS; while both agencies agree with the transfer, this budget change depended on statutory changes through legislation that will not likely pass before FY22

### Other Changes:

- No other changes to report.

Organizational Changes

- There were no organizational changes.

Intent Language

- There was no intent language adopted.

Salary Adjustments:

An increment of \$597.3 for salary increases (1%) was requested and approved by the subcommittee.

To provide parity with salary increases received by state employees under negotiated union contracts in the executive branch departments, the subcommittee approved the same cost of living adjustment for the non-judicial employees in the judicial branch. The union contracts provided for FY20, FY21, and FY22 at increases of 3%, 1%, and 1%, respectively. This increment to the Judiciary budget represents the final 1% cost of living adjustment for FY22.

**ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Judiciary adopts the attached reports:

- Agency Totals – FY22 Operating Budget
- Transaction Comparison 1 – FY22 Adjusted Base to Subcommittee
- Transaction Comparison 2 – FY22 Governor’s Amended to Subcommittee



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Senator Bill Wielechowski, Chair