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The Honorable Representative Foster
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol Room 505
Juneau, AK 99801

The Honorable Representative Merrick
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
Alaska State Capitol Room 511
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Co-Chairs Foster and Merrick,

Thank you for inviting the Office of Management and Budget to present on the Governor's fiscal year 2023 operating budget to the House Finance Committee on January 20th. Responses to questions and requests for follow-up information from the committee hearing are included below:

Representative Thomson requested detailed information on federal COVID-19 relief funds, including spending to date and available remaining balances.

OMB is working on an update to our federal COVID-19 relief funding balances file and will provide that with our response to inquiries from our COVID-19 presentation.

Representative Josephson asked for a calculation of the K-12 education base student allocation reflected in 2017 dollars.

The BSA is set in statute and has remained at \$5,930 since 2017. Adjusting the BSA for inflation would bring the amount to approximately \$6,496.

Representative LeBon asked where the new Department of Public Safety Trooper positions would be located and why the majority are in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.

The trooper positions are as follows:

1 Anchorage	1 St. Mary's
1 Tok	1 Galena
5 Palmer	1 Yakutat
5 Wasilla	

There are also two troopers that will be assigned as tactical flight officers (1) in Anchorage and (1) in Palmer in the Aircraft Section.

Representative Edgmon asked which budget component the tribal liaison positions are located.

The tribal liaison positions are in the Commissioner's Office and the VPSO program.

Representative Wool asked for details on the \$50 million in food security and mariculture capital(?) appropriations.

Please see the attached capital project description for additional details on the mariculture capital project (attachment 1).

Don't hesitate to reach out to my office if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Neil Steininger
Director

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