

2022 SESSION OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Department of Public Safety Subcommittee

TO: HB 281

OFFERED BY: Rep. Bart LeBon

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety

APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers

ADD INTENT LANGUAGE:

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Public Safety increase efforts to fill vacant positions within the Alaska State Troopers appropriation and reduce overtime in order to better manage within the authorized budget. The Department should provide two reports to the Co-Chairs of Finance and the Legislative Finance Division, the first no later than December 20, 2022, and the second no later than July 1, 2023, that details monthly hiring and attrition, as well as premium and overtime costs by category, a comparison of actual outlays to budgeted amounts, a graph showing actual overtime outlays versus budgeted for the past 5 fiscal years, and a description of any contributing factors to the overtime amounts and actions taken to address those factors from the start of the fiscal year to the month preceding the due date of the report.

EXPLANATION: This report would provide the legislature information regarding the relationship between employee turnover and premium pay within the Alaska State Trooper appropriation and help identify potential cost drivers within the Department's budget. A similar report was requested in the FY2021 and FY2022 budgets.