



32nd Alaska State Legislature

House Finance Budget Subcommittee

Department of Education and Early Development

FY23 Operating Budget

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Narrative Report

House Finance Subcommittee
Department of Education and Early Development (DEED)
February 23, 2022

Recommendations:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development submits the following operating budget for FY2023 to the House Finance Committee:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$83,131.2
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$2,657.2
Other Funds	\$33,702.4
Federal Funds	\$247,435.6
Total	\$366,926.4

The total fund difference from FY23 Adjusted Base to the House Subcommittee budget is \$2,082.1, or an increase of 0.6%. The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY23 Adjusted Base to the House Subcommittee budget is \$23,545.2, or an increase of 39.5%, and the Designated General Fund difference from FY23 Adjusted Base to the House Subcommittee budget is -\$21,491.8, or a decrease of 89.0%.

Positions:

Permanent Full-Time	245
Permanent Part-Time	12
Temporary	4
Total	261

Budget Actions:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development reviewed the FY2023 budget requests from the Governor and member amendments, and submits the following actions for consideration:

Governor's Budget Action Items

The subcommittee adopted 21 of the 22 budget action items proposed by the Governor:

- 1) The subcommittee rejected the Governor's proposal to expand the WWAMI Medical Education Program, which was a proposed increase of \$1,647.5 UGF. There has been confirmation from both the University of Alaska and from the Department of Education and Early Development that arrangements to utilize the funds are not yet in place, which resulted in a rejection of the Governor's proposal, and instead, an affirmative vote for intent language and is expanded under "Wordage Intent" item #1 below.

Member Amendments

The subcommittee adopted one member budget amendment regarding the numbers section:

- 1) **Education Support and Administrative Services - Pre-Kindergarten Grants**
\$2,500.00 IncT (FY23-FY24), General Funds (UGF) 1004, Grants Line 7000

Wordage Intent

The subcommittee adopted one member amendment regarding intent language:

- 1) It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Education and Early Development and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) work **to expand the number of seats for Alaska in the WWAMI program from 20 to 30**, for implementation in FY24. Further, ACPE and the University of Alaska shall coordinate and plan for their separate and combined needs for the program expansion, and report to the Co-Chairs of Finance and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2022, policy, program, and budget needs for implementation of this expansion.

Recommendations:

The subcommittee adopted one member Language Appropriation recommendation:

- 1) **\$50,000.00 General Funds (UGF), 1004, Grants Line 700**
The Department of Education and Early Development House Finance Subcommittee recommends that the House Finance Committee consider a \$50,000.0 UGF increment to the Base Student Allocation to support school districts' efforts to maintain student learning opportunities, maintenance, operations, and ongoing expenses.

Point of Concern:

The subcommittee discussed one Point of Concern:

- 1) **Disparity Test**
The Department of Education and Early Development House Finance Subcommittee recommends that the House Finance Committee be aware of any financial obligations or legislative actions that may be needed dependent on negotiations and legal outcomes pertaining to the Disparity Test.

Attached Reports:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development adopts the attached reports:

- Multi-year Agency Totals
- Transaction Comparison between FY23 Adjusted Base and House Subcom.
- Transaction Comparison between FY23 Governor's Amend and House Subcom.
- Transaction Comparison between FY23 House Base (with no salary adjustments) and House Subcom.
- Wordage Report
- Subcommittee Amendments Spreadsheet

Respectfully submitted,



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Chair of House Finance DEED Subcommittee