



# 32<sup>nd</sup> Alaska State Legislature

## House Finance Budget Subcommittee

### Department of Public Safety

### FY23 Operating Budget

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety submits the following recommended operating budget for FY2023 to the House Finance Committee:

#### **Fund Source:** (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$215,177.5
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$8,669.7
Other Funds	\$13,239.8
Federal Funds	\$36,449.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$273,536.2</b>

There is an increase of \$21,262.5 in Unrestricted General Funds from the FY23 Adjusted Base to the House Subcommittee budget recommendation, which is a 11% change.

#### **Positions:**

Permanent Full-time	965
Permanent Part-time	12
Temporary	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>1004</b>

#### **BUDGET ACTION:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety held ten meetings with the Department to analyze the Governor's Budget. The Subcommittee accepted 59 of the 63 proposed Budget Action Items.

The following three items were not accepted:

- Budget Action Item #12: Alaska State Troopers, Alaska State Trooper Detachment. This is a technical correction; a no vote was needed to make correction.

- Budget Action Items #24, 39 & 62: Alaska State Troopers, Alaska State Trooper Detachments, add full funding for new FY2021 filled positions.

The subcommittee also adopted five member amendments, of which four are intent language amendments. All adopted amendments are listed below:

**Amendment #1**

**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 detail 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.

**Amendment #2**

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety

**APPROPRIATION:** Alaska State Troopers

**ADD INTENT LANGUAGE:**

It is the intent of the legislature that no funds shall be moved outside of the personal services line of any allocation within the Alaska State Troopers appropriation.

**Amendment #3**

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety

**ADD INTENT LANGUAGE:**

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Public Safety prioritize the deployment of law enforcement resources to non-urbanized areas that lack organized governments.

**Amendment #4**

**DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety

**APPROPRIATION:** Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

**ALLOCATION:** Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

Deletes \$300.0 UGF from services line for Alaska Family Justice Center Model Study and adds \$300.0 UGF to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Victim Services Grant Support.

**Amendment #5****DEPARTMENT:** Public Safety**APPROPRIATION:** Village Public Safety Officer Program**ALLOCATION:** Village Public Safety Officer Program**ADD INTENT LANGUAGE:**

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Public Safety work in conjunction with each Village Public Safety Officer program grantees' leadership to improve program recruitment and retention, to provide greater spending flexibility, and to identify regional training opportunities. The department should refine the standards of VPSOs to expand upon eligibility and better define essential functions and other responsibilities that distinguish varying support of village public safety needs. The department shall work with grantees to utilize grant funds and/or contributions from tribal governments, local governments, and regional Native Corporations to support hiring and retention incentives.

**Amendment #8** was also adopted by the subcommittee. This amendment seeks to establish a new Retention Unit allocation with the transfer of funds and positions. This is a structural change which is not within the subcommittee's purview. The amendment recommends that this change be considered by the full House Finance Committee.

**ATTACHED REPORTS:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety adopts the attached reports:

- Agency Totals
- Transaction Compare: FY23 Adjusted Base to House Subcommittee
- Transaction Compare: FY23 Governor's Amended (No Salary Adjustments) to House Subcommittee
- Transaction Compare: FY23 House Baseline (No Salary Adjustments) to House Subcommittee
- Wordage Report

Respectfully Submitted,



Chair Kelly Merrick

House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety