

Senate Finance / Department of Education Subcommittee
Subcommittee Members: Sen. Hoffman, Sen. Stevens, Sen. Holland, Sen. Begich

Narrative Closeout Report
March 31, 2022

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education submits the following FY23 recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee:

Fund Group: (dollars are in thousands)	Senate Sub
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$82,551.6
Designated General Funds	\$2,735.6
Other Funds	\$33,702.4
Federal Funds	\$247,435.6
TOTAL FUNDS	\$366,425.2

Positions:	
Permanent Full-time	245
Permanent Part Time	12
Temporary	6
TOTAL POSITIONS	263

BUDGET ACTIONS:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education reviewed the Governor's FY23 budget request. The following are highlights of the Subcommittee's action.

Governor's Amended Budget Request:

- The Senate Finance Subcommittee accepted all of the Governor's requested changes.

Subcommittee Additions, Reductions and Changes

- Add two temporary grant administrators to assist rural school districts (\$272.9 UGF).
- Corrected Alaska Technical and Vocational Education Program (TVEP) funding available.

Budget Structure Changes:

- Accepted the Governor's request to transfer Aquatic Center authority from Mt. Edgecumbe facilities maintenance to a new component for budget transparency.
- Accepted the Governor's request to transfer the Alaska Performance Scholarship and Alaska Education Grants authority to a new "Student Financial Aid Programs" appropriation as separate allocations for budget transparency.

Intent or Conditional Language

- Added the following intent language to the WWAMI program –

"It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Education and Early Development and the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) work with the University of Alaska and University of Washington School of Medicine to undertake a concerted effort to recruit students from Rural Alaska to apply to Alaska's medical school program. Because of the shortage of medical doctors in Rural Alaska it is imperative that we admit more students from rural areas into medical school."

ATTACHED REPORTS

The Senate Finance Committee for the Department of Education adopts the following attached reports:

1. Agency Totals
2. Allocation Summary (All Funds)
3. Allocation Summary (UGF)
4. Trans Compare: FY23 SenBaseNoSalAdj to Senate Sub
5. Trans Compare: FY23 Gov Amd Less SalAdj to Senate Sub
6. Wordage

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Senator Lyman Hoffman, Chair