

Alaska Department of Administration Division of Risk Management

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Purpose

The assets of the Catastrophe Reserve Account (CATFund) may be used to obtain insurance, to establish reserves for the self-insurance program, and to satisfy claims or judgments arising under the program.

- The purpose is to allow the State to self-insure for property coverage.
- HB102 will save the state \$3M in the first year and \$26M over the next 5 years (est.)
- Due to global property insurance markets hardening we had a 30% increase in insurance costs from FY20 (\$5.1M) to FY21 (\$6.6M) and FY22 was (\$7.1M).
- HB102 is a request to change the Catastrophe Reserve Account (CATFund) limit from \$5,000,000 to \$50,000,000 unencumbered.
- Currently the limit on catastrophe coverage that can be purchased is \$50,000,000 for an annual premium. We can save that annual premium by self-insuring.

What other states are doing?

- ➤ Just pay the higher premiums. Some states are forced to maintain excess coverage due to benefits paid by FEMA which requires "Obtain and Maintain" agreements when FEMA pays for a catastrophic loss.
- > Set up Captive Plans-similar to self-insured plan.
- ➤ Increase Self-Insured Retentions (SIR), in some states \$40M to \$50M retention.
- Some states are coming off multi-year premium price guarantees.

Comparison of premiums paid, property losses paid, recovery (excess insurance) FY95-2020

- > FY95-FY2020 property premiums paid
- > FY95-FY2020 property losses paid by DRM
- > FY95-FY2020 recovery from excess insurance

FY2014 Kodiak Launch Facility loss

FY2007 DOT-Girdwood Fire

FY2000 Court Plaza Bldg

\$15,931,131*

\$ 835,136

\$ 1,176,547

\$59,017,386

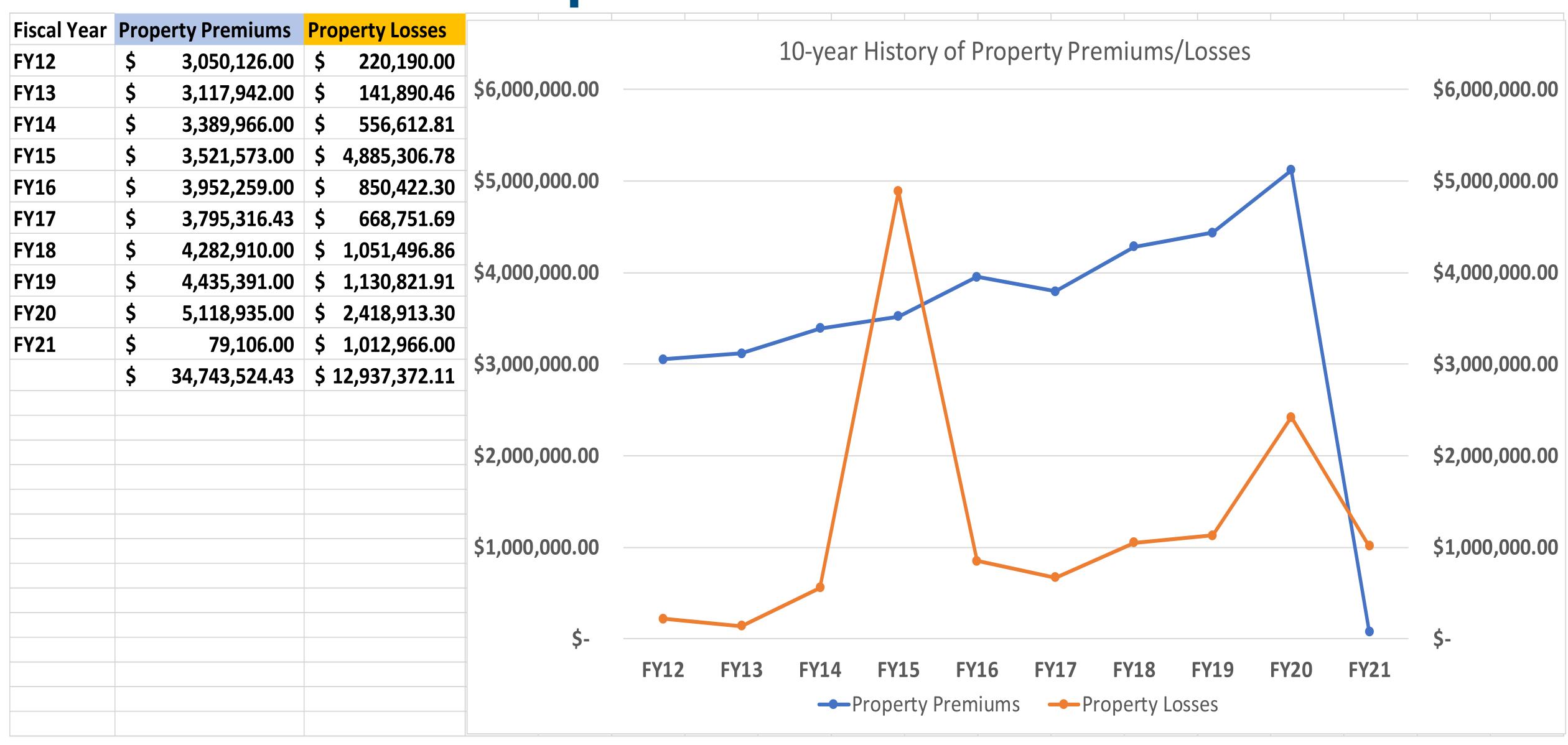
\$26,145,207

\$17,942,815

*this type of claim is now excluded from coverage



10-year history of property premiums/losses



Lapse Appropriations Summary

The State Insurance Catastrophic Reserve Fund, Fund # 3209, (Cat Fund) is part of the General Fund and Other Non-segregated Investments (GeFONSI). The GeFONSI are funds that have been pooled together for investment purposes. The Cat Fund is part of the Non-MOU group, which allows for the interest earned to be deposited back into the General Fund.

UGF Lapse Appropriations Summary (in thousands)				
Update April 18, 2022				
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Working Reserve Account Lapse Contributions	476.5	741 -	5,001.0	5,000.0
Group Health and Life Benefits Fund Lapse Contributions		-	-	_
State Insurance Catastrophe Reserve Account Lapse Contributions	3,368.9	241.0	1,129.4	6,089.0
Totals	3,845.4	241.0	6,130.4	11,089.0

*This is based on the projected UGF lapse reflected in the Executive Branch Lapse Report released March 9, 2022.

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