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# 33<sup>rd</sup> Alaska State Legislature House Finance Budget Subcommittee Department of Health FY24 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Health held a total of nine meetings consisting of division overview presentations and discussions over the Governor's amended budget. Based on those considerations, the Subcommittee has made a few changes to the Governor's operating budget and submits the following recommended operating budget for FY24 to the House Finance Committee:

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Fund Source	(dollars are in thousands)
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$970,364.7
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$54,276.5
Other Funds	\$98,055.6
Federal Funds	\$2,018,024.4
Total	\$3,140,721.2

Compared to the FY24 Adjusted Base, the Subcommittee recommendations represent an increase of \$48,319.5 (5.2%) in UGF, \$569.1 (1.1%) in DGF, \$6,915.0 (7.6%) in Other funds, and \$1,144.2 (0.1%) in Federal funds for a total increase of \$56,947.8 (1.8%) in all fund sources.

# **POSITIONS**

Permanent Full-Time (PFT)	1459
Permanent Part-Time (PPT)	5
Temporary	75
Total	1539

Compared to the FY24 Adjusted Base, the Subcommittee recommendations represent an increase of sixteen PFT positions (1.1%) and one Temporary position (1.4%) within the Department.

## **BUDGET ACTION**

The Subcommittee reviewed and discussed each of the Governor's proposed transactions in detail. After consideration, most of the items were adopted unchanged with unanimous consent. There were several changes made by the committee with unanimous consent.

Highlights (dollars are in thousands):

The following are items unchanged from the Governor's proposal:

- \$416.4 Restorative Justice Account increment to increase statutory distribution of funding.
- \$774.2 Fed Rcpts/GF Match increment to increase recoveries and rebates with additional positions in the Division of Health Care Services.
- \$1,498.2 Gen Fund increment for the Division of Senior & Disability Services Community Based Grants and the Centers for Independent Living.

The following are items changed by the subcommittee:

- \$2,600.0 Gen Fund procedural decrement to extend Postpartum Medicaid Coverage due to the introduction of HB 59 and its progression through the legislative process.
- Adjustment of allocation sources for the Behavioral Health Mental Health: Crisis Now Continuum of Care Grants to correct error made in FY23.

## SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The Chair set an amendment deadline and welcomed amendments from all members. There were nine amendments received. The committee adopted two and rejected seven amendments.

Adopted Amendments (dollars are in thousands):

- \$3,295.0 Gen Fund decrement to Epidemiology allocation's <u>base budget</u> and substituting with a \$3,295.0 Gen Fund <u>temporary-increment</u> (IncT).
- \$705.0 Gen Fund decrement to Epidemiology allocation's <u>base budget</u> and substituting with a \$705.0 Gen Fund <u>temporary-increment</u> (IncT).

#### ATTACHED REPORTS

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Health adopted the attached reports:

- DOH Agency Totals
- DOH Transaction Compare: Adjusted Base + to House Subcom
- DOH Transaction Compare: FY24 Gov Amend to House Subcom
- Wordage

Respectfully Submitted,

Representative Will Stapp Chair House Finance Subcommittee for Department of Health