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SUBJECT: Answers to Questions Relating to the FY25 DMVA Budget from House Finance Committee

Co-Chairs Edgmon, Foster, and Johnson,

During the House Finance Committee meeting on February 27, 2024, the DMVA received the following questions from committee members needing written follow-up responses:

In response to the question received regarding Alaska Military Youth Academy (AMYA) staff to student ratios, currently, AMYA has 69 full-time permanent staff members. Ratios for student to program staff are determined by the class graduation target of 125 cadets per cycle.

- Case Managers is 1:40 ($125 \times 2.5/40$) – AMYA currently has three case manager positions and is requesting a fourth in the FY25 Governor’s Budget to meet current requirements.
- Classroom instructors is 1:30 ($125/30$) – AMYA currently has five classroom instructors.
- Cadre Team Leaders is 1:25 ($125 \times 5.5/25$) – AMYA currently has 25 Cadre Team Leaders
- Counselors are one counselor for each platoon. AMYA has three Platoons (one female and two male platoons) and currently has two counselors. A request for a third counselor position is in the FY25 Governor’s Budget to meet current requirements.

In addition to regular full-time permanent staff members, AMYA has on-call staff to fill in where needed when there are vacancies within other areas of the program.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact the Department Legislative Liaison, Angela Laflamme, at 907-782-6141 or via email at angela.laflamme@alaska.gov

Thank you,

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