

HOUSE BILL NO. 440

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KOHRING

Introduced: 2/15/02

Referred: Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to alternative operating budgets for agencies."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 *** Section 1.** AS 37.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 37.07.054. Alternative agency operating budgets.** (a) In addition to
5 the budget requested under AS 37.07.050, each agency shall prepare an alternative
6 budget for the succeeding fiscal year with total operating expenditures that equal an
7 amount that is five percent less than the operating expenditures authorized for the
8 agency during the current fiscal year. The alternative budget must include

- 9 (1) identification of the expenditures that are reduced;
10 (2) an explanation of the reasons for the specific reductions selected;
11 (3) an explanation of the effect that the reductions will have on the
12 plans, programs, or functions of the agency; and
13 (4) a description of the services that will be provided by the agency
14 under the alternative budget.

15 (b) The alternative budget shall be submitted by each agency on December 15

1 each year to the office, the legislature, and the legislative finance division.

2 * **Sec. 2.** AS 37.07.070 is amended to read:

3 **Sec. 37.07.070. Legislative review.** The legislature shall consider the
4 governor's proposed comprehensive operating and capital improvements programs and
5 financial plans, evaluate alternatives to the plans, make program selections among the
6 various alternatives and determine, subject to available revenues, the level of funding
7 required to support authorized state services. The operating and capital budgets of
8 each agency shall be separately reviewed, **and the agency operating budgets shall be**
9 **reviewed together with the alternative budget prepared by each agency under**
10 **AS 37.07.054.** During each regular session of the legislature, legislative review of the
11 governor's supplemental appropriation bills and the governor's budget amendments
12 shall be governed by the following time limits:

13 (1) Requests by the governor for supplemental appropriations for state
14 agency operating and capital budgets for the current fiscal year may be introduced by
15 the rules committee only through the 30th legislative day.

16 (2) Requests by the governor for budget amendments to state agency
17 budgets for the budget fiscal year may be received and reviewed by the finance
18 committees only through the 45th legislative day.