

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 19, 2001
1:37 PM

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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Williams called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at 1:37 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Williams, Co-Chair
Representative Con Bunde, Vice-Chair
Representative Eric Croft
Representative John Davies
Representative Carl Moses
Representative Richard Foster
Representative John Harris
Representative Bill Hudson
Representative Ken Lancaster
Representative Jim Whitaker

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Janet Clarke, Director, Division of Administrative Services, Department of Health and Social Services; Dan Spencer, Director, Division of Administrative Services, Department of Administration; James Kohn, Director, Alaska Longevity Bonus Program; Matt Anderson, Manager, Section of Community Health and Safety, Department of Health and Social Services; Joseph Reeves, Deputy Director, Division of Administrative Services, Department of Corrections; Remond Henderson, Director, Division of Administrative Services, Department of Labor and Workforce Development; Jane Demmert, Executive Director, Alaska Commission on Aging, Department of Administration.

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

Mary Marshburn, Director, Division of Motor Vehicles, Department of Administration; Gary Sheridan, Manager, Pioneer Home Consulting; Bill Thomas, Division of Finance, Department of Administration.

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GENERAL SUBJECT(S):

HB 47-APPROP: GOVERNOR'S CAPITAL BUDGET

Overview:

- Administration
- Health and Social Services
- Corrections
- Labor and Workforce Development

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LOG	SPEAKER	DISCUSSION
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000		DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
	DAN SPENCER, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	Discussed the first two projects for the Pioneer's Homes. He noted that funds in the Homes Emergency Repairs and Maintenance fund are prioritized.
424	JAME KOHN, DIRECTOR, ALASKA LONGEVITY BONUS PROGRAM	Noted that homes would be reviewed for safety code compliance. The Sitka Pioneers Home Boiler would be replaced.
491	Co-Chair Mulder	Observed that homes must be upgraded to I-1.1 Occupancy codes.
	Mr. Kohn	Noted that it is a fire code that homes must be upgraded to. The upgrade will make the building last longer so that there is more time to assist residents in the event of an emergency evacuation.
700	GARY SHERIDAN, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION;	Discussed the Ketchikan Pioneers' Home Exterior Entry Door Upgrade.
760	Mr. Sheridan	Noted that the Ketchikan Pioneers' Home kitchen wall needs to be recovered.
797	Mr. Sheridan	Discussed the emergency light home and fire alarm upgrade for the Juneau Pioneer Home. He noted that it is difficult to hear alarms in various parts of the building. The Ketchikan home would also have an alarm upgrade.
897	Representative Croft	Felt that the request was high for the Ketchikan alarm upgrade.
948	Mr. Sheridan	Discussed the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disabilities Modifications. He noted that there are two projects at the Anchorage home. He observed that Alzheimer's patients have different needs. Homes were built with residential

		issues in mind. Programs must be created to serve residents with a high level of confusion. The projects focus in establishing units to meet these needs.
1247	JANE DEMMERT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	Discussed the Adult Day Facility Prototype Design for Dementia Clients.
1304	BILL THOMAS, DIVISION OF FINANCE, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	Discussed the State-Owned Buildings Valuation Project. He noted that records on cost were not kept. The project would hire a consultant to assist the Division of Finance in creating a methodology to recreate historical costs.
1395	MARY MARSHBURN, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION	Discussed the request for license plates and drivers license manuals.
1445	Representative John Davies	Asked why the request is in the capital budget.
1457	Ms. Marshburn	Noted that it is a large fixed cost and expands two years. The request provides for the purchase of licenses.
		DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
1575	JANET CLARKE, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	Discussed the request for Deferred Maintenance, Renewal and Replacement Equipment. She observed that the state would need \$3 million dollars to take care of these needs. A building and condition audit was done to prioritize needs.
1640	Ms. Clark	Provided members with the Department of Health and Social Services, FY02 Deferred Maintenance Capital Request (copy on file).
1677	Ms. Clark	Reviewed the handout. She noted that there are a number of boilers that need replacement.
1709	Ms. Clark	Noted that the McLaughlin Youth Center needs roof repairs.
1725	Ms. Clark	Observed that the Juneau Johnson Youth Center and the Nome Youth Facility need roof repairs.
1833	Ms. Clark	Continued to review repairs needed at: Yukon Flats Care Center, Fairbanks Youth Facility, Dillingham Health Center, Denardo Center and the Sitka Public Health Center. Facilities need boiler, ramp, carpet, plumbing, fan, dielectric, siding, tile, control panel, door, and

		paint repairs.
1997	Co-Chair Williams	Questioned if the department has funded boiling repairs over the last year.
2019	Ms. Clark	Noted that most of the funding goes to keeping staff on 24 hours a day at youth facilities. She stressed that there has not been sufficient funding for repairs. She observed that the request would fund up to project 32. Over 200 projects that have been identified.
2009	Representative Whitaker	Asked for a list regarding the total repairs need.
2163	Ms. Clark	Noted that the Alaska Psychiatric Institute Replacement would be funded through legislation if it were passed.
2187	Ms. Clark	Discussed the request for Public Health Nurse, Probation Officer, Social Worker Safety and Support Equipment. She noted that \$500 thousand dollars would go to direct field staff. Federal funds of \$2,331 million dollars would be provided. There is no requirement for a state match. Some projects can earn federal funds.
2263	Ms. Clark	Noted that much of the previous request would fund new vehicles. The department did a vehicle field survey. She noted that the survey found that, in Anchorage, 12 staff shares one vehicle.
2341	Ms. Clark	Noted that the Division of Family and Youth Services have not kept up with vehicle replacement.
2358	Representative John Davies	Observed that there is a need for new vehicles in addition to the replacement of existing ones. He asked for an up to date replacement schedule.
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024	Ms. Clark	Noted that the Division of Family and Youth Services have focused on the need for staff.
062	Ms. Clark	Discussed the need for security improvements. She discussed page 15 in the department's request. The department has some replacement credits, but they are insufficient to purchase new vehicles. The department is asking for the additional funding. The bulk of federal funds would go to the public health lab.
210	Ms. Clark	Discussed the request for the Juneau Public Health Center. She provided

		members with information on the Center (copy on file). She noted that the heating and ventilation system upgrade is needed to be in compliance with safety codes.
349	Ms. Clark	Discussed the request for the Residential Child Care Facility Capital Needs Assessment and Grant Program. She observed that there is \$349 thousand dollars in federal funds and a request for \$150 thousand dollars in general funds. She showed a list of grantees. She emphasized the responsibility to assure that children in state custody are safe.
447	MATT ANDERSON, MANAGER, SECTION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES	Reviewed the Emergency Medical Services Equipment Grants. He noted that rural EMS services have had difficulty keeping staff. The Code Blue project was developed to quantify and prioritize needs for rural emergency services. Rural communities have problems with training, and equipment. There is a need for patient care, and emergency vehicles. The project matches equipment to community needs. The program works with the Department of Agriculture.
700	Ms. Clark	Discussed the Alaska Psychiatric Institute Stop-Gap Repair request. She observed that there are fire and life safety needs.
777	Ms. Clark	Reviewed the Housing Modification for Trust Beneficiaries and People with Disabilities request. The project helps keep people in their homes and is on-going.
821	Ms. Clark	Reviewed the Substance Abuse Treatment for Rural Women with Children request. She noted that women in treatment do better if their children are allowed to be with them.
859	Representative Hudson	Referred to the Housing Modification for Trust Beneficiaries and People with Disabilities request.
886	Ms. Clark	Clarified that there are three state grantees that work with clients. Private homes are modified.
927	Ms. Clark	Discussed the Deferred Maintenance, Americans with Disabilities Improvements to Service Providers for Beneficiaries People with Disabilities. This provides funding for providers.
1011	Ms. Clark	Discussed suicide prevention and the Galena Mental Health Center. She stressed

		that the suicide rate in Alaska is alarming.
1084	Ms. Clark	Commented on the developmental disabilities systems reform initiative.
1156	Ms. Clark	Noted that the program provides equipment grants to service providers for trust beneficiaries and people with disabilities.
1187	Ms. Clark	Commented on the recovery camps request in the amount of \$100 thousand dollars. The project funds the capital portion of the Family Recovery Camp Development Project.
1235	Ms. Clark	Spoke to the Hearing, Screening Assistive technology for children request in the amount of \$100 thousand dollars.
1268	Co-Chair Williams	Asked if there was a waiting list.
1288	Ms. Clark	Replied that she would provide that information.
1309	Representative Hudson	Asked how many children would benefit from the increment.
1321	Ms. Clark	Offered to provide that information.
1328	Ms. Clark	Testified to the Consumer Designed and Managed Projects request in the amount of \$175 thousand dollars.
1355	Ms. Clark	Commented on the Micro Enterprise Funds request in the amount of \$150 thousand dollars.
1378	Ms. Clark	Spoke to the Provider Resource Sharing and Coordination request.
1396	Ms. Clark	Spoke to the Mental Health Transition Housing Facility request for the homeless increment in the amount of \$200 thousand dollars.
		DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
1447	JOSEPH REEVES, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS	Spoke to the projects of the Department.
1478	Mr. Reeves	Noted that the requests have been consolidated. There is no state general fund match required. Approval will not require any funding from the operating budget.
1522	Mr. Reeves	Addressed facility maintenance, repair, renewal, replacement and renovation of state property. The request is in the amount of \$1 million dollars. The project funds critical annual facility maintenance for capital projects.

	Mr. Reeves	Noted that the back up illustrates that most state facilities have some need for repair and maintenance.
1702		Discussion followed on the various projects.
1741	Mr. Reeves	Spoke to the replacement and repair of security systems, and life and safety equipment. He noted that the request was in the amount of \$500 thousand dollars.
1854	Mr. Reeves	Continued listing the items for consideration of the community jails facilities maintenance, repair and renovation and life and safety equipment in the amount of \$100 thousand dollars.
1923	Representative Hudson	Asked why the funding source had changed.
1934	Mr. Reeves	Spoke to the one time federal funding. He added that the state would attempt to receive other funding in the future when they are available.
1978	Mr. Reeves	Spoke to the Correctional Institutions Roof Repairs and Replacement request. He noted that the increment would be for \$2,090.0 in federal funds. It would be used to replace the current flat roofs and replace them with arched roofs.
2034	Representative John Davies	Asked where the federal funds came from.
2055	Mr. Reeves	Replied that they came from grants that were applied for by the department. This is the second one received.
2075	Representative John Davies	Asked if the 50 beds would be available for how long.
2091	Mr. Reeves	Noted that the bed would be available for up to 20 years.
2098		DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
2116	REMOND HENDERSON, DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	Spoke to the request in the amount of \$150 thousand dollars for the home modifications for individuals with disabilities and would be received from Alaska Housing and Finance Corporation (AHFC).
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000	Mr. Henderson	Addressed the assistive technology loan fund request in the amount of \$100 general fund thousand dollars. The maximum loan amount would be \$40 thousand dollars.
153	Representative Croft	Asked the amount of federal funding.
170	Mr. Henderson	Replied that the entire amount was

		federally funded in 1997.
193	Representative Hudson	Asked if the Department of Health & Social Services and the department tapped the same funding source.
265	Mr. Henderson	Replied that these funds would be used for modifications to the homes so that the resident could go to work. They have a similar purpose but different constituency.
325	Co-Chair Williams	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u> The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

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