

A M E N D M E N T # 5

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Office of the Governor
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	Allocation	Approp Items	General Fund	Other Funds
Executive Operations		<u>8,602,500</u> [8,952,500]	<u>8,429,800</u> [8,879,800]	72,700
Executive Office		<u>6,894,800</u> [7,344,800]		

This amendment reduces the Governor's budget by \$450,000.

Passage of this amendment ensures that the \$100,000 appropriated in the FY'03 supplemental budget (HB 100, Chapter 1 SLA 03) to the Office of the Governor for direct support of national efforts to open ANWR is backed out of the "base budget" for FY'04. This was a one-time appropriation and should not be included in the base budget for other purposes in future years.

As tradition dictates and courtesy prevails in the course of a gubernatorial election year, the amount of \$350,000 was added without opposition in the FY'03 operating budget for transition costs to the Office of the Governor to ensure a smooth and reliable transition in the change of Administrations.

This amount was not backed out of the base budget for FY'04. Since a change of Administration is not anticipated in FY'04 this funding level should not be included in the base. This could be considered as a technical amendment, correcting an oversight accounting error.

Currently the transition cost of \$350,000 is backed out of the other version of the budget in subcommittee close-out action.