

HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE
March 7, 2017
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CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Seaton called the House Finance Committee meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Neal Foster, Co-Chair
Representative Paul Seaton, Co-Chair
Representative Les Gara, Vice-Chair
Representative Jason Grenn
Representative David Guttenberg
Representative Scott Kawasaki
Representative Dan Ortiz
Representative Lance Pruitt
Representative Steve Thompson
Representative Cathy Tilton
Representative Tammie Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

David Teal, Director, Legislative Finance Division.

PRESENT VIA TELECONFERENCE

None

SUMMARY

HB 57 APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

HB 57 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

HB 59 APPROP: MENTAL HEALTH BUDGET

HB 59 was HEARD and HELD in committee for

further consideration.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 57

"An Act making appropriations for the operating and loan program expenses of state government and for certain programs; capitalizing funds; amending appropriations; repealing appropriations; making supplemental appropriations and reappropriations, and making appropriations under art. IX, sec. 17(c), Constitution of the State of Alaska, from the constitutional budget reserve fund; and providing for an effective date."

HOUSE BILL NO. 59

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"An Act making appropriations for the operating and capital expenses of the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program; and providing for an effective date."

Co-Chair Seaton relayed that the committee would be addressing amendments on the budget. He reminded members that the meeting was not a subcommittee meeting. Therefore, he would be the only person that would call anyone to the testifier's table. He pointed to four packets on members' desks. The first packet contained 37 [38] amendments affecting premium pay. The second contained 93 amendments that reduced budgets back to FY 16 actual numbers. The third packet contained 14 language amendments. The fourth packet contained 185 remaining amendments.

^AMENDMENTS: PREMIUM PAY

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Vice-Chair Gara asked if there were more than 200 amendments.

Co-Chair Seaton responded that there were 330 amendments total.

Representative Wilson MOVED to ADOPT Amendment H DOA 17 (copy on file):

Office of Information Technology
Alaska Division of Information Technology
H DOA 17 - Delete premium pay to encourage reduced overtime.
Offered by Representative Wilson

There is a small amount of premium pay, ranging from \$1,000 to \$11,000 dollars, budgeted for nearly all positions in this allocation. This amendment eliminates the total amount of premium pay included in the FY 18 budget request. Declining revenues dictate that overtime hours be reduced and that state services be provided in a more efficient and effective manner.

Co-Chair Foster OBJECTED for discussion.

Representative Wilson read from the amendment description [See above]. She noted that premium pay was listed for each position control number (PCN). She saw no reason why the department could not use compensation, which would allow an employee to work on a holiday and take a different day off. She added that most work was being done during an employee's worktime. There were 160 employees and the amendment removed \$250 thousand.

Co-Chair Seaton MOVED to AMEND Amendment H DOA 17. He proposed adding the other 37 amendments [listed on the 20-page Legislative Finance Division report titled, "2017 Legislature - Operating Budget Transaction Detail - House Structure HFC Premium Column" dated March 6, 2017 (copy on file)]. He instructed the secretary to record the individual amendment numbers from the report into the minutes. Individual amendment numbers were as follows [For Premium Pay amendment details see copy on file]:

Amendment H CED 15; Amendment H GOV 6; Amendment H HSS 12; Amendment H HSS 23; Amendment H HSS 29; Amendment H HSS 39; Amendment H HSS 42; Amendment H HSS 44; Amendment H HSS 51; Amendment H HSS 54; Amendment H HSS 56; Amendment H DPS 4; Amendment H DPS 5; Amendment H DPS 8; Amendment H DPS 10; Amendment H DPS 14; Amendment H DPS 18; Amendment H DPS 20; Amendment H DPS 24; Amendment H DPS 25; Amendment H DPS 26; Amendment H DPS 27; Amendment H DPS 39; Amendment H DOT 6; Amendment H DOT 12; Amendment H DOT 13; Amendment H DOT 14; Amendment H DOT 15; Amendment H

DOT 16; Amendment H DOT 17; Amendment H DOT 19;
Amendment H DOT 21; Amendment H DOT 24; Amendment H
DOT 27; Amendment H DOT 33; Amendment H DOT 36;
Amendment H DOT 37.

Representative Wilson OBJECTED. She argued that each amendment stood on its own merit and needed to be discussed individually. Some of the amendments had to do with vacancies in various departments, which helped to address overtime issues. Another department had two people that administered a grant but accumulated overtime. She did not think an adequate discussion would happen if the amendments were lumped together. She thought the finance committee meeting was the place to have a proper discussion.

Co-Chair Seaton invited Mr. Teal to come to the testifier table.

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DAVID TEAL, DIRECTOR, LEGISLATIVE FINANCE DIVISION, reported there were 38 amendments in the packet all of which dealt with premium pay. There were two issues with premium pay. First, premium pay and overtime were not identical terms. Premium pay included shift differential, overtime, hazard, and leave pay - additions to pay beyond the standard pay or hourly rate. Second, premium pay was often required by contract or by the fair labor standards act. He noted that premium pay was at the level he expected it to be. It existed in the 24-hour institutions such as the Alaska State Troopers and the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT). The premium pay did not necessarily allow agencies to reduce their payments for premium pay. It was simply a cut to the personal services line, which would not allow the 24-hour institutions or the troopers or anyone else to avoid premium pay. Running a 24-hour institution required night shifts covered by shift differentials, which fell under the category of premium pay. Troopers would work overtime, as it was the nature of their job. By contract or by the Fair Labor Standards Act, which required overtime, He did not believe any of the departments wanted to pay overtime because of the expense. They did not have the staff to get the job done.

Representative Wilson relayed that many of her amendments reflected only 25 percent reductions taking into account

that many agencies had vacancies. The legislature did not take money away for vacancies. Frequently, money for a vacancy was used to cover overtime costs. There were no premium pay amendments for the Department of Corrections (DOC). She reported that in the prior year the Department of Public Safety (DPS) did not use all of the funding allocated for troopers and returned \$2 million. She did not remove more than 25 percent for 24-hour operations. She relayed that in her amendments she was careful to look at reductions specific to their agencies. She also remarked that it would have been helpful for her to know the amendments could have been posted as one amendment. It would have saved her a significant amount of time.

Co-Chair Seaton clarified that the computer system being used required an amendment for each allocation. However, the committee was combining the amendments together because they structurally did the same thing. He also noted the amendments would reverse contract provisions.

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Representative Pruitt agreed that the amendments should not be grouped together. He surmised that if the amendments were combined there would be a simple up or down vote. He thought that in dealing with the budget, legislators could not manage it in the same way they had done in the past. He advocated a scalpel approach to finding reductions. He thought making an effort to find areas where reductions made sense was important. He suggested that members could agree on some of the reductions but not all of them. By lumping the amendments together, members might not be able to support all of them. He thought some amendments could be grouped together, such as those relating to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities (DOT). However, he did not support grouping all 37 amendments together at one time.

Vice-Chair Gara wanted to ask Mr. Teal about cutting overtime pay and premium pay. He used the example of the Alaska State Troopers and the testimony given by Colonel Cockrell in the previous year. The colonel had testified that there were so few troopers that he laid awake at night worrying about sending them out without any back up. He was concerned about putting troopers in danger. He wondered what would happen if overtime pay and premium pay were

reduced within the Trooper Division based on Colonel Cockrell's conclusion that they were understaffed.

Mr. Teal thought Vice-Chair Gara had answered his own question. The representative reported having spoken with staff in the agency who had expressed their concerns about the lack of personnel. The agency had responded to the Legislative Finance Division (LFD) that a reduction in overtime would greatly diminish the department's ability to meet its mission.

Vice-Chair Gara asked how premium pay and overtime reductions would be applied. He wondered if the agency would cut the number of hours troopers were on the streets or whether positions would be lost.

Mr. Teal responded that the legislature would not be cutting premium pay but rather, reducing the personal services line. The maker of the amendment was attributing it to premium pay. However, the impact would essentially be the same as reducing the personal services line by \$250 thousand. It would not necessarily reduce the agency's ability to pay overtime. They would have to take other measures to make up the \$250 thousand. The consequences would vary from agency to agency. He could not confirm that all of the circumstances in the 38 amendments were identical. He believed Representative Wilson was correct in saying that she was cutting premium pay. The specific impact on each allocation might differ. However, all of the amendments were based on the same concept, the same arguments supporting them, and the same arguments opposing them. He reiterated that the amendments would not disallow the payment of premium pay. The amendments would simply be cuts to the budget.

Vice-Chair Gara asked (if the troopers were not able to cut premium pay) if one of the options to deal with less money would be to lay people off.

Mr. Teal responded, "That is one way."

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Representative Tilton wanted to hear each amendment separately because each agency would be impacted differently. She understood that some agencies had 24-hour requirements. She questioned the need for premium pay and

24-hour coverage relating to the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Office. She also thought any design responsibilities should be done during regular business hours. She reiterated her desire to hear the amendments individually.

Representative Thompson opposed the motion to combine the 38 amendments. Although he could support several of the amendments, he was unsure about supporting all of them. He thought the amendments needed to be addressed separately. He added that lumping them all together was not good policy.

Co-Chair Seaton concluded that the amendments addressed premium pay, which included shift differential pay, hazard pay, leave pay, higher class pay, sea duty pay, substance pay, subsistence pay, stand-by pay, and on-call pay. The listed types of pay were tied to contractual obligations. Therefore, he believed the arguments for the 38 amendments would be the same. If the amendments had been brought up during the subcommittee process, they could have been addressed individually to allow committee members to delve into their aspects more thoroughly. At present, the committee did not have the individual agencies or other information available. He stressed that the amendments were being rolled together because they were an attempt to override contractual provisions and the argument for each one was essentially the same.

Representative Wilson MAINTAINED her OBJECTION.

Representative Wilson argued that the amendments did not break contracts. She wanted to make sure that the comments being made were accurate. She believed that many of the amendments were different.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

IN FAVOR: Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Kawasaki, Ortiz, Foster, Seaton.

OPPOSED: Wilson, Pruitt, Thompson, Tilton.

The MOTION PASSED (7/4). Amendment to Amend Amendment H DOA 17 was ADOPTED and the remaining amendments in the premium pay category were combined into one amendment: H DOA 17.

Co-Chair Seaton asked if there was further discussion on the amendment packet.

Representative Pruitt asked if other amendments would be lumped together for consideration. If so, he wondered which packets would be combined.

Co-Chair Seaton indicated that the FY 16 Actuals amendments would also be considered together.

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Representative Kawasaki wanted to speak specifically to the issues of troopers and public safety. He recognized Colonel Cockrell's concern about his troopers being left alone without back up. He remarked that premium pay within the Department of Public Safety (DPS) was specific to the department because it offered premium pay to people who do explosive ordinance disposal and to people who work within special emergency response teams. He thought cutting premium pay would be a disservice to those members that put their lives on the line. He hoped members would oppose the amendment.

Vice-Chair Gara indicated that since FY 13 there had been over \$500 million in agency cuts. Reductions had taken the form of 2000 or more state employees being cut. Some divisions were spared with flat funding which was actually a reduction because of the rising costs of doing business. He pointed out the reduction to the Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API), Amendment H HSS 23, a cut called, "Budgeted and Anticipation of Reduced Overtime". He conveyed that the institution was already stressed, as they were letting people out on an average of 7 to 9 days. He relayed that the state had so few services at API that it had one of the highest rates of return into the psychiatric institute in the nation. If the state reduced pay within API, it would make a bad situation worse. He also noted that the Pioneer Homes had fewer residents and not enough medical help. He thought that by reducing overtime and premium pay the ability to protect the people at the Pioneer Home would worsen. He reported having constituents in the Pioneer Home that were grinning and bearing their circumstances. He noted that a similar circumstance at the McLaughlin Youth Center existed. He opined that fewer people could receive treatment or the help they needed. The

Alaska State Troopers had less of an ability to protect the public.

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Representative Thompson mentioned having been a business owner for over 35 years. In the 80s, when the state had a downturn in the economy, he paid close attention to his spending and reduced his employees' overtime hours. He managed to make it through tough times because he had no other choice. He thought the state's current fiscal situation was similar. Several of the amendments reflected a 25 percent reduction in overtime - sending a clear message to departments to pay attention to their spending. He understood that some departments could take reductions in overtime and some could not, which was why he could not support all of the amendments. He thought managing work hours, time, and spending was crucial to the state presently. He believed that it was wrong not to address some of the amendments separately. He opposed consolidating the amendments.

Representative Guttenberg agreed with Mr. Teal that the amendments were not reductions in premium pay or overtime, but cuts to the personal services line. Many of the proposed amendments reflected a reduction of 25 percent. He argued that the legislature had already reduced the budget, placed restrictions on programs, cut back on personnel, or eliminated positions. He thought it was important to understand the impact on things such as residential childcare, youth center facilities, and probation services. He spoke about the Alcohol and Marijuana Control office sending out investigators and having to use premium pay in order for them to travel around the state. He suggested that it would be more costly for someone in the field to stop their work to avoid premium pay. They might have to extend their travel, which could lead to additional hotel and other costs. He opined that over the years the legislature had forced departments to be more efficient doing more with less. The proposed amendments were personnel reductions. He could not support the combined amendments without understanding the impacts of each of them.

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Representative Tilton was also a private sector employer. As an employer, there were times she had to reduce her budget and work within the constraints of available funds. She asserted that people in the private sector were happy to be employed having money to put food on their table. She spoke of the importance of managing overtime when funding was not available. She stressed exercising efficiencies, such as setting up multiple meetings when required by the federal government or through regulations to travel. She would be supporting the group of amendments because the ability to look at them individually was taken away.

Representative Pruitt disagreed with grouping the amendments together. There were specific items members expressed concerns about which was the reason he opposed banding the amendments together. He complemented the member who meticulously approached amendments to the budget. He appreciated Representative Wilson's efforts in making specific rather than unallocated reductions to the budget. He recalled unallocated cuts being a point of consternation in the previous legislature. There had been an attempt from the other body to come up with unallocated reductions and people fought the approach. He noted the representative's attempt at carving out specific reductions to personal services. He thought it was important to manage the expectations of what was available to spend and around budget challenges. He would be voting for the whole package even though he thought each amendment should be taken up separately. He suggested that it was easy to find one amendment out of the package of amendments to vote down. He thought it was a disservice to managing the state's budget challenges. He gave kudos to the maker of the well thought out amendments. He appreciated her attempt at taking a strategic look at the budget rather than taking a hatchet to it. He objected to having to vote on all of the amendments at once.

Representative Wilson agreed that most members could not support all of her suggested amendments, but she thought the committee should have discussed them. She used the budget for the Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board as an example. She reported that one of her suggested reductions was about \$22 thousand out of a \$3.8 million allocation with 21 employees. Next, she pointed to a \$75 thousand reduction in the budget for the Division of Elections. She did not think overtime was necessary in a year where there was not an election. She highlighted that two people

managed grants for residential childcare. They received \$33 thousand for overtime work. She did not think they needed to work on holidays or to work overtime when they were granting money to recipients. However, the committee would not be discussing such issues. She also mentioned hearing about juvenile justice. McLaughlin went from 162 employees to 165 employees. She did not understand why the amount of overtime was not reduced with hiring 3 additional employees. She spoke of another example in the Mat-Su area. She reported being asked by her constituents to go through the budget line-by-line to find ways to make reductions. She noted that some of the allocations were lump sums given to different areas. She disagreed with the notion that every department was at 100 percent employee capacity. There was extra money in the budget. For example, when an employee left the state it took time to rehire the position leaving money available. One of her amendments was for \$2500. She argued that in some areas the overtime expenditure was not necessary such as in the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities' budget. She did not believe employees needed to work holidays or overtime to work on a plan. She understood the need to work overtime on occasion to meet a deadline, but thought compensation time could be used alternatively. She had heard from some DOT employees that there was a freeze on overtime. She wondered where the money was being spent if a freeze was in place. She noted another reduction in one of her amendments for \$34 thousand for Alaska Wildlife Troopers Marine. The troopers had given \$2 million back to the state budget.

Representative Wilson continued providing information regarding her amendments. Another amendment would have reduced the budget for the Office of Civil Rights for transportation and administration by more than \$16 thousand for premium pay. She could not figure out by their mission what they would be doing in overtime. The held planned meetings at certain times. Members had been told not to take unallocated reductions and she did not. She literally read each mission statements and researched history. She had found that much of the time the money allocated was greater than what was spent and was being spent somewhere else. Another suggested reduction of about \$64 thousand was to Engineering Services within DOT. There were 74 employees. She thought the committee was going to have a fair process and that there would be discussions about each of the amendments. She believed the public had a right to understand where the state was spending money before going

after the people's money. She disagreed with the argument that her amendments would result in the state breaking contracts. The overtime was supposed to be available when the state was not staffed up with employees. She wished the committee would have had a discussion but it was obvious to her that the discussion would not occur. She continued to argue that many of the departments and their missions were very different.

Co-Chair Foster MAINTAINED his OBJECTION.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

IN FAVOR: Pruitt, Thompson, Tilton, Wilson
OPPOSED: Grenn, Guttenberg, Kawasaki, Ortiz, Gara, Seaton, Foster

The MOTION FAILED (4/7). Amendment H DOA 17 AS AMENDED FAILED to be ADOPTED.

^PUBLIC TESTIMONY: FY 16 ACTUALS

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Representative Wilson MOVED to ADOPT Amendment H DOA 10 (copy on file):

Centralized Administrative Services
E-Travel
H DOA 10 - Alignment of FY 18 Budget Request with FY 16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 Actual Expenditures were \$2,128,100 and in the FY 18 Budget request for E-Travel is \$2,570,700, an increase of \$442,600. Therefore, \$442,600 has been deleted which leaves \$2,128,100 in this allocation.

Co-Chair Foster OBJECTED for the purpose of discussion.

Representative Wilson remarked that she would title her amendments much differently on the floor. She was disturbed by a memo she found outside that indicated that the FY 16 actuals might not be accurate. She ran a small business and her FY 16 actuals were correct figures that she could account for. She truly wanted to better understand how

actual expenditures could be listed but not accurate. She argued that the legislature should not be increasing its budget. Representative Wilson read from the amendment description [see above]. She emphasized that she could have proposed any reduction amount, but her approach was to look at a point in time in FY 16 to determine a number. She argued that any increase while the state was in a deficit position was too much. She could have picked actual numbers from FY 15, FY 14, or FY 10. She commented that maybe none of the state's actuals were correct, which she relayed was a scary thought. She reiterated that the state could not continue to spend the way it was spending. She took the chairman's advice and the advice from the subcommittee chair, Representative Kawasaki, regarding being meticulous about finding reasonable ways of determining figures to use rather than picking them randomly.

Co-Chair Seaton MOVED to AMEND Amendment H DOA 10 by adding the other 92 amendments listed on the 47 page Legislative Finance Division's Report titled, "2017 Legislature - Operating Budget Transaction Detail - House Structure HFC 16 ACT Column" dated March 6, 2017.

Representative Wilson OBJECTED.

Co-Chair Seaton instructed the secretary to record the individual amendment numbers from the report in the minutes. Individual amendment numbers are as follows [For 16 Actuals amendment details see copy on file]:

Amendment H DOA 14; Amendment H DOA 15; Amendment H DOA 16;
Amendment H DOA 21; Amendment H DOA 25; Amendment H CED 8;
Amendment H CED 11; Amendment H CED 12; Amendment H CED 18;
Amendment H DOE 4; Amendment H DOE 5; Amendment H DOE 8;
Amendment H DOE 12; Amendment H DOE 23; Amendment H DEC 2;
Amendment H DEC 3; Amendment H DEC 5; Amendment H DEC 12;
Amendment H DFG 20; Amendment H DFG 23; Amendment H DFG 24;
Amendment H DFG 25; Amendment H DFG 27; Amendment H GOV 3;
Amendment H HSS 6; Amendment H HSS 10; Amendment H HSS 11;
Amendment H HSS 13; Amendment H HSS 15; Amendment H HSS 17;
Amendment H HSS 18; Amendment H HSS 19; Amendment H HSS 20;
Amendment H HSS 25; Amendment H HSS 27; Amendment H HSS 30;
Amendment H HSS 32; Amendment H HSS 33; Amendment H HSS 34;
Amendment H HSS 36; Amendment H HSS 52; Amendment H HSS 58;
Amendment H HSS 59; Amendment H HSS 60; Amendment H HSS 61;
Amendment H HSS 62; Amendment H HSS 63; Amendment H HSS 64;
Amendment H HSS 65; Amendment H HSS 66; Amendment H HSS 68;

Amendment H HSS 69; Amendment H HSS 71; Amendment H HSS 74;
Amendment H HSS 77; Amendment H HSS 79; Amendment H HSS 80;
Amendment H HSS 82; Amendment H HSS 83; Amendment H HSS 88;
Amendment H HSS 89; Amendment H HSS 90; Amendment H HSS 91;
Amendment H HSS 95; Amendment H HSS 96; Amendment H HSS 97;
Amendment H HSS 98; Amendment H HSS 100; Amendment H HSS
101; Amendment H MVA 3; Amendment H MVA 6; Amendment H MVA
7; Amendment H MVA 8; Amendment H MVA 9; Amendment H DPS 7;
Amendment H DPS 12; Amendment H DPS 13; Amendment H DPS 15;
Amendment H DPS 17; Amendment H DPS 31; Amendment H DPS 32;
Amendment H DPS 41; Amendment H DPS 42; Amendment H DOT 7;
Amendment H DOT 10; Amendment H DOT 11; Amendment H DOT 18;
Amendment H DOT 22; Amendment H DOT 25; Amendment H DOT 28;
Amendment H DOT 34; Amendment H DOT 35.

Representative Wilson asked if her amendments would have been heard if she had titled them differently. She was trying to understand better how the amendment system worked. She felt she had been at a disadvantage because of the memo referred to earlier by LFD regarding the inaccuracy of the FY 16 actual numbers. She asked if titling the amendments differently would have propagated a discussion about reductions.

Co-Chair Seaton responded that because the amendments were structured the same they were lumped together.

Representative Wilson clarified that the memo she was referring to titled "FY 16 Actuals Amendment Packet - Supporting Handout" (copy on file). She remarked that the memo was not supporting. She read a portion of the memo:

"The FY 16 Actuals are downloaded from the accounting system at a particular point in time and may not be accurate - particularly for allocations with multiple fund sources, especially federal funds".

Representative Wilson relayed that many of the reductions she suggested were not general funds but were interagency receipts. Some of them were general funds. She thought it would be accurate to say that even at a point in time in 2016 the state was spending less than in 2018. She requested an "at ease."

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Representative Wilson grew up learning to do paper accounting from her grandmother who owned a small business. She was taught that if she encountered a mistake she had to fix it because the numbers reflected actual expenditures. Her process as a legislator was to go through the budget carefully trying to find reductions to avoid taxing Alaskans. She wanted to understand why the FY 16 actuals were not accurate. She asked specifically for the month, date, and year from which the actuals were derived.

Mr. Teal did not think the problem revolved around the actuals being incorrect. He relayed that some agencies reported actuals accurately. Other agencies showed a lapse of \$50 on a line. The agencies could move money freely across allocation lines within an allocation. In determining the actuals, an agency might move money around. They reported some money left in each line and in each allocation. The issue with accuracy was not necessarily the amount of funding reported. It revolved around fund source by line item. The legislature did not budget fund sources by line item. For instance, when looking at personal services, it was difficult to determine how much money was from the general fund. He skipped to the example of the appropriation for Wildlife Conservation on page 3 of the handout. He noted that there was a very reasonable process for looking for budget cuts. He was not saying Representative Wilson did anything wrong or inaccurate. He thought she was comparing the actuals listed in column 5. He noted that the actuals in column 2 equaled \$3 million less than the final numbers, which meant the division lapsed a significant amount of money. It also meant that, in looking at the actual expenditures, there was an increase of \$3.6 million in the actual budget over the FY 16 actuals. He noted column 5, labeled House CS 2, equaled \$13.8 million versus \$10.2 million in actuals [Column 2]. He thought a person could argue that the amount was a huge increase.

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Mr. Teal continued that it was bothersome because in FY 16, the division had a \$13 million budget but only spent \$10 million. He surmised that it was easy to take money from the allocation but noted that below, titled 16 Final to 16

Actual, on the general fund line the division lapsed only \$6.7 thousand GF. The division did not spend \$1.6 million of its federal dollars. However, it was difficult to determine which line items reflected federal dollars and which reflected GF dollars. The state simply did not budget in such a way. He further pointed out that there was \$705 thousand remaining in unrestricted general funds (UGF) under funding sources, which could be seen in the bill. He reported that \$1.15 million was cut from actuals. There was a reduction of roughly \$400 thousand in FY 17 or FY 18 that he thought might be in response to actuals. The amendment took the remaining \$705 thousand of GF. The entire reduction, based on actuals, was GF dollars rather than other funding in the amendment. The division's GF dollars were reduced to zero when it was struggling to match available federal receipts. He suggested asking the question, given a \$7000 thousand cut in GF, how the state would match the federal funds. It would lose the funding without a match. He summarized that there could be unintended consequences from cutting general funds, an allocation that without which would lapse all funds. For all he knew federal funds might have been over authorized.

Mr. Teal continued that in amendments like the one being proposed the consequences fall disproportionately on GF. He believed that the proposed actions should be done in close consultation with agency staff in the subcommittee review process. He added that the committee could address each of the amendments examining the consequences of eliminating GF in the Wildlife Conservation Division and looking at whether the state could make its match. He indicated that LFD had looked at several of them.

Mr. Teal referred to the statewide totals of \$49 million. He relayed that \$41 million were GF and about \$5 million were other state funds most of which were duplicated. They were interagency (IA) and Capital Improvement Project (CIP) receipts. He suggested that it meant there was a cut somewhere else. He argued that the amendments emphasized cutting GF rather than cutting proportionately all funds available to the allocation.

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Representative Wilson commented that it seemed LFD had had time to go through some of her amendments. It would have been nice if someone from LFD had contacted her office to

let her know the division had run some reports that would have provided her additional information. She further commented that legislators had been told in subcommittee that they were not supposed to be looking into such things as programs and that the cuts she was proposing should be brought to the full finance committee. She was trying to follow the direction of the chair. She asked Mr. Teal why he had not gone back to the maker of the amendments to inform them of potential issues prior to the amendment hearings. She would have appreciated the opportunity to have a discussion. She was not trying to waste anyone's time. She had been at her office Saturday night, Sunday, and Monday until midnight preparing her explanations. She wanted to know why she had not at least received a phone call indicating there were potential issues with her amendments. Her office had received plenty of phone calls about correcting titles and other parts of the amendments. She reiterated her frustration why she had not been contacted about such a significant issue.

Representative Thompson thought there were several of the amendments that had merit and needed appropriate vetting. He felt that they needed review individually. He used H DOA 10 as an example. He asked why the state was increasing travel by \$442,600 from FY 16, especially with the available video conferencing technology. He thought it was an infringement on the right of the citizenship of the state. He opposed combining the amendments.

Representative Tilton also opposed combining the amendments. She indicated that she had looked at the amendments meticulously and thoughtfully rather than making slash and burn cuts. She confirmed that her staff had been on the phone with LFD several times over the weekend without anyone from the division mentioning that the actuals might not be accurate. She asked about the amendments that were being lumped together. She wondered if she was being precluded from offering her amendments and whether the motion applied to separate amendments from different committee members.

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Representative Pruitt was very concerned about the conversation the committee was having presently. He thought he was hearing that the joke, "Good enough for government work," was not a joke at all. He emphasized that rounding

errors were being discussed that equaled more than most people would make in multiple years. He suggested that committee members reviewed some of the amounts: \$100 thousand, \$400 thousand, and \$40 thousand. He remarked that the amounts were substantial. He indicated that what the committee was being told was that the state's actuals were off by substantial amounts. He conveyed that when the makers of the amendments did the diligent work required to offer the amendments using the information they thought they should be using, they were currently being told that the information might not be accurate. He thought such circumstances attributed to people's lack of trust in government. The committee was talking about rounding errors greater than some people's salaries. He mentioned having noticed a reduction in IA transactions. His spoke to his objection of grouping the 96 amendments together. He suggested that some of them might be duplicated fund sources. He noted that there were amendments related to mental health that he thought were worth discussing. He thought there were huge problems with what the legislature had told the public. He relayed that multiple chairs of subcommittees indicated to members that they were not looking at specific amounts but at programs and the amounts would be addressed in the full finance committee. He thought members had done a good job doing exactly what they had been told by coming to the full finance committee with specific amounts in their amendments using the information available to them. Now members were being told that offering amendments in the full committee was not the proper process. He thought the public should be angry when the meeting was reported. He objected to 96 amendments being voted on at one time.

Vice-Chair Gara reported having been on the House Finance Committee for roughly 8 years. He was supporting the proposal to combine some of the amendments because there were more amendments in front of the committee presently than in the past 10 years combined. The legislative session was limited to 90 days. He would like to review some of the amendments, which he believed had nothing to do with rounding errors. He believed that some of the amendments, if passed, would be damaging to human beings. He noted the heroine epidemic in Alaska and the damage caused to communities and families. He did not think it was a good idea to cut grants for treatment for people with heroin addiction. He thought that the amendments were not rounding errors, but grant deletions that would otherwise help to

make communities safer and keep families together. There had been over \$500 million in cuts to agencies since FY 13. There were current year cuts to agencies in the amount of \$60 million. The budget was \$3.3 billion smaller than in FY 13. People were pretending as if cuts had not been made. In proposing some of the amendments, members were sending a message that they would vote for budgets that increased some things within the budget such as behavioral health grants to help people with heroin addiction. He suggested that the reductions cut items prior members of the majority voted to increase. He reviewed several examples.

Vice-Chair Gara asserted that people had to decide what kind of society they wanted to live in. The issue was not just about numbers in a state that had already cut the budget by \$3.3 billion. He referenced page 18 of the amendment packet. He highlighted the cut to grants that helped people with alcohol and substance abuse problems. In previous years, the legislature had voted together across party lines to do something about families being ripped apart. There were \$2.6 million in reductions that would remove treatment grants for people who were fighting heroin addiction and alcoholism. The amendment would cause human damage. It was not just a rounding error. He advocated addressing the heroin epidemic rather than waiting to see what happened. He spoke of the reduction to early intervention grants, which aimed at helping someone before they caused damage to themselves and their families, listed on page 20 of the amendment packet. He relayed that the maker of the amendments had voted in favor of the grant, but presently wanted to remove them from the budget. He mentioned a reduction of \$161 thousand for residential licensing. He thought it was important to ensure that the places that Alaska's seniors live and people with disabilities live were safe. If one of the amendments was adopted the state would not be able to license and investigate the places where seniors and the disabled live. The amendment was not a rounding error.

Vice-Chair Gara continued that there was a universal understanding within the legislature that youth courts worked. They kept young people out of jail. In the past, the legislature allowed for minor increases to the youth court system to help divert youth away from jail. The amendment on page 23 of the packet removed the funding. He concluded that more youth would end up in jail.

Representative Pruitt asked if Vice-Chair Gara was speaking to the objection of combining the 96 amendments. He thought Vice-Chair Gara was talking to the individual amendments rather than about combining amendments.

Vice-Chair Gara was responding to the idea that the amendments were rounding errors. He emphasized they were not rounding errors. He asked if he could provide a couple more examples.

Co-Chair Seaton asked Vice-Chair Gara to wait until the amendment was being discussed.

Vice-Chair Gara remarked, "These are not rounding errors."

Co-Chair Seaton noted that the reason the items were being grouped together was due to a structural problem with taking actuals, which had combined fund sources. The combined fund source was being taken all as a UGF reduction.

Representative Wilson MAINTAINED her OBJECTION.

Representative Pruitt requested an "At Ease."

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AT EASE

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RECONVENED

Co-Chair Seaton recognized Representative Saddler was in the audience.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

IN FAVOR: Guttenberg, Kawasaki, Ortiz, Gara, Grenn, Foster, Seaton
OPPOSED: Pruitt, Thompson, Tilton, Wilson

The MOTION PASSED (7/4). The amendment to AMEND Amendment H DOA 10 was adopted.

Representative Wilson announced she would be reading each of the amendments into the record to ensure everyone understood what the committee would be voting on in the packet:

Centralized Administrative Services

E-Travel

H DOA 10 - Alignment of FY 18 Budget Request with FY16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 Actual Expenditures were \$2,128,100 and in the FY 18 Budget request for E-Travel is \$2,570,700, an increase of \$442,600. Therefore, \$442,600 has been deleted which leaves \$2,128,100 in this allocation

Shared Services of Alaska

Print Services

H DOA 14 - Closely align FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Services line item for equipment/machinery maintenance were \$201,900 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$468,500 resulting in an increase of \$266,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$200,000 to the Services line item to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

The FY 17 Management Plan has a budget of \$575,600 in the Personal Services line and the FY 18 budget request is \$641,000 which is an increase of \$65,400 over the FY 17 Management Plan. Therefore, a reduction of \$65,400 in the Personal Services line is made to this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 17 Management Plan. This amendment is intended to encourage the Department to manage its own budget more prudently.

Shared Services of Alaska

Facilities

H DOA 15 - Closely align the FY 18 budget request for utility costs with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Services line item for utility costs were \$3,047,100 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$3,986,000 resulting in an increase of \$938,900 over FY 16 actual

expenditures. FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Services line item for structure, infrastructure and land repairs, maintenance, rentals and leases were \$4,526,000. The FY 18 budget request for this line is \$5,942,800, which is an increase of \$1,416,800 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$750,000 to the Services line item for utilities and a reduction of \$1,000,000 to the Services line item for structure, infrastructure and land repairs, maintenance, rentals and leases for a total reduction of \$1,750,000 in this allocation from the FY 18 budget request.

Representative Ortiz would be leaving for a Fisheries meeting.

Representative Wilson continued:

Risk Management

H DOA 21 - Alignment of FY 18 budget request to FY 16 Actuals.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual costs in the Services line item for financial services were \$33,020,700. The FY 18 budget request for this line is \$34,444,000, which is an increase of \$1,423,300 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$1,000,000 to the Services line item for financial services allowing for an increase of \$423,300 in the FY 18 budget request over the FY 16 actual expenditure level.

Alaska Public Offices Commission

H DOA 25 - Closely align the FY 18 budget request in the Services line with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Services line were \$133,800 and the FY 18 budget request for this line is \$244,300 resulting in an increase of \$110,500 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$100,000 to the Services line to closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures and allows for an increase of \$10,500 in the FY 18 budget request over FY 16 actual expenditures.

Executive Administration
Administrative Services
H CED 8 - Alignment of the FY 18 budget request with
FY 16 actuals
Offered by Representative Wilson

The Department deleted three vacant positions that were partially funded with general funds with no reduction in funding for the positions. This amendment makes a reduction of \$46,146 from the FY 18 budget request in the Personal Services line.

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Commodities line item in the Business category for items such as office supplies, library, training and instructional needs were \$38,700 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$113,100 resulting in an increase of \$74,400 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$80,000 from the Commodities line item to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Community and Regional Affairs
Serve Alaska
H CED 11 - Align FY 18 budget request in Commodities
line with FY 16 actual expenditures.
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Commodities line in the Business category for items such as office supplies and training and instructional needs were \$21,400 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$40,000 resulting in an increase of \$18,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$22,600 from the Commodities line to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures and deletes all unrestricted general funds (1004) in this allocation. This amendment is intended to encourage the Department to manage its own budget more prudently. Align FY 18 budget request in Commodities line with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
H CED 12 - Alignment of the FY 18 budget request with
FY 16 actuals
Offered by Representative Wilson

The FY 2017 Management Plan budget for Personal Services is \$8,197,300 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$8,529,400 resulting in an increase of \$332,100 over the FY 17 Management Plan level. This amendment makes a reduction of \$332,500 in the Personal Services line item to align the FY 18 budget request with the FY 17 Management Plan.

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Travel line item for In-State Employee Travel were \$60,800 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$103,200 resulting in an increase of \$42,400 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$50,000 from the Travel line item to align the FY 18 budget request slightly below FY 16 actual expenditures in this line item.

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Travel line item for In-State Non-Employee Travel were \$169,700 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$200,000 resulting in an increase of \$over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes an additional reduction of \$50,000 from the Travel line.

Alaska Energy Authority

Alaska Energy Authority Rural Energy Assistance

H CED 18 - Alignment of the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Travel line item for In-State Employee Travel were \$29,500 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$125,000 resulting in an increase of \$95,500 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$100,000 to the Travel line item to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

K-12 Support

Boarding Home Grants

H DOE 4 - Funding reduction to FY18 Governor's budget request to align Grants with FY16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures for boarding home grants were \$6,618,000 and the FY 18 budget request for these grants is \$7,553,200 resulting in an increase of

\$935,200 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$865,200 from the Grants line of the FY 18 budget request to closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Special Schools

H DOE 5 - Alignment of FY 18 Budget with FY16 Actual Expenditures

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures for special school grants were \$2,285,600 and the FY 18 Budget request for these grants is \$2,432,400 resulting in an increase of \$146,800 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$146,800 to the Grants line for this program to align the FY 18 Budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Education Support Services

Information Services

H DOE 8 - Services Reduction to align FY18 budget with FY16 actual expenditures

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the overall Services line item were \$40,200 and the FY Budget request is \$248,800, which is an increase of \$208,600 over FY16 actual expenditures. The major portion of this increase is attributable to the new shared services RSA. This amendment reduces the Services line item by \$40,000 for increases in budgeted costs for long distance telephone calls, cable services, information technology software and maintenance agreements.

Teaching and Learning Support

Student and School Achievement

H DOE 12 - Alignment of the FY 18 Budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual travel expenditures for in-state employee travel to school districts for technical assistance were \$203,200 and the FY 18 budget request for these activities is \$304,500, an increase of \$101,300 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment reduces the

FY 18 travel request by \$101,300 to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School
H DOE 23 - Alignment of the FY18 Budget Request with FY16 Actual Expenditures
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Services line were \$4,923,400 and the FY 18 Budget request for this line is \$5,327,400 resulting in an increase of \$404,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$300,000 to the Services line to align the FY 18 Budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Administration
Administrative Services
H DEC 2 - Services Reduction to align budget with FY16 actual expenditures Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Services line item for interpreters, non-board commissions honorariums, printing and professional services were \$57,100 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$212,500 resulting in an increase of \$155,400 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$140,000 to the Services line item to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures. This decrement still leaves and increase of \$15,400 totaling \$72,500.

Environmental Health
Food Safety & Sanitation
H DEC 3 - Services Reduction to align with FY16 actual expenditures
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for services such as interpreters, non-board commissions honorariums, printing and professional services were \$6,800 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$176,500 resulting in an increase of \$169,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$150,000 to the Services line item to more closely align the FY 18

budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures. This leaves \$26,400 in this allocation.

Environmental Health

Food Safety & Sanitation

H DEC 5 - Closely align FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for services such as interpreters, non-board commissions honorariums, printing and professional services were \$6,800 and the FY 18 Governor's budget request for this line item is \$176,400 resulting in an increase of \$169,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$150,000 to the Services line item to closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment is intended to encourage the Department to manage its own budget more prudently.

Air Quality

H DEC 12 - Aligns the FY 18 budget request to FY 16 actual expenditure level.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for services such as non-board commissions honorariums, printing and professional services were \$459,600 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$1,318,600 resulting in an increase of \$859,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$859,000 to the Services line item to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Travel line item In-State Employee Travel were \$88,500 and the FY 18 budget request for this line is \$140,000 resulting in an increase of \$51,500 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$50,000 to the Travel line to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Travel line for other travel costs were \$0 and the FY 18 budget request is \$91,000, which is an increase of \$91,000 over FY 16

actual expenditures. Therefore, an additional reduction of \$91,000 in the Travel line is made to this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Vice-Chair Gara asked for a brief point of order. He did not have a problem with the representative reading through all of the amendments. He had read them already. If the member was going to continue reading them, he was going to step out. He suggested that he would come back when needed.

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Representative Thompson commented that it was the only time the public was going to hear what amendments were being considered and how many dollars were involved. He thought the public had the right to hear about the expenditures being discussed.

Co-Chair Seaton responded that there was no effort to curtail going through the amendments. Vice-Chair Gara wanted to inquire of the maker if that was her intention.

Representative Wilson continued to review the proposed amendments:

Wildlife Conservation
Wildlife Conservation Special Projects
H DFG 20 - Reduced funding of UGF for services to align with FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Services line item were \$4,381,700 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$7,757,700 resulting in an increase of \$3,376,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$705,000 from the Services line item, which is the total amount of UGF (1004) in the budget request for this allocation.

H DFG 23
This decrease is 18 Gov - (16Actual*1.035) providing FY16 Actual funding adjusted for inflation.

Statewide Support Services
Boards of Fisheries and Game

H DFG 25 - Funding reduction in overtime pay; align FY 18 budget request to FY 16 actuals.
Offered by Representative Wilson

This allocation has an FY 18 budget request of \$10,085 for premium pay in the Personal Services line item. This amendment reduces premium pay by 25% of the amount budgeted in anticipation of reduced overtime. Declining state revenues dictate that expenditures be reduced by taking a fiscally conservative approach to working hours and that state services be provided in a more effective and efficient manner. Therefore, a reduction of \$2,521 is made from the Personal Services line.

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Travel line for In-State Employee Travel were \$97,000 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$211,000 resulting in an increase of \$114,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$100,000 from the Travel line to align the FY 18 budget request to FY 16 actual expenditures.

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Services line for Other Services were \$33,900 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$205,200 resulting in an increase of \$171,300 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$100,000 from this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Statewide Support Services
State Subsistence Research

H DFG 27 - Funding reduction in travel and commodities based on FY16 actual expenditures
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Travel line for In-State Employee travel were \$186,800 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$234,800 resulting in an increase of \$48,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$100,000 from this allocation in the Travel line.

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Commodities line were \$79,700 and the FY 18 budget request for this

line item is \$181,800 resulting in an increase of \$102,100 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$102,100 from the Commodities to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Executive Operations

Contingency Fund

H GOV 3 - Aligns the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures

Offered by Representative Wilson

This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request of \$550,000 in the Services line for this allocation to \$150,000, which is more in line with FY 16 actual expenditures of \$89,100. This amendment is intended to encourage the Office of the Governor to manage its own budget more prudently

Alaska Pioneer Homes

Alaska Pioneer Homes Management

H HSS 6 - Aligning FY 18 Budget to FY 16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item was \$65,200 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$199,600 resulting in an increase of \$134,400. This amendment makes a reduction of \$100,000 to the FY 18 budget request for this line item to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures, while still allowing for an increase of \$34,400 over FY 16 expenditures.

Alaska Pioneer Homes

Pioneer Homes

H HSS 10 - Reduce Commodities line to

allow for increase of \$290,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Commodities line item were \$2,766,000 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$3,556,000 resulting in an increase of \$790,000. This amendment makes a reduction of \$500,000 to the FY 18 budget request for this line item while still allowing for an increase of \$290,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures.

Alaska Pioneer Homes

Pioneer Homes

H HSS 11 - Align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Services Line item were \$7,102,800 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$8,114,300 resulting in an increase of \$1,011,500. This amendment makes a reduction of \$700,000 to this line item while still allowing for an increase of \$311,500 over FY 16 actual expenditures.

Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants

H HSS 13 - Reduces the FY 18 budget request for grants to \$385.0 over the FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures for grant obligations were \$5,705,600 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$6,690,600 resulting in an increase of \$985,000 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces grant obligations by \$600,000 and provides for an increase of \$385,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment also reduces the FY 18 budget request for sub-recipient pass through grants by \$2,000,000 to an FY 18 budget request of \$50,035,400.

Behavioral Health

Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP)

H HSS 15 - Reduce grants to \$200.0 over FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP)

Reduce grants to \$200.0 over FY 16 actual expenditures.

FY 16 actual expenditures for sub-recipient grants were \$1,488,500 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$1,880,400 resulting in an increase of \$391,900 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request for the Grants/Benefits line item by \$191,900 while still

providing an increase of \$200,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures.

Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health Administration

H HSS 19 - Aligns FY 18 budget request to FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

This amendment make a reduction of \$1,435,035 from this allocation in the following manner:

1) Deletes funding associated with two positions the Department deleted in the FY 18 budget request with no funding reduction (\$237,935 reduction).

2) Reduces the FY 18 budget request in the Personal Services line from \$7,798,700, to the FY 16 actual expenditures.

3) Reduces the FY 18 budget request of \$452,100 in the Travel line to the FY 16 actual expenditures level of \$324,500 (\$127,600 reduction).

4) Reduces the FY 18 budget request in the Services line item, \$2,450,200 to the FY actual expenditure level of \$1,806,700 (\$643,500 reduction).

Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health Prevention and Early Intervention Grants

H HSS 20 - Align FY 18 budget request for Services and Grants line items with FY 16 actuals.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 Health Services Contractual Obligations actual expenditures were \$269,100 and the FY 18 budget request is \$1,254,100, which is an increase of \$985,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures. Therefore, a reduction of \$985,000 in the Services line is made from this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Grants line were \$1,025,200 and the FY 18 budget request is \$3,973,200, which is an increase of \$2,948,000 over FY 16 actual

expenditures. A reduction of \$1,728,300 in the Grants line is made from this allocation, which deletes all G/F Mental Health funds in the allocation.

Behavioral Health

Alaska Mental Health Board and Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

H HSS 25 - Funding reduction in Personal Services based on FY16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures for management consulting costs in this allocation were \$3,400 and the FY 18 budget request is \$99,000. Due to declining revenues, this amendment as a cost containment measure, reduces the amount requested in the FY 18 budget request by \$95,000, which would result in an FY 18 budget request increase of \$600 over FY 16 actuals expenditures.

Health Care Services

Residential Licensing

H HSS 32 - Funding reduction to the Services line to align with FY16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Services line were \$1,598,000 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$1,759,800 resulting in an increase of \$161,800 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$161,800 to this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Health Care Services

Medical Assistance Administration

H HSS 36 - Funding reduction to Services line to align with FY16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the other services line item for printing of manuals were \$51,400 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$300,000 resulting in an increase of \$248,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$200,000 to this allocation and provides for an increase of \$48,600 from the FY 18 budget request over FY 16 actual expenditures.

Juvenile Justice

Youth Courts

H HSS 59 - Reduction in grant funds to more closely align with FY16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures for grants to youth courts throughout Alaska were \$410,800 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$460,500 resulting in an increase of \$49,700 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request for the Grants/Benefits line item by \$50,000 to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Juvenile Justice

Juvenile Justice Health Care

H HSS 61 - Funding reduction to FY18 budget request to align with FY16 actual expenditures

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for on-site medical, dental and psychiatric services were \$565,800 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$704,400 resulting in an increase of \$138,600 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request for the Grants/Benefits line item by \$100,000 to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures while allowing for an increase of \$38,600 over FY 16 expenditures.

Public Assistance

Adult Public Assistance

H HSS 63 - Funding reduction to align the FY18 budget request with FY16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

Actual FY 16 general fund expenditures for Adult Public Assistance Grants were \$52,872,400 and the FY 18 general fund budget request is \$58,936,500, an increase of \$6,064,100 over FY 16 actual expenditures. The state should not be increasing funding when caseloads are decreasing. This amendment deletes the remaining general funds in this allocation from the FY

18 budget request to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Public Assistance

Child Care Benefits

H HSS 64 - More closely aligns the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditure expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the travel line item for In-State employee travel were \$89,600 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$131,000 resulting in an increase of \$41,400 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request for the travel item by \$40,000 to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Public Assistance

Child Care Benefits

H HSS 65 - Closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the services line item were \$2,415,900 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$5,091,400 resulting in an increase of \$2,675,500 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request by \$1,850,100 to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures. Additionally, federal funds have increased by \$10,461,100 between FY 16 actual expenditures and the FY 18 budget request. These funds can be utilized to replace general funds in this allocation.

Public Assistance

Tribal Assistance Programs

H HSS 66 - Funding reduction to align FY 18 budget request to FY16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the grants line item were \$14,654,400 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$15,256,400 resulting in an increase of \$602,000 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request by \$500,000 to more

closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Public Assistance

Public Assistance Field Services

H HSS 69 - Delete 9 PFT positions, associated costs, travel and services to align with FY16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

There are significant increases in a number of line items between actual FY 16 expenditures and the FY 18 budget request in this allocation. This amendment makes reductions to the FY 18 budget request to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures. In-State employee travel increased from \$91,000 to \$138,000, therefore a reduction of \$50,000 is made. In the Services line item, financial services increased from \$7,400 to \$555,000, therefore a reduction of \$400,000 is made. Telecommunications increased from \$218,700 to \$588,200, therefore a reduction of \$300,000 is made. Equipment maintenance increased from \$124,100 to \$185,000, therefore a reduction of \$50,000 is made. Management/consulting increased from \$573,200 to \$816,000, therefore a reduction of \$200,000 is made.

This amendment also makes a reduction to the Personal Services line item by deleting 6 of 285 Eligibility Technicians and 3 of 70 Office Assistants. This will reduce the number of positions in the FY 18 budget request to the actual number of positions in FY 16.

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Public Assistance

Women, Infants and Children

H HSS 74 - Funding reduction for Services and Grants to more closely align with FY16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actuals expenditures in the services line item for delivery services were \$451,000 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$505,000 resulting in an increase of \$54,000 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request by \$50,000 in the services line item to more

closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the grants line item for pass through grants to women, infant and children were \$6,069,900 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$6,688,100 resulting in an increase of \$618,200 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request by \$339,400 in the grants line item.

A total reduction of \$389,400 is made to this allocation, which deletes all unrestricted general funds (source 1004) in the allocation. This allocation is primarily funded with federal funds with an FY 18 budget request of \$24,036,900 and CIP receipts of \$4,397,800.

Public Health

Emergency Programs

H HSS 79 - Funding reductions for personal services, travel and service line items to align with FY16 actuals.

Offered by Representative Wilson

There are significant increases in a number of line items between actual FY 16 expenditures and the FY 18 budget request in this allocation. This amendment makes reductions from the FY 18 request to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures. In-State employee travel increased from \$79,100 to \$205,800, therefore a reduction of \$150,000 is made. In-State Non-employee travel increased from \$34,400 to \$85,000 therefore a reduction of \$50,000 is made. Out of State employee travel increased from \$30,300 to \$50,000 therefore, a reduction of \$20,000 is made. The total of all travel reductions is \$220,000; therefore, a reduction of this amount is made from the Travel line to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

In the services line item, information technology increased from \$59,300 to \$100,000, therefore a reduction of \$50,000 is made. Telecommunications increased from \$39,100 to \$100,000, therefore a reduction of \$50,000 is made.

Structure/Infrastructure/Land increased from \$567,900 to \$650,000 therefore; a reduction of \$50,000 is made. The total of all Service reductions is \$150,000; therefore, a reduction of this amount is made from the Services line to more closely align with FY 16 actual expenditures.

This amendment also makes a reduction from the Personal Services line by deleting 3 positions and the associated personal services costs of \$376,863.

Public Health

Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

H HSS 80 - Closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

There are significant increases in a number of line items between actual FY 16 expenditures and the FY 18 Budget request in this allocation. This amendment makes reductions from the FY 18 request to align the budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures. In-State employee travel increased from \$17,000 to \$127,000, therefore a reduction of \$100,000 is made to the travel line item.

In the Services line item, advertising and promotions increased from \$202,500 to \$500,000, however a reduction of \$500,000 is made to this line item to eliminate the entire request. This expenditure is not necessary for the department to fulfill their mission. Other services increased from \$4,936,200 to \$5,370,900; therefore, a reduction of \$400,000 is made. The total of all service reductions is \$900,000; therefore, a reduction of this amount is made from the Services line item.

In the grants line item, Sub-Recipient pass through grants increased from \$5,096,100 to \$5,435,200, therefore a reduction of \$400,000 is made from this line item.

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Public Health

Bureau of Vital Statistics

H HSS 83 - Align the FY 18 budget request more closely to FY 16 actual expenditures.
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the services line item for professional service contracts were \$41,600 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$307,900 resulting in an increase of \$266,300 over FY 16 expenditures, therefore a reduction of \$143,400 is made to this line. This will eliminate the FY 18 budget request for unrestricted general funds budgeted in this allocation, which has a total funding request of \$3,500,700.

Senior and Disabilities Services
Senior and Disabilities Services Administration
H HSS 88 - Funding reduction in Personal Services, Travel, and Services line items to reflect FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Wilson

There are significant increases in a number of line items between actual FY 16 expenditures and the FY 18 budget request in this allocation. This amendment makes reductions to the FY 18 budget request to align the budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures. Although total positions decreased from 165 to 163 in this allocation, the Personal Services line item increased from \$15,575,500 to \$17,576,700, an increase of \$2,001,200. Therefore, a reduction of \$2,001,200 is being made to the Personal Services line item. In-State employee travel increased from \$340,600 to \$465,000, therefore a reduction of \$125,000 is made to the Travel line item. In the Services line item, other services increased from \$126,900 to \$768,000, therefore a reduction of \$600,000 is made to this line item.

Senior and Disabilities Services
Senior Community Based Grants
H HSS 89 - Reduces funding from FY18 budget request to align with FY16 Actual expenditures.
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Grants line item for sub-recipient pass-through grants were \$15,079,900 and the FY 18 Governor's budget request for this line

item is \$16,901,500 resulting in an increase of \$1,821,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$1,821,600 to this allocation to align the FY 18 Governor's budget request to FY 16 actual expenditures in this line item.

Senior and Disabilities Services
Commission on Aging

H HSS 90 - Closely align the FY 18 budget request for travel with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Travel line item for In-State Employee Travel were \$7,800 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$41,000 resulting in an increase of \$33,200 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$33,200 from this allocation in the Travel line item to align the FY 18 budget request to FY 16 actual expenditures.

Senior and Disabilities Services
Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education

H HSS 91 - Align FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Commodities line item for business were \$15,800 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$38,400 resulting in an increase of \$22,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$22,600 to this allocation in the Commodities line item to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Departmental Support Services
Administrative Support Services

H HSS 96 - Aligning FY 18 Budget Request with FY 16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for Other Services was \$79,400 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$544,600 resulting in an increase of \$465,200 over FY 16 expenditures. This

amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request by \$400,000 to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

FY 2016 actual expenditures in the Commodities line item for general office supplies were \$40,100 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$111,000 resulting in an increase of \$70,900 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request by \$70,900 to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Department Support Services

Facilities Management

H HSS 98 - Aligns the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Travel line item for In-State Employee travel were \$13,900 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$30,200 resulting in an increase of \$16,300 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request by \$16,300 to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures. FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for Other Services were \$200 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$46,100 resulting in an increase of \$45,900 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request by \$13,800 to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures and deletes all unrestricted general funds in this allocation.

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Departmental Support Services

HSS State Facilities Rent

H HSS 100 - Reduces the FY18 budget request to align with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for Other Services were \$4,531,300 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$5,168,600 resulting in an increase of \$637,300 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment

reduces the FY 18 budget request by \$600,000 to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Military and Veterans' Affairs

Office of the Commissioner

H MVA 3 - Alignment of the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

A reduction of \$763,436 in the Personal Services line is made from this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures of \$3,939,100. This is accomplished by deleting a Special Assistant to the Commissioner, one of five Network Specialists, one of four Procurement Specialists, two of seven Accounting Technicians, one of three Administrative Assistants and a Division Director.

A reduction of \$43,300 in the Travel line is made from this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with the FY 17 Management plan budget of \$80,500.

A reduction of \$64,100 in the Commodities line for business expenditures is made from this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with the FY 17 Management plan budget of \$63,900.

Military and Veterans' Affairs

Army Guard Facilities Maintenance

H MVA 6 - To better align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

A reduction of \$432,600 in the Services line for utilities is made from this allocation to better align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures of \$2,415,500 while still allowing for an increase of \$68,000 over FY 16 actual expenditures. The FY 18 budget request for the Air Guard Facility Maintenance allocation and the Army Guard Facility Maintenance allocation both included an increase of \$500,000 between the FY 18 budget request and FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment is intended to encourage the Department to manage its own budget more prudently.

Military and Veterans' Affairs
Air Guard Facilities Maintenance
H MVA 7 - To better align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.
Offered by Representative Wilson

A reduction of \$273,500 in the Services line for utilities is made from this allocation to better align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures of \$1,702,700 while still allowing for an increase of \$226,500 over FY 16 actual expenditures. The FY 18 budget request for the Air Guard Facility Maintenance allocation and the Army Guard Facility Maintenance allocation both included an increase of \$500,000 between the FY 18 budget request and FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment is intended to encourage the Department to manage its own budget more prudently.

Military and Veterans' Affairs
Alaska Military Youth Academy
H MVA 8 - Alignment of the FY 18 budget request to FY 16 actual expenditures.
Offered by Representative Wilson

A reduction of \$183,300 in the Personal Services line is made from this allocation to better align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures which increased by \$216,600 between these two years. This is accomplished by deleting one of 17 AMYA Team Leader positions and one of 10 Food Service Journey positions.

A reduction of \$100,000 in the Services line for Education Services is made from this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures of \$113,800 which increased by \$100,000 between these two years. An additional reduction of \$25,000 in the Services line for State Equipment Fleet costs is made from this allocation to better align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures of \$101,800. There was an increase of \$24,000 between these two years.

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Military and Veterans' Affairs

H MVA 9 - To align the FY 18 budget request to FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

A reduction of \$50,000 in the Travel line for In-State Employee Travel is made from this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures of \$22,100. There was an increase of \$50,000 between these two years. An additional reduction of \$25,000 in the Travel line for In-State Non-Employee Travel is also made from this allocation.

Alaska State Troopers

Alaska Bureau of Highway Patrol

H DPS 7 - Align State Equipment Fleet Funding Closer to FY16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures for state equipment fleet costs in this allocation were \$68,400 and the FY 18 Governor's budget request is \$790,000. This amendment reduces the FY 18 budget request by \$700,000. State equipment fleet costs include fuel, fixed costs for asset maintenance, maintenance and repair services not included as a fixed asset cost, fixed cost services for equipment replacement, unallowable A87 expenses, and repairs and maintenance services.

Alaska State Troopers

Search and Rescue

H DPS 12 - Alignment of FY18 Services Line to FY16 Actual Expenditures

Offered by Representative Wilson

This amendment reduces the Services line item to the actual FY 16 expenditure level in some categories. For example, actual equipment maintenance totaled \$59,000 in FY16; however, the amount requested in the FY 18 is \$158,900, approximately \$100,000 over actual expenditures. The remaining reduction of \$58,000 can be taken in other Services line categories such as training materials and printing costs where actual FY 16 expenditures are less than the FY 18 budget request.

Alaska State Troopers

Rural Trooper Housing

H DPS 13 - Alignment of FY 18 to FY16 actual expenditures
Offered by Representative Wilson

This amendment reduces the Services line item in some categories to the FY 16 actual expenditure level. Actual utility costs were \$565,700 in FY 16 and the FY 18 budget request is \$845,000. Therefore, a reduction of \$279,300 is made to the Services line. Additionally, Rural Trooper Housing unit lease costs were \$1,548,900 in FY 16 and the FY 18 Governor's budget request is \$1,885,000. An additional reduction of \$336,100 made to the Services line item for this increase. The total amount of these two reductions is \$615,400 and is reflected in this amendment.

Alaska State Troopers
Statewide Drug and Alcohol Enforcement Unit
H DPS 15 - Align Personal Services to FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Personal Services line item were \$4,858,900 and the FY 18 Governor's budget request is \$5,915,100, which is an increase of \$1,056,200 over FY 16 actual expenditures. Therefore, a reduction of \$1,056,200 in the Personal Services line is made to this allocation to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

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Alaska State Troopers
Statewide Drug and Alcohol Enforcement Unit
H DPS 17 - Align Equipment Fleet Funding to FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for state equipment fleet costs such as fuel and variable maintenance and repair services were \$191,100 and the FY 18 Budget request for this line item is \$300,000. This is an increase of \$108,900 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$108,900 to the Services line item to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Alaska Police Standards Council

H DPS 31 - Alignment of the FY18 budget request with FY16 actual expenditures. Offered by Representative Wilson

Actual expenditures in the Personal Services line item were \$324,000 in FY 16 and the FY 18 budget request is \$469,700, which is an increase of \$145,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures. Therefore, a reduction of \$145,700 is being made to the Personal Services line item to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
H DPS 32 - Alignment of FY18 Budget with FY16 actual expenditures.
Offered by Representative Wilson

Reduce grants to victim services programs to carry out the statewide mission of the council to the level of FY 16 actual expenditures. Actual expenditures in FY 16 were \$13,565,900 and the FY 18 budget request is \$14,302,700, which is an increase of \$736,800 over FY 16 actual expenditures. Therefore, a reduction of \$736,800 to the Grants line item is being taken in this allocation.

Statewide Support
Statewide Information Technology Services
H DPS 41 - Align Services Funding Closer to FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Wilson

The Department's FY 18 budget request for the Services line item is \$3,194,100 compared to FY 16 actual expenditures of \$2,077,400. This is an increase of \$1,116,700 over FY 16 expenditures. Some increases appear necessary such as the RSA with the new Shared Services Division in the Department of Administration for \$223,400. This amendment reduces this line item for other increases, such as the \$420,000 increase in software maintenance and license contracts, and will require the Department to exercise additional cost containment measures.

Statewide Support
Statewide Information Technology Service

H DPS 42 - Align Commodities Funding Closer to FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Wilson

The Department's FY 18 budget request for the commodities line item is \$124,600 more than the FY 16 actual expenditures. The increases are due to increased budgets for items such as office supplies, furniture, books, monitors, protective clothing and first aid kits. This amendment reduces this line item for these increases and will require the Department to exercise additional cost containment measures. FY 16 actual expenditures in the Commodities line item were \$283,800 and the FY 18 Governor's budget request is \$408,400, which is an increase of \$124,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures. Therefore, a reduction of \$100,000 in the Personal Services line is made to this allocation to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Administration and Support
Information Systems and Services
H DOT 7 - Alignment of the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actuals.
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for information technology were \$918,400 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$1,139,000 resulting in an increase of \$220,600 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$200,000 from the Services line to more closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures leaving \$939,000 in this allocation.

Administration and Support
Southcoast Region Support Services
H DOT 10 - Aligns the FY 18 budget request for travel with FY 16 actual expenditures.
Offered by Representative Wilson

This amendment makes a reduction of \$30,000 to the FY 18 budget request from the Travel line for In-State Employee travel to align the FY 18 budget request of \$48,000 with FY 16 actual expenditures of \$18,800.

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Administration and Support

Statewide Aviation

H DOT 11 - Alignment of the FY 18 budget request to FY 16 actuals.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for inspections/testing, maintenance management collection fees and enterprise technology fees were \$0 dollars and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$223,100 resulting in an increase of \$223,100 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$100,000 from this line item and allows for an increase of \$123,100 over FY 16 actual expenditures leaving \$141,800 in this allocation.

Design, Engineering and Construction

Southcoast Design and Engineering Services

H DOT 18 - Align the FY 18 budget request for office equipment with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Commodities line item for computer, monitor and printer replacement were \$36,400 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$103,200 resulting in an increase of \$66,800 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$66,800 from this line item to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Highways, Aviation and Facilities

Central Region Facilities

H DOT 22 - Closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for other repairs and maintenance were \$110,000 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$241,800 resulting in an increase of \$131,800 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$100,000 to this line item to closely align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Highways, Aviation and Facilities

Central Region Facilities

H DOT 25 - Align FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for other maintenance and repair costs were \$110,000 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$241,800 resulting in an increase of \$131,800 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$50,000 from the Services line to reduce expenditures while allowing for an increase of \$81,800 over the FY 16 actual expenditures.

Marine Highway System

Marine Vessel Operations

H DOT 28 - Align the FY 18 budget request with the FY 16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for deck and engine logbooks, menu layout, purser and stewards forms, laundry services and commission agent fees were \$541,400 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$800,000 resulting in an increase of \$258,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$200,000 from the Services line and allows for an increase of \$58,600 over FY 16 actual expenditures leaving \$600,000 in this allocation.

Marine Highway System

Reservations and Marketing

H DOT 34 - Align FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual personal service expenditures.

Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Personal Services line item were \$1,429,100 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$1,561,900 resulting in an increase of \$132,800 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$132,800 from this line item to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

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Marine Highway System
Reservations and Marketing
H DOT 35 - Align the FY 18 budget request for advertising with FY 16 actual expenditures.
Offered by Representative Wilson

FY 16 actual expenditures in the Services line item for advertising in state and national publications were \$76,900 and the FY 18 budget request for this line item is \$299,900 resulting in an increase of \$223,000 over FY 16 expenditures. This amendment makes a reduction of \$223,000 from this line item to align the FY 18 budget request with FY 16 actual expenditures.

Representative Wilson would now review the amendments offered by Representative Tilton:

Shared Services of Alaska
Non-Public Building Fund Facilities
H DOA 16 - Decrease to Non-Public Building Fund Facilities Based on FY16 Actual x Inflation Factor
Offered by Representative Tilton

This decrease is $18\text{Gov} - (16\text{Actual} * \text{InflationAdjustment})$.
 $\$481.4 - (\$437.3 * 1.035)$
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -28.7

Statewide Support Services
Administrative Services
H DGF 23 - Decrease UGF spending to FY16 Actual adjusted for inflation.
Offered by Representative Tilton

This decrease is $18\text{Gov} - (16\text{Actual} * 1.035)$ providing FY16 Actual funding adjusted for inflation.
1007 I/A Rcpts (Other) -1,586.3

Boards of Fisheries and Game
H DFG 24 - Decrease UGF spending to FY16 Actual adjusted for inflation.
Offered by Representative Tilton

$(1232.8) - (863.9 * 1.035)$
 $894.1365 - 1232.8 = -338.664$
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1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -338.7

Behavioral Health
Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP)
H HSS 17 - Decrease to grants to reflect FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

This decrease is $18\text{Gov} - 16\text{Actual} * \text{InflAdj}$ (3.5%)
 $1880.4 - (1471 * 1.035)$
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF) -357.0

Behavioral Health
Behavioral Health Administration
H HSS 18 - Decrease to Behavioral Health
Administration travel and services to reflect FY16
Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

This decrease is $16\text{Actual} * \text{Inflation Adjustment} - 18\text{Gov}$
 $(465.5 * 1.035) - 718.6$
The split between travel and services maintains the
funding ratio from 16Actual (Travel=15% and
Services=85%)
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -236.8

Behavioral Health
Residential Child Care
H HSS 27 - Decrease to Residential Child Care travel
and services to reflect FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

$(16\text{Actual Travel \& Services} * 1.035) - 18\text{Gov}$
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -188.8

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Children's Services
Children's Services Management
H HSS 30 - Decrease to Children's Services Management
services to reflect FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

$16\text{Actual } 1004(\text{UGF}) * 1.035 - 18\text{Gov } 1004(\text{UGF})$
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -20.5

Health Care Services
Residential Licensing

H HSS 33 - Reduction to services based on FY16 actual expenditures
Offered by Representative Tilton

This reduction is $16\text{Actual} + \text{InfAdj} - 18\text{Gov}$.
1005 GF/Prgm (DGF) -119.2

Health Care Services
Medical Assistance Administration
H HSS 34 - Decrease to Medical Assistance Administration services to align with FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

$16\text{Actual} 1004 (\text{UGF}) * 1.035 - 18\text{Gov} 1004 (\text{UGF})$
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -1,015.0

Juvenile Justice
Probation Services
H HSS 52 - Decrease to Probation Services travel to reflect FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

Reduces travel to $16\text{Actual} * \text{InflationAdj} - 18\text{Gov}$.
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -62.0

Juvenile Justice
Youth Courts
H HSS 58 - Decrease Youth Courts travel and grants to reflect FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

This decrease is $16\text{Actual} * \text{InflationAdj} - 18\text{Gov}$.
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -47.2

Juvenile Justice
Juvenile Justice Health Care
H HSS 60 - Decrease to Juvenile Justice Healthcare to reflect FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

This decrease is $16\text{Actual} 1004 (\text{UGF}) * 1.035 - 18\text{Gov}$.
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -79.0

Public Assistance
Adult Public Assistance
H HSS 62 - Decrease to Adult Public Assistance to reflect FY16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Tilton

This decrease is $16\text{Actual} * 1.075 - 18\text{Gov}$.
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -2,096.7

Public Assistance

Public Assistance Field Services

H HSS 68 - Decrease to services for public assistance
field services to reflect FY16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Tilton

There has been some significant changes in funding
sources between 16Actual and 18Gov. This decrease is
 $16\text{Actual}(1003+1004) * 1.035$ (estimated rate of
inflation) $- 18\text{Gov}(1003+1004)$. The reductions by fund
sources reflect the percentage of the 18Gov.

1003 G/F Match (UGF) -1,237.5

1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -461.2

Public Assistance

Quality Control

H HSS 71 - Decrease to Quality Control to reflect FY16
Actuals

Offered by Representative Tilton

FY16Actual 1004 (UGF) * 1.035 - 18Gov 1004 (UGF)

1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -30.9

Public Health

Women, Children and Family Health

H HSS 77 - Decrease to services to reflect FY16
Actuals

Offered by Representative Tilton

The formula for this decrease is as follows:

$= \text{AVG}((16\text{Actual} * 1.035) + 18\text{GOV}) - 18\text{GOV}$

1005 GF/Prgm (DGF) -497.0

Public Health

Bureau of Vital Statistics

H HSS 82 - Decrease to Bureau of Vital Statistics to
reflect FY16 Actuals

Offered by Representative Tilton

This reduction is $16\text{Actual} * \text{InflationAdjustment} -$
 18Gov .

$(42.7 * 1.035) - 143.4$

1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -99.2

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Departmental Support Services
Administrative Support Services
H HSS 95 - Decrease to Admin Support Services to
reflect FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

16Actual Services*1.035 - 18Gov (rounded to the
nearest decimal point).
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -875.0

Departmental Support Services
Facilities Management
H HSS 97 - Decrease to Facilities Management to
reflect FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

This decrease is 16Actual 1004 (UGF)*1.035 - 18Gov
1004 (UGF).
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -12.3

Departmental Support Services
HSS State Facilities Rent
H HSS 101 - Decrease to HSS Facilities Rent to reflect
FY16 Actuals
Offered by Representative Tilton

This decrease is 16Actual*InflAdj - 18Gov
= (2948.5*1.035) 3051.7 - 3185.4
1004 Gen Fund (UGF) -133.7

Representative Wilson opined that not all of the amendments just returned to actual numbers. She thought going through the amendments individually would have allowed people to vote up or down on each amendment. She pointed out that in the packet there were position control numbers (PCN's) that were deleted by the governor or the departments but the corresponding funding had not been removed. She also noted that for some of the major increases there were explanations provided in the detail. She found many of the increases in the areas of travel, services, and commodities without an explanation for them. In many of the areas, including Juvenile Justice, the data showed a decrease in the number of people served, but there were increases to

the associated budget. She noted there were areas where she found an increase in personnel. She also found decreases in personnel but increases in the personnel appropriation line. The premise of she and her colleague was to start with FY16 actuals. She thought using numbers from a certain point in time to compare to current spending was a good approach. She had tediously examined budget details to understand the reasoning for adding personnel or increasing appropriations. She did not bring several of her amendments to the subcommittee process because she had been told to bring them to the full finance committee. She asked for support from members.

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Representative Pruitt asked for a fifteen minute "At Ease."

Co-Chair Seaton indicated that a vote would be taken and the meeting would adjourn until 1:30 p.m.

Co-Chair Foster MAINTAINED his OBJECTION.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion.

IN FAVOR: Pruitt, Thompson, Tilton, Wilson

OPPOSED: Kawasaki, Ortiz, Gara, Grenn, Guttenberg, Seaton, Foster

The MOTION FAILED (4/7). Amendment H DOA 10 as amended FAILED.

HB 57 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

HB 59 was HEARD and HELD in committee for further consideration.

Co-Chair Seaton indicated that the committee would be addressing the remainder of the amendments, which were formatted separately and would be taken up individually.

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ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 p.m.