

CONFERENCE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 270

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/14/24

Sponsor(s): HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

4 (SECTION 1 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON PAGE 2)

* **Section 1.** The following appropriation items are for operating expenditures from the general fund or other funds as set out in the fiscal year 2025 budget summary for the operating budget by funding source to the agencies named for the purposes expressed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, unless otherwise indicated.

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
	*****	*****	*****
***** Department of Administration *****			
	*****	*****	
Legal and Advocacy Services	3,826,400	3,454,800	371,600
Office of Public Advocacy	2,558,300		
Public Defender Agency	1,268,100		
	*****	*****	
***** Department of Corrections *****			
	*****	*****	
Community Residential Centers	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Community Residential Centers	1,000,000		
Health and Rehabilitation Services	15,435,700	14,663,000	772,700
Physical Health Care	3,512,000		
Behavioral Health Care	8,104,800		
Substance Abuse Treatment Program	1,643,900		
Sex Offender Management Program	2,000,000		
Domestic Violence Program	175,000		
Offender Habilitation	1,433,000	1,433,000	
Education Programs	827,000		
Vocational Education Programs	606,000		

		Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds
3	Recidivism Reduction Grants	504,000	504,000	
4	Recidivism Reduction Grants	504,000		
5	*****	*****		
6	***** Department of Education and Early Development *****			
7	*****	*****		
8	Education Support and Admin Services	562,500	427,800	134,700
9	Student and School	562,500		
10	Achievement			
11	*****	*****		
12	***** Department of Family and Community Services *****			
13	*****	*****		
14	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	21,109,800	21,109,800	
15	Alaska Psychiatric	21,109,800		
16	Institute			
17	Children's Services	2,711,900	2,376,900	335,000
18	Children's Services	554,500		
19	Management			
20	Front Line Social Workers	148,500		
21	Family Preservation	726,000		
22	Foster Care Augmented Rate	500,000		
23	Foster Care Special Need	782,900		
24	Juvenile Justice	1,608,300	1,508,300	100,000
25	McLaughlin Youth Center	888,900		
26	Fairbanks Youth Facility	127,200		
27	Bethel Youth Facility	195,600		
28	Probation Services	396,600		
29	Departmental Support Services	7,848,500	7,304,900	543,600
30	Coordinated Health and	7,304,900		
31	Complex Care			
32	Commissioner's Office	543,600		
33	*****	*****		

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Items	Funds
		***** Department of Health *****		
		*****	*****	
5	Behavioral Health		58,028,300	57,111,500
6	Behavioral Health Treatment	36,931,700		
7	and Recovery Grants			
8	Alcohol Safety Action	1,263,000		
9	Program (ASAP)			
10	Behavioral Health	10,601,600		
11	Administration			
12	Behavioral Health	5,537,000		
13	Prevention and Early			
14	Intervention Grants			
15	Alaska Mental Health Board	997,600		
16	and Advisory Board on			
17	Alcohol and Drug Abuse			
18	Suicide Prevention Council	608,700		
19	Residential Child Care	2,088,700		
20	Health Care Services		156,300	156,300
21	Residential Licensing	156,300		
22	Public Health		6,617,300	5,781,900
23	Women, Children and Family	2,261,700		
24	Health			
25	Emergency Programs	755,400		
26	Chronic Disease Prevention	3,560,200		
27	and Health Promotion			
28	Bureau of Vital Statistics	40,000		
29	Senior and Disabilities Services		12,865,100	11,097,000
30	Senior and Disabilities	1,430,600		
31	Community Based Grants			
32	Early Intervention/Infant	7,884,500		
33	Learning Programs			

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
			Funds
3	Senior and Disabilities	2,319,000	
4	Services Administration		
5	It is the intent of the legislature that the Department raise the \$18,500 per project cap for		
6	environmental modifications to \$40,000 per project, exclusive of shipping costs to remote		
7	communities, and extend the project timeline limit from 90 days to 270 days better reflect the		
8	true cost and time challenges of providing Environmental Modifications Services (E-Mods		
9	Program) in remote, rural areas of Alaska.		
10	General Relief/Temporary	740,300	
11	Assisted Living		
12	Commission on Aging	210,100	
13	Governor's Council on	280,600	
14	Disabilities and Special		
15	Education		
16	Medicaid Services	82,155,800	82,155,800
17	Medicaid Services	82,155,800	
18	It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall increase Medicaid reimbursement		
19	rates for autism services by 12.76% to bring payment parity with similar Medicaid behavioral		
20	health service codes.		
21	* * * * *	* * * * *	
22	* * * * * Department of Labor and Workforce Development * * * * *		
23	* * * * *	* * * * *	
24	Commissioner and Administrative	25,800	25,800
25	Services		
26	Labor Market Information	25,800	
27	* * * * *	* * * * *	
28	* * * * * Department of Law * * * * *		
29	* * * * *	* * * * *	
30	Civil Division	100,100	100,100
31	The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated		
32	balance on June 30, 2024, of inter-agency receipts collected in the Department of Law's		
33	federally approved cost allocation plan.		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	Items		
1			
2			
3	Health, Safety & Welfare	100,100	
4	*****	*****	
5	***** Department of Natural Resources *****		
6	*****	*****	
7	Administration & Support Services	5,156,600	5,156,600
8	Mental Health Trust Lands	5,156,600	
9	Administration		
10	*****	*****	
11	***** Department of Public Safety *****		
12	*****	*****	
13	Alaska State Troopers	100,000	50,000
14	Alaska State Trooper	100,000	
15	Detachments		
16	Alaska Police Standards Council	80,000	80,000
17	The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated		
18	balance on June 30, 2024, of the receipts collected under AS 12.25.195(c), AS 12.55.039, AS		
19	28.05.151, and AS 29.25.074 and receipts collected under AS 18.65.220(7).		
20	Alaska Police Standards	80,000	
21	Council		
22	Victim Services	2,004,600	2,004,600
23	It is the intent of the legislature that the Department, when preparing its FY26 budget		
24	submission to the legislature, consider how to maintain Child Advocacy Center service in		
25	regard to the loss of federal funding.		
26	Council on Domestic	2,004,600	
27	Violence and Sexual Assault		
28	*****	*****	
29	***** Department of Revenue *****		
30	*****	*****	
31	Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority	5,594,600	695,000
32	Mental Health Trust	4,899,600	
33	Operations		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	Items		
1			
2			
3	Long Term Care Ombudsman	695,000	
4	Office		
5	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	400,000	200,000
6	AHFC Operations	400,000	200,000
7	* * * * *	* * * * *	
8	* * * * * University of Alaska * * * * *		
9	* * * * *	* * * * *	
10	University of Alaska	3,118,300	1,005,800
11	Anchorage Campus	3,068,300	
12	Fairbanks Campus	50,000	
13	* * * * * * * * * *		
14	* * * * * Judiciary * * * * *		
15	* * * * * * * * * *		
16	Alaska Court System	532,800	532,800
17	Trial Courts	532,800	
18	Therapeutic Courts	4,465,400	4,287,100
19	Therapeutic Courts	4,465,400	178,300
20	(SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)		

* **Sec. 2.** The following appropriation items are for operating expenditures from the general fund or other funds as set out in the fiscal year 2025 budget summary for the operating budget by funding source to the state agencies named and for the purposes set out in the new legislation for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, unless otherwise indicated. The appropriations in this section fund legislation assumed to have passed during the second session of the thirty-third legislature. If a measure listed in this section fails to pass and its substance is not incorporated in some other measure, or is vetoed by the governor, the appropriation for that measure shall be reduced accordingly.

Appropriation

SB 259 COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN STATE EMPLOYEES

Department of Administration

Agency Unallocated

Agency Unallocated Appropriation

1037 GF/MH 116,600

Department of Corrections

Agency Unallocated

Agency Unallocated Appropriation

1037 GF/MH 56,900

1246 RcdvsmFund 5,300

Department of Family and Community Services

Agency Unallocated

Agency Unallocated

1037 GF/MH 108,200

Department of Health

Agency Unallocated

Agency Unallocated Appropriation

1037 GF/MH 39,000

1092 MHTAAR 6,300

Department of Natural Resources

Agency Unallocated

Agency Unallocated Appropriation

1	1092 MHTAAR	260,500
2	Department of Revenue	
3	Agency Unallocated	
4	Agency Unallocated Appropriation	
5	1037 GF/MH	28,000
6	1094 MHT Admin	273,700
7	*** Total New Legislation Funding ***	894,500

8 (SECTION 3 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

1 * **Sec. 3.** The following sets out the funding by agency for the appropriations made in sec. 1
 2 and sec. 2 of this Act.

			New	
	Funding Source	Operating	Legislation	Total
3				
4				
5	Department of Administration			
6	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	3,454,800	116,600	3,571,400
7	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority	371,600	0	371,600
8	Authorized Receipts			
9	*** Total Agency Funding ***	3,826,400	116,600	3,943,000
10	Department of Corrections			
11	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	8,976,000	56,900	9,032,900
12	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority	772,700	0	772,700
13	Authorized Receipts			
14	1246 Recidivism Reduction Fund	8,624,000	5,300	8,629,300
15	*** Total Agency Funding ***	18,372,700	62,200	18,434,900
16	Department of Education and Early Development			
17	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	427,800	0	427,800
18	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority	134,700	0	134,700
19	Authorized Receipts			
20	*** Total Agency Funding ***	562,500	0	562,500
21	Department of Family and Community Services			
22	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	32,299,900	108,200	32,408,100
23	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority	978,600	0	978,600
24	Authorized Receipts			
25	*** Total Agency Funding ***	33,278,500	108,200	33,386,700
26	Department of Health			
27	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	121,590,100	39,000	121,629,100
28	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority	3,520,300	6,300	3,526,600
29	Authorized Receipts			
30	1180 Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse	20,382,000	0	20,382,000
31	Treatment & Prevention Fund			

			New		
			Operating	Legislation	Total
1					
2					
3	1246	Recidivism Reduction Fund	6,008,900	0	6,008,900
4	1254	Marijuana Education and	8,321,500	0	8,321,500
5		Treatment Fund			
6	***	Total Agency Funding ***	159,822,800	45,300	159,868,100
7	Department of Labor and Workforce Development				
8	1092	Mental Health Trust Authority	25,800	0	25,800
9		Authorized Receipts			
10	***	Total Agency Funding ***	25,800	0	25,800
11	Department of Law				
12	1037	General Fund / Mental Health	100,100	0	100,100
13	***	Total Agency Funding ***	100,100	0	100,100
14	Department of Natural Resources				
15	1092	Mental Health Trust Authority	5,156,600	260,500	5,417,100
16		Authorized Receipts			
17	***	Total Agency Funding ***	5,156,600	260,500	5,417,100
18	Department of Public Safety				
19	1037	General Fund / Mental Health	50,000	0	50,000
20	1092	Mental Health Trust Authority	130,000	0	130,000
21		Authorized Receipts			
22	1246	Recidivism Reduction Fund	2,004,600	0	2,004,600
23	***	Total Agency Funding ***	2,184,600	0	2,184,600
24	Department of Revenue				
25	1037	General Fund / Mental Health	895,000	28,000	923,000
26	1092	Mental Health Trust Authority	200,000	0	200,000
27		Authorized Receipts			
28	1094	Mental Health Trust	4,899,600	273,700	5,173,300
29		Administration			
30	***	Total Agency Funding ***	5,994,600	301,700	6,296,300
31	University of Alaska				
32	1037	General Fund / Mental Health	1,005,800	0	1,005,800
33	1092	Mental Health Trust Authority	2,112,500	0	2,112,500

		New	
		Operating	Legislation
			Total
1			
2			
3	Authorized Receipts		
4	*** Total Agency Funding ***	3,118,300	0
5	Judiciary		
6	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	4,301,900	0
7	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority	178,300	0
8	Authorized Receipts		
9	1180 Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse	518,000	0
10	Treatment & Prevention Fund		
11	*** Total Agency Funding ***	4,998,200	0
12	* * * * * Total Budget * * * * *	237,441,100	894,500
13			238,335,600

(SECTION 4 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

1 * **Sec. 4.** The following sets out the statewide funding for the appropriations made in sec. 1
 2 and sec. 2 of this Act.

			New	
	Funding Source	Operating	Legislation	Total
5	Unrestricted General			
6	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	173,101,400	348,700	173,450,100
7	*** Total Unrestricted General ***	173,101,400	348,700	173,450,100
8	Designated General			
9	1180 Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse	20,900,000	0	20,900,000
10	Treatment & Prevention Fund			
11	1246 Recidivism Reduction Fund	16,637,500	5,300	16,642,800
12	1254 Marijuana Education and	8,321,500	0	8,321,500
13	Treatment Fund			
14	*** Total Designated General ***	45,859,000	5,300	45,864,300
15	Other Non-Duplicated			
16	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority	13,581,100	266,800	13,847,900
17	Authorized Receipts			
18	1094 Mental Health Trust	4,899,600	273,700	5,173,300
19	Administration			
20	*** Total Other Non-Duplicated ***	18,480,700	540,500	19,021,200

21 (SECTION 5 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

1 * **Sec. 5.** The following appropriation items are for capital projects and grants from the
 2 general fund or other funds as set out in section 5 of this Act by funding source to the
 3 agencies named for the purposes expressed and lapse under AS 37.25.020, unless otherwise
 4 noted.

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds

	* * * * *	* * * * *	
	* * * * *	Health	* * * * *
	* * * * *	* * * * *	

10	MH Trust: Essential Program Equipment	500,000	250,000	250,000
11	(HD 1-40)			

12	MH Trust: Home Modification and	1,150,000	1,150,000	
13	Upgrades to Retain Housing (HD 1-40)			
14		* * * * *	* * * * *	

	* * * * *	Department of Revenue	* * * * *	
	* * * * *	* * * * *		

17 **Alaska Housing Finance Corporation**

18	MH Trust: AHFC Beneficiary and Special	3,700,000	3,500,000	200,000
19	Needs Housing (HD 1-40)			

20	MH Trust: AHFC Homeless Assistance	10,150,000	9,200,000	950,000
21	Program (HD 1-40)			

22	MH Trust: AHFC Rural Housing	135,000		135,000
23	Coordinator - New Region (HD 1-40)			

24	MH Trust: AHFC Rural Housing	135,000		135,000
25	Coordinator - Northwest Arctic Borough			
26	(HD 1-40)			

	* * * * *	* * * * *		
	* * * * *	Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	* * * * *	
	* * * * *	* * * * *		

30	MH Trust: Coordinated Transportation	1,250,000	1,000,000	250,000
31	and Vehicles (HD 1-40)			

1		Appropriation	General	Other
2		Allocations	Items	Funds
3		(SECTION 6 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)		

1 * **Sec. 6.** The following sets out the funding by agency for the appropriations made in sec. 5 of
2 this Act.

3	Funding Source	Amount
4	Health	
5	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	1,400,000
6	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	250,000
7	*** Total Agency Funding ***	1,650,000
8	Department of Revenue	
9	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	4,600,000
10	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	1,420,000
11	1139 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Dividend	8,100,000
12	*** Total Agency Funding ***	14,120,000
13	Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	
14	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	1,000,000
15	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	250,000
16	*** Total Agency Funding ***	1,250,000
17	* * * * * Total Budget * * * * *	17,020,000

18 (SECTION 7 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

1 * **Sec. 7.** The following sets out the statewide funding for the appropriations made in sec. 5 of
2 this Act.

3	Funding Source	Amount
4	Unrestricted General	
5	1037 General Fund / Mental Health	7,000,000
6	1139 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Dividend	8,100,000
7	*** Total Unrestricted General ***	15,100,000
8	Other Non-Duplicated	
9	1092 Mental Health Trust Authority Authorized Receipts	1,920,000
10	*** Total Other Non-Duplicated ***	1,920,000

11 (SECTION 8 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)

1 * **Sec. 8. PURPOSE.** In accordance with AS 37.14.003 and 37.14.005, the appropriations
2 made in this Act are for the state's integrated comprehensive mental health program.

3 * **Sec. 9. BONUSES FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.** (a)
4 The money appropriated in this Act includes amounts to implement the payment of bonuses
5 and other monetary terms of letters of agreement entered into between the state and collective
6 bargaining units under AS 23.40.070 - 23.40.260 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

7 (b) The Office of the Governor, office of management and budget, shall

8 (1) not later than 30 days after the Department of Administration enters into a
9 letter of agreement described in (a) of this section, provide to the legislative finance division
10 in electronic form

11 (A) a copy of the letter of agreement; and

12 (B) a copy of the cost estimate prepared for the letter of agreement;

13 and

14 (2) submit a report to the co-chairs of the finance committee of each house of
15 the legislature and the legislative finance division not later than

16 (A) February 1, 2025, that summarizes all payments made under the
17 letters of agreement described in (a) of this section during the first half of the fiscal
18 year ending June 30, 2025; and

19 (B) September 30, 2025, that summarizes all payments made under the
20 letters of agreement described in (a) of this section during the second half of the fiscal
21 year ending June 30, 2025.

22 * **Sec. 10. NONGENERAL FUND RECEIPTS.** (a) Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
23 authorized receipts (AS 37.14.036) or administration receipts (AS 37.14.036) that exceed the
24 amounts appropriated in this Act are appropriated conditioned upon compliance with the
25 program review provisions of AS 37.07.080(h).

26 (b) If Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority authorized receipts (AS 37.14.036) or
27 administration receipts (AS 37.14.036) fall short of the estimates used as the basis of the
28 appropriation, the affected appropriation is reduced by the amount of the shortfall in receipts.

29 * **Sec. 11. SALARY AND BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS.** (a) The appropriations made in sec.
30 1 of this Act include amounts for salary and benefit adjustments for public officials, officers,
31 and employees of the executive branch, Alaska Court System employees, employees of the

1 legislature, and legislators and to implement the monetary terms for the fiscal year ending
2 June 30, 2025, of the following ongoing collective bargaining agreements:

3 (1) Alaska State Employees Association, for the general government unit;

4 (2) Alaska Vocational Technical Center Teachers' Association, National
5 Education Association, representing the employees of the Alaska Vocational Technical
6 Center;

7 (3) Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, representing licensed engineers
8 employed by the Alaska marine highway system;

9 (4) International Organization of Masters, Mates, and Pilots, representing the
10 masters, mates, and pilots unit;

11 (5) Confidential Employees Association, representing the confidential unit;

12 (6) Teachers' Education Association of Mt. Edgecumbe, representing the
13 teachers of Mt. Edgecumbe High School;

14 (7) Inlandboatmen's Union of the Pacific, Alaska Region, representing the
15 unlicensed marine unit;

16 (8) Public Safety Employees Association, representing the regularly
17 commissioned public safety officers unit;

18 (9) Public Employees Local 71, for the labor, trades, and crafts unit;

19 (10) Alaska Public Employees Association, for the supervisory unit.

20 (b) The appropriations made to the University of Alaska in sec. 1 of this Act include
21 amounts for salary and benefit adjustments for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, for
22 university employees who are not members of a collective bargaining unit and to implement
23 the monetary terms for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, of the following collective
24 bargaining agreements:

25 (1) United Academic - Adjuncts - American Association of University
26 Professors, American Federation of Teachers;

27 (2) United Academics - American Association of University Professors,
28 American Federation of Teachers;

29 (3) Fairbanks Firefighters Union, IAFF Local 1324;

30 (4) Alaska Higher Education Crafts and Trades Employees, Local 6070;

31 (5) Alaska Graduate Workers Association/UAW, representing the graduate

1 student employees.

2 (c) If a collective bargaining agreement listed in (a) of this section is not ratified by
3 the membership of the respective collective bargaining unit, the appropriations made in this
4 Act applicable to the collective bargaining unit's agreement are adjusted proportionately by
5 the amount for that collective bargaining agreement, and the corresponding funding source
6 amounts are adjusted accordingly.

7 (d) If a collective bargaining agreement listed in (b) of this section is not ratified by
8 the membership of the respective collective bargaining unit and approved by the Board of
9 Regents of the University of Alaska, the appropriations made in this Act applicable to the
10 collective bargaining unit's agreement are adjusted proportionately by the amount for that
11 collective bargaining agreement, and the corresponding funding source amounts are adjusted
12 accordingly.

13 (e) Appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act for salary and benefit adjustments as
14 described in (a) and (b) of this section are for the benefit of the state's integrated
15 comprehensive mental health program only and do not necessarily affect every group of
16 noncovered employees or every collective bargaining unit listed in (a) and (b) of this section.

17 * **Sec. 12.** CONTINGENCY. The appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act for the payment
18 of a bonus to an employee in the executive branch of the state government who is a member
19 of a collective bargaining unit established under the authority of AS 23.40.070 - 23.40.260
20 (Public Employment Relations Act) but for which the state and applicable bargaining unit of
21 the employee have not yet entered into a letter of agreement under AS 23.40.070 - 23.40.260
22 are contingent on the following:

23 (1) the state and the applicable bargaining unit of the employee entering into a
24 letter of agreement under AS 23.40.070 - 23.40.260 for the bonus; and

25 (2) the Office of the Governor, office of management and budget, satisfying
26 the requirements of sec. 9(b)(1) of this Act.

27 * **Sec. 13.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2024.