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Department Mission

The mission of the Department of Education is to lead and support the development of responsible, economically viable, lifelong learners and citizens.

Office of the Commissioner

The mission of the Office of the Commissioner is to direct the department as it leads and supports the development of responsible, economically viable lifelong learners and citizens.

Education Support Services

The mission of the Education Support Services is to provide management, financial, and technical support services to departmental programs and the operation of public schools for lifelong learners and citizens.

Teaching & Learning Support

The mission of the Teaching & Learning Support is to improve student performance through professional development, school accountability, standards and assessment.

The legislature intends to measure the success of Teaching & Learning Support in achieving its mission by considering the percentage increase of students

- (1) who meet or exceed the proficiency level for reading, writing, and mathematics performance standards as measured by the state benchmark assessment in grades 3, 6, and 8;
- (2) in grades 4 and 7 scoring at or above the national average on the state adopted norm-referenced test;
- (3) who meet or exceed the proficiency level for reading, writing, and mathematics performance standards as measured by the state high school graduation qualifying examination

Early Development

(Programs transferred to the Department of Education & Early Development in HB40 – no mission included in SB169)

The mission of the Division of Early Development is to provide safe, stable, culturally and developmentally appropriate high quality early care and education programs for young children statewide.

Vocational Rehabilitation

(Division was transferred to the Department of Labor & Workforce Development in HB40)

The mission of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation is to assist individuals with disabilities to overcome barriers to employment and maintain suitable employment.

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Libraries, Archives & Museums

The mission of the Libraries, Archives and Museums is to provide library, archival, and museum services for the benefit of lifelong learners and citizens.

Alyeska Central School

The mission of Alyeska Central School is to provide a cost effective, high quality educational program through distance delivery for state students who elect to complete their studies at home.

Mt. Edgecumbe High School

The mission of Mt. Edgecumbe High School is to provide a comprehensive academic program in a residential setting for state students who will benefit from a boarding school.

Alaska Vocational Technical Center

The mission of the Alaska Vocational Technical Center is to provide market-driven vocational and technical training to prepare state residents for employment industry-specific qualifications.

Alaska State Council on the Arts

The mission of the Alaska State Council on the Arts is to provide and enriched atmosphere for lifelong participation in the state's rich artistic diversity through advocacy, information, and educational services.

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

The mission of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education is to

- (1) support the development of economically viable citizens by providing, through the self-sustaining loan fund, educational loans to postsecondary students; and
- (2) authorizing the operation of postsecondary institutions.

The legislature intends to measure the success of the commission in achieving its mission by considering

- (1) the percentage of and the increase in the percentage of Alaska student loan borrowers completing job-specific training programs;
- (2) the percentage of and the decrease in the percentage of loans that are in default;
- (3) the defaulted loan recovery rate and the increase the rate of recovery for defaulted loans.

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Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho (WWAMI) Medical Program

The mission of the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education in administering the WWAMI program is to improve the general health and well-being of state residents by providing biomedical education, research, health care, and public service.

The legislature intends to measure the success of the WWAMI program by considering

- (1) whether the program succeeds in increasing the number of Alaska communities with access to basic or enhanced medical services associated with WWAMI/UW;
- (2) the percentage increase in WWAMI participants who return to the state to practice medicine;
- (3) percentage increase of Alaskans receiving medical care through programs and physicians supported by the University of Washington School of Medicine WWAMI program;
- (4) the percentage increase in health-related programs developed in the state that are associated with WWAMI/UW; and
- (5) the number of research projects in or about the state associated with the University of Washington School of Medicine WWAMI program.

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Report on Measures

Teaching & Learning Support Measures

(1) The percentage increase of students who meet or exceed the proficiency level for reading, writing, and mathematics performance standards as measured by the state benchmark assessment in grades 3, 6, and 8;

FY2000	FY2001	Change
1 st Administration of tests in March 2000	Proficiency levels to be determined Fall of 2000	

(2) The percentage increase of students in grades 4 and 7 scoring at or above the national average on the state adopted norm-referenced test;

Grade	1997-98 School Year	1998-99 School Year	Change
4 Top Quartile	32.4	31.3	-1.1
8 Top Quartile	31.7	32.2	1.5

- Alaska is transitioning from Grade 8 to Grade 7 for norm-referenced testing

(3) The percentage increase of students who meet or exceed the proficiency level for reading, writing, and mathematics performance standards as measured by the state high school graduation qualifying examination.

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Department of Military & Veterans Affairs Review of Mission and Accomplishments

Mission

Provide strategically positioned, relevant, and ready military forces capable of homeland defense, rapid deployment, joint operations, and mission accomplishment in the state or throughout the world; and provide organizations capable of performing emergency services, training at-risk juveniles, coordinating veterans' programs, and assisting other state and federal agencies in suppressing the use of illegal drugs

Programs

- Commissioner's Office and Military Headquarters
- Army Guard Facilities Maintenance
- Air Guard Facility Maintenance
- Disaster Planning & Control
- Alaska Military Youth Academy
- State Active Duty
- Guard Benefits: Educational and Retirement
- Veterans Services

This department contributes ~\$160 million to the economy

- \$9.5 million in GF (\$8.5 M Operating, \$1 M Capital)
- \$27.4 million in Federal Funds and Interagency Funding
- Leverages another \$128 million of federal funds through the federal budget

Jobs

- Over 4,200 military members, employees and volunteers
- Located in 76 communities across the state
- Opportunities to add 726 new jobs

Military Construction in FY2001

- National Missile Defense in FY2001 - \$117 million
- Combined Support Maintenance Shop, Federal Scout Armories, and Composite Support Facility at Kulis, approximately \$12 million

Future Military Construction

- Federal Scout Armories (3/yr), Nome, Bethel, Kodiak, and Ketchikan Readiness Centers, Corrosion Control Facility, PARA Rescue Facility, Squadron Ops Center, and Flight Line Maintenance Bldg.
- Approximately \$1.2 billion through FY05 for National Missile Defense

New Mission Possibilities:

- National Missile Defense
- Space surveillance mission at Clear Air Force Station
- North American Air Defense (NORAD) mission at Elmendorf Air Force Base
- Weapons of Mass Destruction Rapid Assessment Initial Detection
- Expand combat communications services within the Pacific Theater



ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Air and Army National Guard fully accomplished all state and federal missions with no loss of life or serious injury

National Guard saved over 150 lives in Alaska through search and rescue operations

Air Guard won Mackay Trophy - nations highest aviation achievement award

The Alaska Military Youth Academy (AMYA) increased partnering with other agencies to share cost and increase services: Dept. of Education, U.S.D.A. Food Program; Dual Enrollment with Alyeska Correspondence School; Municipality of Anchorage, Division of Workforce Development; and Health & Social Service Drug and Alcohol Program. The AMYA graduated 91 cadets in their last class (budgeted 80) making the total more than 800 graduates at the completion of this fiscal year. In addition the Youth Academy Cadets performed 8000 hours of community services.

\$520.0 for Veteran Service Officers secured \$35 million in federal benefits for Alaskan veterans.

The Emergency Services Division responded and managed over 60 incidents, including Avalanche Response and Y2K preparedness. (FEMA comment " Alaska's SECC best in nation")

Goals 2000/2001:

- Establish 24 hour State Emergency Coordination Center with ongoing inter-departmental training and exercise program to maintain proficiency developed as a result of Y2K efforts
- Maintain the ability of the National Guard to accomplish all peacetime (state) and wartime (federal) missions
- Increase Youth Academy ability to expand efforts and serve more youth by partnering with other agencies
- Pursue new mission possibilities for the National Guard and add some 726 high paying jobs for Alaskans over the next five years (national missile defense, RAID Team for domestic preparedness, NORAD mission, space surveillance mission)
- Expand outreach efforts and services to all veterans
- Develop an effective and comprehensive DMVA and National Guard program for rural affairs
- Encourage and facilitate economic, educational, business, and service opportunities for Alaska that will be available as a result of national missile defense activities
- Continue to train supervisors to maximize employee opportunities to contribute while reducing irritants and labor grievances
- Reduce deferred maintenance backlog for facilities while continuing effective preventive maintenance programs