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was referred to the
Senate Finance
Committee

Hearing(s) were held

The bill did not move
from Committee

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February 6, 2001

The Honorable Rick Halford
President of the Senate
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear President Halford:

I am transmitting to you today two supplemental appropriation bills for Fiscal Year 2001. Issues which require attention on an expedited basis are a separate "fast track" bill. This bill includes supplemental needs with less critical timing requirements.

The administration and legislature made considerable progress reforming the supplemental budget process several years ago. Unfortunately, we have lost some of that progress and must again this year address the inevitable consequences of the actions which reduced the general fund budget number in May. Examples include using low case projections for formula programs, not funding fire suppression and core emergency services costs until the supplemental budget, and not fully funding commitments such as private sector leases. Fire suppression alone accounts for \$4.8 million of this supplemental request; full payment of leases is another \$1.7 million. The \$16.5 million general fund placeholder amount for supplementals in the budget plan approved last May is clearly not sufficient to cover known supplemental funding requirements of this magnitude.

In some instances shortfalls in one area can be covered with excess appropriations in related areas. For instance, based on current estimates of general funds needed for the foundation formula, \$1.9 million can be transferred to cover most of the \$2.1 million needed for pupil transportation. Transfers were not available for other formula programs budgeted at the low case scenario such as Medicaid or the Longevity Bonus.

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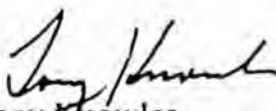
Wherever possible, departments have made internal adjustments to keep within current appropriation levels. Nevertheless, supplemental requests are required when increased costs are beyond an agency's ability to adjust without detrimental effects on basic services. The increased workload in Child in Need of Aid and guardian ad litem cases, for instance, has significantly exceeded even last year's trends. Pioneer Home revenues were not sufficient to fund the major share of the emergency heating and ventilation system repairs to the Anchorage home as originally anticipated.

Some of the supplemental requests will allow us to take advantage of increased federal aid in areas ranging from child care to special education pass-throughs to local school districts. Where the additional federal funds need to be committed soon (such as for winter home heating assistance and fisheries research and stock assessment work during the upcoming field season), we included the requests in the fast track bill.

So far this year, the average oil price has exceeded the spring forecast by several dollars — very good news for our state budget because it reduces the need for Constitutional Budget Reserve funds. However, it also means higher costs to heat the Pioneer Homes, fill the tanks of trooper cars, operate highway and airport equipment, run the ferries, etc. State agencies need approximately \$2.3 million in general funds and \$460,000 in airport revenue funds to pay these higher fuel prices. In the big picture, this is a small price to pay for circumstances that greatly benefit Alaska overall.

As we work together on the FY2002 budget, the appropriations requested in this bill and its companion "fast track" supplemental can provide some helpful reference points for determining realistic budget levels for the coming year.

Sincerely,


Tony Knowles
Governor

FY2001 SUPPLEMENTALS

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	Section Number		Department	BRU or Component	Supplemental Need	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Fund Source	Total Funds
2	FAST TRACK SUPPLEMENTALS									
3	1		Administration	Pioneer Homes	Nurses salaries increased through statewide reclassifications to address critical staff shortages by bringing compensation more in line with other employers.	195.0				195.0
4	2		Court System	Trial Courts	Federal granted awarded for implementation of the Anchorage Drug Court pilot program.		150.0			150.0
5	3		Fish & Game	Sport Fish	Increase of federal authority for stock assessment and fisheries management projects to provide baseline data and help mitigate risks to sport fish opportunities resulting from the federal management process.		898.7			898.7
6	4 (a)		Governor	Elections	Costs incurred to comply with the Republican Party's request for the closed statewide primary election held in August 2000	252.2				252.2
7	4 (b)		Governor	Governmental Coordination	Reduce backlog due to large increase in oil and gas permit coordination workload compared to last year.	14.3				14.3
8	5 (a)		Health & Social Srvc	Energy Assistance Program	Additional federal funds for Low Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) grants.		3,351.3			3,351.3
9	5 (b)		Health & Social Srvc	Medicaid	Replace FY2001 funds which had to be used in July to pay prior year Medicaid claims to assure continuous payment of claims in April.		8,970.1	8,030.0	Statutory Designated Program Rcpts	15,000.1
10	6		Law	Govt Affairs	Continuing costs for prosecution of claims against Bank of America and other affiliated banks, and for litigation related to the allocation of public safety resources.	240.0				240.0
11	7		Military & Veterans' Affairs	Office of the Commissioner	Grant to Special Olympics to help cover lodging and other costs of the World Games being held in Anchorage in March.	500.0				500.0
12	8		Natural Resources	Gasline - Capital	Gas pipeline development-related activities to expedite field season research and other pre-application state responsibilities.	1,960.1				1,960.1
13	9 (a)		Revenue	Tax Division	Expert analysis for a major North Slope oil and gas property tax assessment challenge.	1,278.0				1,278.0
14	9 (b)		Revenue	Administration & Support	Emergency replacement of air conditioner in computer room.	31.5				31.5
15	10 (a)		State Debt		Appropriate remaining balance of the general obligation bond redemption fund to the debt retirement fund.			102.2		102.2
16	10 (b)		State Debt		Additional appropriation needed to meet FY2001 debt service obligations.	639.8				639.8
17	11 (1)		Transportation	Capital	Fairbanks International Airport equipment storage maintenance facility to be funded with Passenger Facility Charges			805.0	International Airports Revenue Fund	805.0
18	11 (2)		Transportation	Capital	Fairbanks International Airport safety and maintenance equipment to be funded with Passenger Facility Charges			1,065.0	International Airports Revenue Fund	1,065.0
19	11 (3)		Transportation	Capital	Delong Mountain airport access study		281.9			281.9
20	11 (4)		Transportation	Northern Region Facilities	Deadhorse Combined Facilities project funded from the Federal Aviation Administration lease		53.6			53.6
21	11 (5)		Transportation	Capital	Copper River Highway work done under the Consent Agreement	400.0				400.0
22	12				Lapse Provisions					
23	13				Effective Date					
24					FAST TRACK BILL TOTAL	5,508.9	13,705.6	8,102.2		27,316.7
25	REGULAR SUPPLEMENTALS									
27	1 (a)		Administration	Leasing	Shortfall in amount funded for leases with the private sector	1,678.7				1,678.7
28	1 (b)		Administration	Office of Public Advocacy	Shortfall in current year funding exacerbated by increased costs, especially for Child in Need of Aid and guardian rd litem cases	1,791.0				1,791.0

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1	Section Number		Department	BRU or Component	Supplemental Need	General Funds	Federal Funds	Other Funds	Fund Source	Total Funds
29	1	(c)	Administration	Office of Public Advocacy	Replenish current year funding used to pay remaining FY2000 costs.	77.4				77.4
30	1	(d)	Administration	Public Defender	Provide remaining funds needed for basic operations in current year.	380.3				380.3
31	1	(e)	Administration	Longevity Bonus	Current estimate of amount needed to fully fund Longevity Bonus formula program.	1,100.0				1,100.0
32	1	(f) and (g)	Administration	Pioneer Homes	Complete the Anchorage Pioneer Home emergency heating and ventilation system repairs, including replacing the unrealized program receipts previously appropriated.	1,000.0		-595.0	Receipt Supp Svcs	405.0
33	1	(h)	Administration	Retirement & Benefits	Trial preparation for retired employees' lawsuit concerning changes in group health benefits.			87.0	Benefit Systems Rcpts	87.0
34	1	(i)	Administration	Senior Services	Fully fund current projections for the senior General Relief Grants.	150.0				150.0
35	1	(j)	Administration	Senior Services	Additional federal funds to expand Family Caregivers Grants.		564.0			564.0
36	1	(j)	Administration	Senior Services	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant to work with community partners in rural Alaska to develop affordable assisted living for seniors.			50.0	Statutory Designated Program Rcpts	50.0
37	1	(k)	Administration	Motor Vehicles	Replace boating registration receipts shortfall during startup of program and renew Polaroid contract for drivers license photos due to lack of response to digital photo Request For Proposals.	287.2				287.2
38	2	(a)	Community & Ec Dev	Int Trade & Marketing	International Trade seed potato storage facility feasibility study.		16.0			16.0
39	2	(b)	Community & Ec Dev	Reg Com of AK	Unanticipated increases in costs for personnel, office move and management information system.			144.8	RCA Rcpts	0.0
40	3		Corrections	Corr Ind Prod Cost	Increase for materials used in the Correctional Industries programs.			650.0	Correctional Industries Fund	650.0
41	4		Court System	Judicial Conduct	Legal fees for formal disciplinary hearing.	41.9				41.9
42	5		Military & Vet.	Disaster Relief Fund	Core services funding not provided in base budget and 50.0 increment for satellite imaging to assist in search and rescue operations	680.0				680.0
43	6	(a)	Education & Early Dev.	Foundation	Use balance in foundation program resulting from October student count to offset shortfall in pupil transportation.	-1,913.1				-1,913.1
44	6	(b)	Education & Early Dev.	Pupil Transportation	Current estimate of projected shortfall for pupil transportation	2,111.4				2,111.4
45	6	(c)	Education & Early Dev.	Child Care Assistance & Licensing	Increase federal Child Care Development Funds.		5,500.0			5,500.0
46	6	(d)	Education & Early Dev.	Special & Supplemental Services	Increase federal Title I and Special Education funds.		4,700.0			4,700.0
47	7		Natural Resources	Fire Suppression	Fund fixed fire suppression costs that were not in base budget and variable costs incurred through fall fire season.	4,768.4	5,981.7			10,750.1
48	8	(a)	Health & Social Svc	Medicaid	Medicaid caseload growth of 7% and higher average cost per month, particularly for hospital and pharmacy costs.	9,124.7	50,642.7	11,412.9	Statutory Designated Program Rcpts	71,180.3
49	8	(b)	Health & Social Svc	Medicaid	Implement facility rate-setting settlements with Medicaid service providers.	23.1	34.8			57.9
50	8	(c)	Health & Social Svc	Catastrophic & Chronic Illness	Caseload growth and increased pharmacy costs which exceed budgeted amount.	430.4				430.4
51	6	(d)	Health & Social Svc	Subsidized Adoptions	Maintain existing appropriation level for subsidized adoption and guardianship by replacing TANF funds which could not be used for these costs as anticipated.	1,000.0		-1,000.0	Inter-Agency Rcpts	0.0
52	8	(d)	Health & Social Svc	Community Dev Disabilities Grants	Technical correction in fund source from 120.0 GF to GF/Mental Health.					0.0
53	8	(d)	Health & Social Svc	Svcs to Chronically Mentally Ill	Technical correction in fund source from 203.0 GF to GF/Mental Health.					0.0

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80					Ratifications:					
81	19	(a)(1)	Administration	Older Alaska's Comm.	AR3530-90 Older Alaskan Commis	693.00				693.00
	19	(a)(2)	Labor and Workforce Dev. (for former Department of Community and Regional Affairs)	C&RA/1 Stop	AR52901-99 1-Stop/AJCN Staff Sup	249.88				249.88
82	19	(a)(3)	Corrections	Inmate Programs	AR50979-00 RSAT Prog Female Offenders Non-budgeted RSA for RSAT services ended up with revenue shortfall under RSA with DPS.	24,276.30				24,270.30
83	19	(a)(4)	Environmental Conservation		AR 48743-88 PIO UST	11.81				11.81
84	19	(a)(5)	Health & Social Svcs	Federal Mental Health Projects	AR 24651-98 Federal Mental Health Projects	33,156.34				33,156.34
85	19	(a)(6)	Health & Social Svcs	Medicaid	AR 22520-00 Medicaid Services Special FY2000 ratification	4,268,866.67				4,268,866.67
86	19	(a)(7)	Law		AR 13907-00 AHFC Outside Counsel	340.83				340.83
87	19	(b)	Natural Resources	Fire Suppression	AR37313-00 Fire Suppression	4,299,492.91				4,299,492.91
88	20				Lapse Provisions					
89	21				Effective Date					



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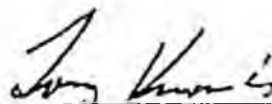
DECLARATION OF A DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Department of Natural Resources must provide fire suppression activities (AS 41.15.010-41.15.170) to prevent continuing and new fires from threatening life and property; and,

WHEREAS, the appropriation to the Department of Natural Resources, Statewide Fire Suppression Program by sec. 1, ch. 133, SLA 2000, page 24, line 12, for fiscal year 2001 is totally obligated and not sufficient to cover fire suppression costs for fiscal year 2001;

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 22nd day of September 2000, I find insufficient funds were regularly appropriated for fiscal year 2001 fire suppression operations and activities, and therefore find it necessary to implement funding via the disaster declaration process. Because money from the disaster relief fund is not available to cope with the disaster, I authorize under AS 26.23.020 (j), and AS 26.23.050, that additional funds be made available to the Department of Natural Resources for continued wildland fire fighting needs for fiscal year 2001. To the extent that additional fire suppression authorization is needed for the remainder of fiscal 2001, this funding mechanism will be used again.

FURTHER, the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources is hereby authorized to utilize funds made available for these purposes, in the amounts considered necessary for fire protection and suppression.



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Dated 9/22/00



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FY2001 Fire Suppression Facts and Financial Information

Subject

Wildland Fire Suppression AS 41.15.010 - 41.15.170
GF Authority Increase \$4,768.4, Federal Authority Increase \$5,981.7

FY2001 Funding	General Funds	Federal
SLA 2000, Ch. 133, Sec. 1, Pg. 24, Ln. 12	\$3,163,000	\$5,319,600
Funding for Labor Contracts and Workers' Compensation		
(HB 3001 and fiscal notes for HB 378 and HB 419)	31,100	1,700
Total Initial Appropriation	\$3,194,100	\$5,321,300

The initial legislative appropriation of general funds was limited, with the intent that additional funding for fire suppression activity and fixed costs would be obtained through the disaster declaration process. This or similar processes have been in effect for the previous 11 fiscal years.

Current Situation

Since July 1, 2000, there have been 44 fires on land under state protection. Most notable was the Clear Project fire (starting on June 25, carrying over into FY01). There were two large fires on state land within federal protection areas, the Zitziiana and Tolovana Dome. The state will be responsible to pay for the 166,177 acre Zitziiana fire, with an estimated cost of \$360,000. The Tolovana Dome total fire cost estimate is \$520,000, with the state responsible to pay 98 percent. The total financial responsibility for state land under federal protection exceeds \$940,000, to pay for fires affecting more than 200,000 acres.

Large and multiple fire activity started reaching critical levels in the western lower 48 states in mid-July. This required a massive mobilization of crews and overhead resources. Many state employees were sent to fire-duty assignments out of state to assist in some of the largest fires since the early 1900s. This required continuous logistics and mobilization support at both the regional and Alaska Incident Command Center level to coordinate with the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. State resources and services supporting fire complexes in the lower 48 include more than \$4 million in supplies and equipment for fire fighting; emergency hires, seasonal, and permanent state employees; two airplanes and an air tanker for air attack; and emergency fire fighter crews. As of August 31, 67 village Emergency Fire Fighter crews have been assigned to fire complexes in the lower 48.

FY2001 Fire Suppression Facts & Financial Information
September 22, 2000

Potential Fire Assessment

Considering the average fire season in the lower 48 and abnormal climatic and weather conditions, gradually decreasing fire support to federal agencies is expected; however, it is anticipated that demand for staff and the need for division air attack aircraft will continue through at least September and potentially into October.

FY01 Estimated Fire Suppression Costs thru Fall Fire Season

	GF	FED	TOTAL
FY01 Authorization	\$3,184.1	\$5,321.3	\$8,515.4
AKSAS Expenditures thru August 2000, Payroll thru 8/15	2,235.6	2,333.9	4,569.5
Est. Add'l Expenditures for Fall Fire Season through October and fixed costs	5,915.7	8,969.1	14,884.8
Estimated Receivables Federal lease of air attack aircraft (reduces fixed costs)	-188.8		-188.8
FY01 Fall Fire Season Est. Expenditures and fixed costs (FY01 Spring Fire Season costs estimates not included)	\$7,962.5	\$11,303.0	\$19,265.5
FY01 Est. Supplemental Appropriation for Fixed Costs and Fire Suppression costs for Fall Fire Season	(\$4,768.4)	(\$5,981.7)	(\$10,750.1)

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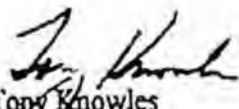
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Additional federal receipt authorization is needed due to the extraordinary fire season in the lower 48 states. The federal Bureau of Land Management will reimburse the costs of state emergency fire fighter crews and air attack aircraft mobilized to assist the lower 48 states. While it has been a very unfortunate situation for the states experiencing fires, the additional federal income will aid Alaskans, particularly in communities impacted by the fisheries disaster.

This funding mechanism will have to be used again when additional fire suppression authorization is needed for the remainder of fiscal year 2001. As this disaster declaration is due to fire, a special session to authorize the general funds is not necessary. We will forward a supplemental appropriation request in the next legislative session to cover all amounts subsequent to the regular appropriations.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures

cc: The Honorable Sean Parnell, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable John Torgerson, Co-Chair Senate Finance Committee

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September 22, 2000

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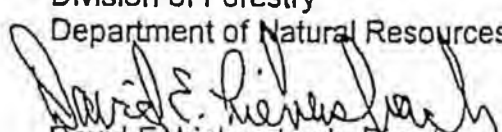
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cc: The Honorable Eldon Mulder, Co-Chair House Finance Committee
The Honorable Gene Theriault, Co-Chair House Finance Committee

MEMORANDUM

State of Alaska
Dept. of Military & Veterans Affairs
Division of Emergency Services

TO: Jeffrey J. Jahnke, State Forester DATE: Sept. 14, 2000
Division of Forestry
Department of Natural Resources

FROM:  David E. Liebersbach, Director Phone: 428-7000
Div. of Emergency Services SUBJECT: Request for
Dept. of Military & Vet. Affairs Disaster Funds
\$3.9 million

In reference to your memorandum of September 5, 2000, the Division of Emergency Services staff has reviewed the monies available in the Governor's Disaster Relief Fund. All unencumbered, unexpended balances in this Fund will be used for the Kake and Koyukuk Disasters.

Based on this information, we cannot recommend to the Governor's Disaster Policy Cabinet that the Disaster Relief Fund is an appropriate source for the fire suppression funding requirements.

cc: Carol Carroll, Director, Division of Administrative Services
Nico Bus, Administrative Services Manager, DNR

ANNUAL SUPPRESSION COSTS

FY86 THROUGH FY00

YEAR	HIGH/LOW STATE	GENERAL FUND	FEDERAL FUND	INTERAGENCY RECEIPTS	SUPPRESSION TOTAL	IA NON-FIRE SUPPORT	COMBINED TOTAL	ACRES PROTECTED	NUMBER OF FIRES
FY00		\$13,993.4	\$3,815.4	\$0.0	\$17,808.8	\$24.1	\$17,832.9	134,000	297
FY99		\$13,731.9	\$5,561.1	\$0.0	\$19,293.0	\$15.9	\$19,308.9	134,000	317
FY98		\$23,686.1	\$8,379.4	\$0.0	\$32,065.5	\$14.6	\$32,080.1	134,000	591
FY97		\$12,552.5	\$8,897.1	\$0.0	\$21,449.6	\$39.7	\$21,489.3	134,000	568
FY96		\$16,592.4	\$13,306.2	\$0.0	\$29,898.6	\$416.4	\$30,315.0	134,000	615
FY95		\$5,572.7	\$8,334.1	\$3,618.4	\$17,525.2	\$4,674.5	\$22,199.7	134,000	430
FY94		\$5,649.1	\$4,413.7	\$4,602.9	\$14,665.7	\$0.0	\$14,665.7	134,000	508
FY93		\$7,743.3	\$3,069.0	\$5.1	\$10,817.4	\$0.0	\$10,817.4	134,000	516
FY92		\$15,071.1	\$4,126.0	\$19.8	\$19,216.9	\$0.0	\$19,216.9	134,000	517
FY91	high	\$27,531.2	\$23,446.8	\$27.1	\$51,005.1	\$0.0	\$51,005.1	134,000	819
FY90	low	\$4,263.7	\$5,771.3	\$2,110.7	\$12,145.7	\$0.0	\$12,145.7	134,000	545
FY89		\$7,104.4	\$2,250.0	\$0.0	\$9,354.4	\$0.0	\$9,354.4	134,000	370
FY88		\$11,697.0	\$2,412.6	\$0.0	\$14,109.6	\$0.0	\$14,109.6	134,000	460
FY87		\$8,238.5	\$2,376.9	\$0.0	\$10,615.4	\$0.0	\$10,615.4	134,000	514
FY86		\$5,904.6	\$2,752.4	\$0.0	\$9,657.0	\$0.0	\$9,657.0	134,000	661
TOTAL		\$180,331.9	\$98,912.0	\$10,384.0	\$289,627.9	\$5,185.2	\$294,813.1		7,728

AVERAGES	GENERAL FUND/YR	FEDERAL/YR	IA/YR	TOTAL/YR	IA NON-FIRE SUPPORT/YR	TOTAL
	\$11,425.9	\$5,361.1	\$634.3	\$17,636.0	\$398.9	\$18,034.9

AVERAGE EXPENDITURES (removing years with high & low GF) = \$11.4 Million GF plus \$.6 Million IA = \$12.0 Million Annually for Fire Suppression on State Protected Lands.

INTERAGENCY NON-FIRE SUPPORT:

- FY 95 \$4,674.5 of funds were expended in support of Koyukuk Flood in Fall 1994.
- FY 96 \$416.4 of funds expended on Fall Storm Support, Search and Rescue (SAR), and Fuel Support.
- FY 97 \$39.7 of funds were expended on Search and Rescue for Dept. Public Safety, Petersburg Water Crisis, and Fuel Support for ADF&G.
- FY 98 \$14.6 of funds were expended on Search and Rescue for Dept. Public Safety, Wildfire Beetle, and Fuel Support for ADF&G.
- FY 99 \$15.9 of funds were expended on Search and Rescue for Dept. Public Safety, Wildfire Beetle, and Fuel Support for ADF&G.
- FY00 \$24.1 of funds were expended on Search and Rescue for Dept. Public Safety, DNR Procurement Support, and Fuel Support for ADF&G.

Department of Public Safety
Supplemental Bill Discussion Item

Purpose of section 14 (c) SB 73:

By expanding the title of the Crime Lab Equipment and Replacement project contained in Section 1, ch 135, SLA 2000, page 18, lines 19-20 to include "and 'Remodel'", this funding can be used to provide a portion of the general fund match needed to receive \$1,250.0 in crime lab improvement funds.

This approach mitigates the amount of new GF required as follows:

Description	Amount	Federal	GF
Training	52.5		
Equipment for Forensic Analysis	1,005.6		
Supplies e.g. DNA kits	86.1		
Outsource Offender Samples	136.0		
Equipment and Facility Repairs	35.7		
		1,250.0	65.9
Autopsy Area Remodel	350.8		350.8
Project Total	1,666.7	1,250.0	416.7
Less amount from Section 14 (c)	-207.1		-207.1
FY 2002 Crime Lab Capital Request	1,459.6	1,250.0	209.6

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COMMENTS:
Attached please find a summary of my testimony as
requested. If you need anything else, please let me know.
Barb Brink

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Testimony before the Senate Finance Committee 2/20/01 re SB73 Section 1(d):

The Alaska Public Defender Agency supplemental request is 380.3.

Two explanations for this request: increased caseload and increased workload.

- last year handled 19,200 new cases in addition to ~6000 pending cases;
- half-year projections indicate continued caseload growth.

The types of cases that are increasing are the most time consuming and resource intensive cases usually requiring extensive litigation and forensic work:

- Child In Need of Aid cases
 - PDA represents parents where child removed from home by DFYS;
 - Alaska Court System 2000 Annual Report: up 6% Anchorage 17% Bethel 47% Ketchikan;
 - Serious consequences (loss of child) and shorter time frames due to new legislation appear to have increased litigation.
- Serious Felony cases
 - Alaska Court System 2000 Annual Report: up 9% Anchorage 12% Palmer 36% Bethel;
 - Serious consequences (mandatory imprisonment) mean these cases are less likely to settle without litigation.

The Public Defender Agency cannot control caseload increases or workload increases:

- The Alaska Court System makes the indigency determination. PDA cannot decline a case;
- Constitutions, Statutes and Rules of Professional Responsibility require work be done to satisfy providing the effective assistance of counsel.

Increasing contractual costs are a large source of the need.

- discovery - the costs of police reports and other evidence from Dept. Law;
- travel - 13 offices cover 45 additional remote courts sites for regular court sessions with few competitive travel providers;
- interpreters/forensic experts;
- telecommunications -
 - many clients incarcerated hundreds of miles from lawyer (e.g. Anch - Palmer, Kenai, Seward; Barrow - Fairbanks);
 - DOC Evercom expensive long-distance charges just for basic attorney client consultation.

None of the supplemental request is to address the serious deficiencies noted in the Legislative Budget and Audit Report released last year (staffing, uncompensated overtime, support staff ratio, lack of technology).

Personal Services costs are also a part of the supplemental need:

- have maintained vacancies this year in Anchorage, Palmer, Barrow, Kotzebue and Ketchikan;
- cannot maintain for long – each lawyer responsible for 80-150 clients at any given moment with immediate court hearings and other pressing needs.

PDA appreciates consideration of supplemental need.

**QUESTIONS FROM SENATE FINANCE
FEBRUARY 27, 2001
MEDICAID SUPPLEMENTAL**

Submitted by Janet Clark, DHS 2/28/01

1. a) What does Denali KidCare currently cost the state? See attachment A.
b) Comparison of children's health expansion and FMAP savings.
2. Updated Children's eligibility graph.
3. Poverty level information by size of family. See attachment B.
4. Questions on insurance and Denali KidCare enrollment. See attachment C.
5. How much was spent on marketing Denali KidCare? See attachment D.

**Cost of State Child Health Insurance Program
as Compared to FMAP Savings**

General Funds	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01
FMAP Savings	30.0	30.0	30.0
Child Health Expansion Costs	(1.2)	(8.5)	(13.9)
Total Savings	28.8	21.5	16.1 <i>Projected</i>

Child Health Expansion Costs	FY 99	FY 00	FY 01
General Funds	1.2	8.5	13.9
Federal Funds	3.0	21.6	35.6
Total Cost	4.2	30.1	49.5 <i>Projected</i>

Data Source: DMA weekly checkwrite accounting reflecting MMIS claims paid.

This information will not reflect AKSAS adjustments.

Data excludes NonMMIS, IHS, CAMA

Federal Expansion Funds include Title XXI Block Grant plus Redistribution

Medical Assistance Standards

FAMILY MEDICAID 185% ELIGIBILITY TEST AND NEED STANDARDS					
2000			2001		
FAMILY SIZE	185%	NEED	FAMILY SIZE	185%	NEED
Adult Included			Adult Included		
1	1,150	622	1	1,189	643
2	1,838	994	2	1,901	1,028
3	2,068	1,118	3	2,138	1,156
4	2,297	1,242	4	2,375	1,284
5	2,527	1,366	5	2,612	1,412
6	2,756	1,490	6	2,849	1,540
7	2,985	1,614	7	3,085	1,668
Each Additional	229	124	Each Additional	237	128
Adult Not Included			Adult Not Included		
1	1,008	545	1	1,043	564
2	1,237	669	2	1,280	692
3	1,467	793	3	1,517	820
4	1,696	917	4	1,753	948
5	1,925	1,041	5	1,990	1,076
6	2,155	1,165	6	2,227	1,204
7	2,384	1,289	7	2,464	1,332
Each Additional	229	124	Each Additional	237	128

SSI PAYMENT STANDARDS		
SSI COLA	2.4%	3.5%
HOUSEHOLD TYPE	1/1/2000	1/1/2001
A Individual	512	530
B Individual	341.34	353.34
A Couple, Both Eligible	769	796
B Couple, Both Eligible	512.67	530.67
NH Personal Needs Allowance	30	30

LONG TERM CARE STANDARDS		
NH, HCB Waiver, TEFRA = 300% of SSI Payment Standard	1,536	1,590
Alaska NH Personal Needs Allowance	75	75
Alaska HCB Personal Needs Allowance	1,536	1,590
Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance	84,120	87,000
Community Spouse Monthly Maintenance Need Standard	2,103	2,175
Monthly Need Standard for Additional Household Members	701	725

2001 Monthly Federal Poverty Guidelines for Alaska								
Effective 4/1/2001								
FAMILY SIZE	OMB Working Disabled (premium level)	SLMB Base	SLMB Plus	Denall KidCare (limit for insured children)	SLMB Subsidy	Transitional Medicaid	Denall KidCare (uninsured children) Pregnant Women QDWI	Working Disabled (eligibility)
	100%	120%	135%	150%	175%	185%	200%	250%
1	\$895	\$1,073	\$1,208	\$1,342	\$1,565	\$1,655	\$1,789	\$2,236
2	\$1,210	\$1,451	\$1,633	\$1,814	\$2,117	\$2,237	\$2,419	\$3,023
3	\$1,525			\$2,287		\$2,820	\$3,049	\$3,811
4	\$1,840			\$2,759		\$3,403	\$3,679	\$4,598
5	\$2,155			\$3,232		\$3,986	\$4,309	\$5,386
6	\$2,470			\$3,704		\$4,568	\$4,939	\$6,173
7	\$2,785			\$4,177		\$5,151	\$5,569	\$6,961
8	\$3,100			\$4,649		\$5,734	\$6,199	\$7,748
Ea Addl	\$315			\$473		\$583	\$630	\$788

2000 Monthly Federal Poverty Guidelines for Alaska

Effective 4/1/2000

FAMILY SIZE	QMB Working Disabled (premium level)	SLMB Base	SLMB Plus	Denall KidCare (limit for insured children)	SLMB Subsidy	Transitional Medicaid	Denall KidCare (uninsured children) Pregnant Women QDWI	Working Disabled (eligibility)
	100%	120%	135%	150%	175%	185%	200%	250%
1	\$870	\$1,043	\$1,174	\$1,304	\$1,522	\$1,608	\$1,739	\$2,173
2	\$1,172	\$1,406	\$1,582	\$1,758	\$2,051	\$2,168	\$2,344	\$2,930
3	\$1,475			\$2,212		\$2,728	\$2,949	\$3,686
4	\$1,777			\$2,665		\$3,287	\$3,554	\$4,442
5	\$2,080			\$3,119		\$3,847	\$4,159	\$5,198
6	\$2,382			\$3,573		\$4,407	\$4,764	\$5,955
7	\$2,685			\$4,027		\$4,966	\$5,369	\$6,711
8	\$2,987			\$4,480		\$5,526	\$5,974	\$7,467
Ea Addl	\$303			\$454		\$560	\$605	\$757

1999 Monthly Federal Poverty Guidelines for Alaska

Effective 5/1/1999

FAMILY SIZE	QMB Working Disabled (premium level)	SLMB Base	SLMB Plus	Denall KidCare (limit for insured children)	SLMB Subsidy	Transitional Medicaid	Denall KidCare (uninsured children) Pregnant Women QDWI	Working Disabled (eligibility)
	100%	120%	135%	150%	175%	185%	200%	250%
1	860	1,032	1,161	1,290	1,505	1,591	1,720	2,150
2	1,154	1,384	1,557	1,730	2,019	2,134	2,307	2,884
3	1,447			2,170		2,677	2,894	3,617
4	1,740			2,610		3,219	3,480	4,350
5	2,034			3,050		3,762	4,067	5,084
6	2,327			3,490		4,305	4,654	5,817
7	2,620			3,930		4,847	5,240	6,550
8	2,914			4,370		5,390	5,827	7,284
Ea Addl	294			440		543	587	734

1998 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA

Effective 4/1/98

FAMILY SIZE	MONTHLY					ANNUAL
	QMB Six-Up 100%	SLMB 120%	Pregnant Women Healthy Children 133%	Transitional Medicaid 185%	QDWI 200%	100%
1	840	1,007	1,117	1,553	1,679	10,070
2	1,131	1,357	1,505	2,093	2,262	13,570
3	1,423		1,892	2,632		17,070
4	1,715		2,280	3,172		20,570
5	2,006		2,668	3,711		24,070
6	2,298		3,056	4,251		27,570
7	2,590		3,444	4,790		31,070
8	2,881		3,832	5,330		34,570
Each Additional	292		388	540		3,500

ATTACHMENT C

Summary of Medicaid Quality Control (MEQC) Projects Denali KidCare

Federal Medicaid regulations require states to have a program in place to review the accuracy of Medicaid eligibility determinations and denials. Since 1997, federal policy has allowed states to aim quality control efforts at specific programs or eligibility factors rather than using a random sample from the entire Medicaid beneficiary population. DMA identifies the project objectives, but the Quality Assessment Team, Division of Public Assistance, conducts the projects. To date, the Quality Assessment Team has completed two Denali KidCare-focused MEQC projects (numbered 5 and 6).

MEQC #5: This review sampled 130 cases from September through December, 1999, and included the following three questions:

1. Was household receiving private health insurance at the time of application?
 - 12% Yes.
 - 88% No.
2. Was private health insurance available at the time of application?
 - 91% No.
 - 9% Yes.
 - All but 1 of the 9% "Yes", said they could not afford insurance available through the employer.
3. Did household drop private insurance 12 months before application?
 - Only 1 families dropped insurance (due to loss of job).(See below for information on economic hardship determinations.)
4. How many households remained eligible at the time of renewal:
 - 69% retain eligibility.
 - 31% did not retain eligibility.

MEQC #6: This review sampled 395 cases from January through June, 2000, which included a look at private insurance available at the time of renewal.

5. How many had insurance at the time of application vs. the time of this review?
 - No private insurance: Application = 327; Review = 321
 - Privately insured: Application = 68; Review = 74
 - In effect, only 6 people were able to move to private insurance.

Severe Economic Hardship: A child will not qualify for Denali KidCare if the family voluntarily terminated existing health insurance within 12 months prior to the application. Families may claim that they dropped insurance because they suffered or would have suffered a "severe economic hardship" if they were required to keep paying premiums. When a request is made, we thoroughly review the family's actual monthly living expenses to determine if they were forced to choose between paying the premiums (and deductibles) or paying for the basic necessities of life (i.e., food, shelter, clothing, heat, etc.). Since the beginning of the Denali KidCare program, we have had 30 requests for hardship determinations. To date we have approved 18, denied 9, and 3 are still pending.

Division of Public Health Children's Health Expansion Outreach

	FY 1999	FY2000	FY2001	Fund Source
Mini Grants	0	235,000	250,000	Interagency Receipts
RWJ Grants	155,000	340,250	353,000	Robert Wood Johnson Grants
Materials	67,867	40,310	28,709	Interagency Receipts
Total	222,867	615,560	631,709	

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JUDGMENTS/CLAIMS/SETTLEMENTS FOR PAYMENT

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PART ONE

1. **Case Name:** Cleary v. Smith
2. **Case Number:** 3AN-81-5274 Civil
3. **Judge/Justices:** Karen L. Hunt
4. **Date Judgment entered:** August 15, 2000
5. **Did the date of the cause of action accrue on or after August 7, 1997?** No.
6. **Amount to be paid:** \$40,111.57
7. **Interest Rate:** 10.5% **Effective Date:** August 15, 2000
8. **Requested hourly rate and total compensation of attorneys to be paid:**

222.8 hours at \$145/hr =	\$32,306.00
18.7 hours at \$125/hr =	\$ 2,337.50
34.3 hours at \$ 65/hr =	\$ 2,229.50
Total 279.0 hours	\$36,873.00
Costs	\$ 3,238.57
Total fees and costs	\$40,111.57
9. **Court approved/ordered hourly rate and total compensation of attorneys to be paid:**
As requested, above.
10. **Payable to:** Rice, Volland & Taylor, P.C.
211 H Street
Anchorage, AK 99501
11. **EIN:** 92-0076898 **or** **SSN:**

12. Send check to: _____ above address

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JUDGMENT/SETTLEMENT FUNDING REQUEST
QUESTIONNAIRE

PART TWO

The following information needs to be provided on all judgment awards and/or settlements made against the State.

Case Name: Cleary v. Smith

Case No.: 3AN-81-5274 Civil

1. Describe the circumstances or events resulting in this case and ultimately this judgment/settlement against the State.

The trial court found that the Final Order in this prisoner class action required payment of attorney's fees and costs incurred by counsel in monitoring compliance. This particular attorney fee is for work performed on behalf of Subclasses A and B which consist of all male prisoners.

2. Describe issues of State policy or law involved in this case, if they are relevant to and resulted in substantial effort and expense for the department to bring or defend this case.

The case involves issues regarding conditions of confinement of male prisoners which resulted in a Final Order and is still subject to court overview and enforcement

3. Did the State prevail on any issues? If so, describe.

No. This portion of the case is limited to court monitoring and not subject to continued litigation.

4. Did we challenge plaintiffs' request for costs and fees or in other ways seek to reduce the costs to the State? If so, describe to what extent we were successful.

Fees were discussed with plaintiffs' counsel and non-chargeable work was deleted from billing statement.

5. What was the source of the State's liability in this case?

The Department of Corrections entered into a Final Settlement Agreement and Order to settle prisoner class action claims in 1990 which is still binding on the state.

6. What, if any, preventative action has been taken by the involved agency to prevent or reduce the potential for such liability in the future?

The Department of Corrections has worked to attain full compliance with the Final Order.

7. If the information is available to you, has the agency involved taken any corrective action as a result of this case? If the information is not protected from publication by statute, privilege, or right to privacy, indicate what the corrective action was.

The Department of Corrections has managed its state-wide prison population to remain below court-imposed capacities and contracted with the Corrections Corporation of America to house Alaska prisoners at a facility located in Arizona.

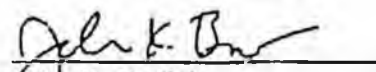
8. Any recommendations concerning cases of this type in the future?

Cases regarding injunctive relief for prisoners should be reviewed and evaluated with reference to the recently enacted Prison Litigation Reform Act. AS 09.19.200.

9. Any recommendations for changes in statutes, regulations or policy? Cite any applicable statutes or regulations.

Not at this time. The legislature passed the Prison Litigation Reform Act in 1999.

Attorney completing form:


John K. Bodick
Assistant Attorney General

Date: 11-10-00

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT AT ANCHORAGE

MICHAEL CLEARY, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
ROBERT SMITH, et al.,
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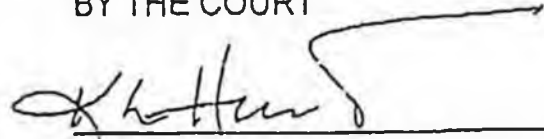
JUDGMENT

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that judgment is entered against defendant State of Alaska for the sum of \$40,111.57 for full payment of attorney's fees and costs incurred by the offices of Volland & Taylor, P.C., in representing plaintiffs from January 1, 2000, through June 30, 2000.

This judgment shall bear interest entered at the rate of 10.5% per annum.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 15 day of August, 2000.

BY THE COURT



Karen L. Hunt
Judge of the Superior Court

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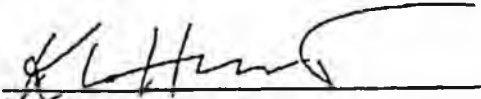
ORDER

Upon review of Plaintiffs' Motion for Attorney Fees and Costs, and the record on file herein, and good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiffs are awarded the sum of \$40,111.57 from defendants for full payment of attorney's fees and costs incurred by the offices of Volland & Taylor, P.C., in representing plaintiffs from January 1, 2000, through June 30, 2000.

DATED at Anchorage, Alaska this 14 day of August 2000.

BY THE COURT



 Karen L. Hunt
 Judge of the Superior Court

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