

HB

266

**OPERATING
BUDGET**

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BUDGET</SUBJECT><COMM>HFIN28</COMM></TARGET>

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Date Referred to Committee: January 21, 2014

FURTHER REFERRALS:

Date of Committee Action: 3/12/14

The FINANCE Committee considered:

HB 266

HOUSE BILL NO. 266

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

HB 266-APPROP: OPERATING BUDGET/LOANS/FUNDS

Recommends it be replaced with [] HCS or [x] CS for HB 266 (FIN)
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- [] attach amendments
[] add new referral to Committee
[] Letter of Intent Committee

- List of Abbrev for Depts: ADM, CED, COR, CRT, EED, DEC, DFG, GOV, DHS, LWF, LAW, LEG, MVA, DNR, DPS, REV, DOT, UA

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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 266(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

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 loan program expenses of state**
2 **government and for certain programs, capitalizing funds, and making reappropriations;**
3 **and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

1 * **Section 1.** The following appropriation items are for operating expenditures from the
 2 general fund or other funds as set out in section 2 of this Act to the agencies named for the
 3 purposes expressed for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015,
 4 unless otherwise indicated. A department-wide, agency-wide, or branch-wide unallocated
 5 reduction set out in this section may be allocated among the appropriations made in this
 6 section to that department, agency, or branch.

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
	*****	*****	
***** Department of Administration *****			
	*****	*****	
Centralized Administrative Services	86,587,100	14,021,400	72,565,700

13 The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated
 14 balance on June 30, 2014, of inter-agency receipts appropriated in sec. 1, ch. 14, SLA
 15 2013, page 2, line 12, and collected in the Department of Administration's federally
 16 approved cost allocation plans.

17 Office of Administrative	2,773,800
18 Hearings	
19 DOA Leases	1,564,900
20 Office of the Commissioner	1,242,600
21 Administrative Services	3,637,600
22 DOA Information Technology	1,390,700
23 Support	
24 Finance	10,898,200
25 E-Travel	2,888,500
26 Personnel	17,459,000

27 The amount allocated for the Division of Personnel for the Americans with Disabilities
 28 Act includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of inter-agency
 29 receipts collected for cost allocation of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

30 Labor Relations	1,462,600
31 Centralized Human Resources	281,700

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Funds	Funds
		Items		
3	Retirement and Benefits	20,252,700		
4	Health Plans Administration	22,540,900		
5	Labor Agreements	50,000		
6	Miscellaneous Items			
7	Centralized ETS Services	143,900		
8	General Services		3,974,200	75,090,600
9	Purchasing	1,424,200		
10	Property Management	1,069,100		
11	Central Mail	3,674,600		
12	Leases	50,132,700		
13	Lease Administration	1,676,200		
14	Facilities	18,273,600		
15	Facilities Administration	1,927,900		
16	Non-Public Building Fund	886,500		
17	Facilities			
18	Administration State Facilities Rent		1,218,600	70,200
19	Administration State	1,288,800		
20	Facilities Rent			
21	Special Systems		2,148,100	
22	Unlicensed Vessel	50,000		
23	Participant Annuity			
24	Retirement Plan			
25	Elected Public Officers	2,098,100		
26	Retirement System Benefits			
27	Enterprise Technology Services		10,924,400	39,032,500
28	State of Alaska	5,795,400		
29	Telecommunications System			
30	Alaska Land Mobile Radio	3,450,000		
31	ALMR Payments on Behalf of	500,000		
32	Political Subdivisions			
33	Enterprise Technology	40,211,500		

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Items	Funds
	Services			Funds
4	Information Services Fund		55,000	55,000
5	Information Services Fund	55,000		
6	This appropriation to the Information Services Fund capitalizes a fund and does not			
7	lapse.			
8	Public Communications Services		5,371,000	5,047,300
9	Public Broadcasting	54,200		
10	Commission			
11	Public Broadcasting - Radio	3,319,900		
12	Public Broadcasting - T.V.	825,900		
13	Satellite Infrastructure	1,171,000		
14	AIRRES Grant		100,000	100,000
15	AIRRES Grant	100,000		
16	Risk Management		41,239,600	41,239,600
17	Risk Management	41,239,600		
18	Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation		7,200,800	7,059,200
19	Commission			141,600
20	Alaska Oil and Gas	7,200,800		
21	Conservation Commission			
22	The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and			
23	unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation			
24	Commission receipts account for regulatory cost charges under AS 31.05.093 and			
25	collected in the Department of Administration.			
26	Legal and Advocacy Services		50,103,100	48,186,900
27	Office of Public Advocacy	23,482,400		
28	Public Defender Agency	26,620,700		
29	Violent Crimes Compensation Board		2,536,800	2,536,800
30	Violent Crimes Compensation	2,536,800		
31	Board			
32	Alaska Public Offices Commission		1,442,100	1,442,100
33	Alaska Public Offices	1,442,100		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
		Funds	Funds
1			
2			
3	Commission		
4	Motor Vehicles	17,979,900	16,429,300
5	Motor Vehicles	17,979,900	1,550,600
6	* * * * *	* * * * *	
7	* * * * * Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development * * * * *		
8	* * * * *	* * * * *	
9	Executive Administration	6,862,600	1,620,400
10	Commissioner's Office	1,156,900	5,242,200
11	Administrative Services	5,705,700	
12	Banking and Securities	3,622,200	3,622,200
13	Banking and Securities	3,622,200	
14	Community and Regional Affairs	11,022,200	7,894,400
15	Community and Regional	11,022,200	3,127,800
16	Affairs		
17	Revenue Sharing	14,628,200	14,628,200
18	Payment in Lieu of Taxes	10,428,200	
19	(PILT)		
20	National Forest Receipts	600,000	
21	Fisheries Taxes	3,600,000	
22	Corporations, Business and	12,182,900	11,529,800
23	Professional Licensing		653,100
24	The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated		
25	balance on June 30, 2014, of receipts collected under AS 08.01.065(a), (c) and (f)-(i).		
26	It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Commerce, Community and		
27	Economic Development set license fees approximately equal to the cost of regulation per		
28	AS 08.01.065(c). Further, it is the intent of the legislature that the Department of		
29	Commerce, Community and Economic Development annually submit, by November 1st, a		
30	six year report to the legislature in a template developed by Legislative Finance Division.		
31	The report is to include at least the following information for each licensing board:		
32	revenues from license fees; revenues from other sources; expenditures by line item,		
33	including separate reporting for investigative costs, administrative costs, departmental and		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
3	other cost allocation plans; number of licensees; carryforward balance; and potential		
4	license fee changes based on statistical analysis.		
5	Corporations, Business and	12,182,900	
6	Professional Licensing		
7	Economic Development	20,789,700	17,549,600
8	The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated		
9	balance on June 30, 2014, of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic		
10	Development, Division of Economic Development, statutory designated program receipts		
11	from the sale of advertisements, exhibit space and all other receipts collected on behalf of		
12	the State of Alaska for tourism marketing activities.		
13	Economic Development	20,789,700	
14	Investments	5,360,700	5,331,100
15	Investments	5,360,700	29,600
16	Insurance Operations	7,648,300	7,287,700
17	The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes up to \$1,000,000 of the		
18	unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the Department of Commerce,		
19	Community, and Economic Development, Division of Insurance, program receipts from		
20	license fees and service fees.		
21	Insurance Operations	7,648,300	
22	Serve Alaska	3,425,000	214,400
23	Serve Alaska	3,425,000	3,210,600
24	Alcoholic Beverage Control Board	1,752,100	1,728,400
25	Alcoholic Beverage Control	1,752,100	23,700
26	Board		
27	Alaska Gasline Development Corporation	5,372,400	5,372,400
28	Alaska Gasline Development	5,372,400	
29	Corporation		
30	Alaska Energy Authority	14,650,300	5,914,900
31	Alaska Energy Authority	1,067,100	8,735,400
32	Owned Facilities		
33	Alaska Energy Authority	6,277,800	

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Funds	Funds
		Items		
1				
2				
3	Rural Energy Operations			
4	Alaska Energy Authority	576,700		
5	Technical Assistance			
6	Statewide Project	6,728,700		
7	Development, Alternative			
8	Energy and Efficiency			
9	Alaska Industrial Development and	17,421,900		17,421,900
10	Export Authority			
11	Alaska Industrial	17,159,900		
12	Development and Export			
13	Authority			
14	Alaska Industrial	262,000		
15	Development Corporation			
16	Facilities Maintenance			
17	Regulatory Commission of Alaska	9,430,800	9,104,500	326,300
18	The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated			
19	balance on June 30, 2014, of the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic			
20	Development, Regulatory Commission of Alaska receipts account for regulatory cost			
21	charges under AS 42.05.254 and AS 42.06.286.			
22	Regulatory Commission of	9,430,800		
23	Alaska			
24	DCCED State Facilities Rent	1,359,400	599,200	760,200
25	DCCED State Facilities Rent	1,359,400		
26	* * * * *	* * * * *		
27	* * * * * Department of Corrections * * * * *			
28	* * * * *	* * * * *		
29	Administration and Support	8,740,700	8,592,600	148,100
30	Office of the Commissioner	1,256,400		
31	Administrative Services	4,101,800		
32	Information Technology MIS	2,667,400		
33	Research and Records	425,200		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
1			
2			
3	DOC State Facilities Rent	289,900	
4	Population Management	260,192,700	241,216,700
5	Correctional Academy	1,415,500	
6	Facility-Capital	637,100	
7	Improvement Unit		
8	Prison System Expansion	442,900	
9	Facility Maintenance	12,280,500	
10	Classification and Furlough	851,000	
11	Out-of-State Contractual	300,000	
12	Institution Director's	2,218,800	
13	Office		
14	Inmate Transportation	2,878,500	
15	Point of Arrest	628,700	
16	Anchorage Correctional	27,568,300	
17	Complex		
18	Anvil Mountain Correctional	5,897,200	
19	Center		
20	Combined Hiland Mountain	11,573,700	
21	Correctional Center		
22	Fairbanks Correctional	10,827,500	
23	Center		
24	Goose Creek Correctional	49,989,000	
25	Center		
26	Ketchikan Correctional	4,513,200	
27	Center		
28	Lemon Creek Correctional	9,717,100	
29	Center		
30	Matanuska-Susitna	4,467,000	
31	Correctional Center		
32	Palmer Correctional Center	13,173,300	
33	Spring Creek Correctional	22,679,800	

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Funds	Funds
		Items		
1				
2				
3	Center			
4	Wildwood Correctional	14,772,400		
5	Center			
6	Yukon-Kuskokwim	7,219,600		
7	Correctional Center			
8	Probation and Parole	730,500		
9	Director's Office			
10	Statewide Probation and	15,490,800		
11	Parole			
12	Electronic Monitoring	3,422,500		
13	Regional and Community	10,486,600		
14	Jails			
15	Community Residential	25,164,500		
16	Centers			
17	Parole Board	846,700		
18	Inmate Health Care		37,207,200	36,939,900
19	Behavioral Health Care	2,446,000		267,300
20	Physical Health Care	34,761,200		
21	Offender Habilitation		6,619,200	6,327,100
22	Education Programs	670,100		292,100
23	Vocational Education	306,000		
24	Programs			
25	Domestic Violence Program	175,000		
26	Substance Abuse Treatment	2,309,500		
27	Program			
28	Sex Offender Management	3,158,600		
29	Program			
30	24 Hour Institutional Utilities		10,224,200	10,224,200
31	24 Hour Institutional	10,224,200		
32	Utilities			
33		* * * * *	* * * * *	

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Items	Funds
			Funds	Funds
	***** Department of Education and Early Development *****			
	*****		*****	
5	K-12 Support		40,295,100	19,504,100
6	Foundation Program	30,791,000		20,791,000
7	Boarding Home Grants	4,710,800		
8	Youth in Detention	1,100,000		
9	Special Schools	3,693,300		
10	Education Support Services		6,050,600	3,592,900
11	Executive Administration	903,400		2,457,700
12	Administrative Services	1,649,500		
13	Information Services	1,052,900		
14	School Finance & Facilities	2,444,800		
15	Teaching and Learning Support		237,167,600	29,687,700
16	Student and School	166,221,600		
17	Achievement			
18	Online with Libraries (OWL)	761,800		
19	Live Homework Help	138,200		
20	State System of Support	1,962,500		
21	Statewide Mentoring Program	3,000,000		
22	Teacher Certification	920,600		
23	The amount allocated for Teacher Certification includes the unexpended and			
24	unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the Department of Education and Early			
25	Development receipts from teacher certification fees under AS 14.20.020(c).			
26	Child Nutrition	52,701,800		
27	Early Learning Coordination	9,461,100		
28	Pre-Kindergarten Grants	2,000,000		
29	Commissions and Boards		2,370,900	1,113,800
30	Professional Teaching	299,800		1,257,100
31	Practices Commission			
32	Alaska State Council on the	2,071,100		
33	Arts			

		Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds
1				
2				
3	Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School	10,775,600	4,680,100	6,095,500
4	Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding	10,775,600		
5	School			
6	State Facilities Maintenance	3,309,500	2,098,200	1,211,300
7	State Facilities	1,185,300		
8	Maintenance			
9	EED State Facilities Rent	2,124,200		
10	Alaska Library and Museums	12,663,600	8,131,800	4,531,800
11	Library Operations	9,226,500		
12	Archives	1,321,700		
13	Museum Operations	2,115,400		
14	Alaska Postsecondary Education	25,318,700	8,464,800	16,853,900
15	Commission			
16	Program Administration &	22,353,900		
17	Operations			
18	WWAMI Medical Education	2,964,800		
19	Alaska Performance Scholarship Awards	11,000,000	11,000,000	
20	Alaska Performance	11,000,000		
21	Scholarship Awards			
22	* * * * *	* * * * *		
23	* * * * * Department of Environmental Conservation * * * * *			
24	* * * * *	* * * * *		
25	Administration	9,915,100	5,553,300	4,361,800
26	Office of the Commissioner	1,122,400		
27	Administrative Services	6,240,700		
28	The amount allocated for Administrative Services includes the unexpended and			
29	unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of receipts from all prior fiscal years collected			
30	under the Department of Environmental Conservation's federal approved indirect cost			
31	allocation plan for expenditures incurred by the Department of Environmental			
32	Conservation.			
33	State Support Services	2,552,000		

		Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds
3	DEC Buildings Maintenance and	636,500	636,500	
4	Operations			
5	DEC Buildings Maintenance	636,500		
6	and Operations			
7	Environmental Health	19,439,500	12,291,100	7,148,400
8	Environmental Health	442,800		
9	Director			
10	Food Safety & Sanitation	5,171,700		
11	Laboratory Services	4,324,800		
12	Drinking Water	7,159,200		
13	Solid Waste Management	2,341,000		
14	Air Quality	10,646,200	3,734,700	6,911,500
15	Air Quality Director	286,100		
16	Air Quality	10,360,100		
17	The amount allocated for Air Quality includes the unexpended and unobligated balance			
18	on June 30, 2014, of the Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Air			
19	Quality general fund program receipts from fees collected under AS 46.14.240 and AS			
20	46.14.250.			
21	Spill Prevention and Response	20,888,600	14,480,600	6,408,000
22	Spill Prevention and	351,500		
23	Response Director			
24	Contaminated Sites Program	8,846,100		
25	Industry Preparedness and	5,339,200		
26	Pipeline Operations			
27	Prevention and Emergency	4,713,500		
28	Response			
29	Response Fund	1,638,300		
30	Administration			
31	Water	25,626,900	12,581,500	13,045,400
32	Water Quality	17,032,700		
33	Facility Construction	8,594,200		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
	*****	*****	
	***** Department of Fish and Game *****		
	*****	*****	
6	The amount appropriated for the Department of Fish and Game includes the unexpended and		
7	unobligated balance on June 30, 2014 of receipts collected under the Department of Fish and		
8	Game's federal indirect cost plan for expenditures incurred by the Department of Fish and		
9	Game.		
10	Commercial Fisheries	72,915,800	53,532,900
			19,382,900
11	The amount appropriated for Commercial Fisheries includes the unexpended and		
12	unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the Department of Fish and Game receipts from		
13	commercial fisheries test fishing operations receipts under AS 16.05.050(a)(14), and from		
14	commercial crew member licenses.		
15	Southeast Region Fisheries	10,287,100	
16	Management		
17	Central Region Fisheries	9,524,100	
18	Management		
19	AYK Region Fisheries	8,540,100	
20	Management		
21	Westward Region Fisheries	10,696,300	
22	Management		
23	Headquarters Fisheries	13,344,600	
24	Management		
25	Commercial Fisheries	20,868,600	
26	Special Projects		
27	Unallocated Reduction	-345,000	
28	Sport Fisheries	48,302,000	7,018,400
			41,283,600
29	Sport Fisheries	42,602,900	
30	Sport Fish Hatcheries	5,974,100	
31	Unallocated Reduction	-275,000	
32	Wildlife Conservation	47,638,600	7,575,700
			40,062,900
33	Wildlife Conservation	34,257,700	

1	Appropriation	General	Other
2	Allocations	Funds	Funds
3	Wildlife Conservation	12,745,700	
4	Special Projects		
5	Unallocated Reduction	-220,000	
6	Hunter Education Public	855,200	
7	Shooting Ranges		
8	Administration and Support	34,359,300	11,416,900
9	Commissioner's Office	1,896,500	
10	Administrative Services	12,650,100	
11	Fish and Game Boards and	1,960,500	
12	Advisory Committees		
13	State Subsistence Research	7,729,000	
14	EVOS Trustee Council	2,492,400	
15	State Facilities	5,100,800	
16	Maintenance		
17	Fish and Game State	2,530,000	
18	Facilities Rent		
19	Habitat	6,835,300	4,255,400
20	Habitat	6,835,300	2,579,900
21	Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission	4,520,200	4,405,800
22	The amount appropriated for Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission includes the		
23	unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the Department of Fish and		
24	Game, Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission program receipts from licenses, permits		
25	and other fees.		
26	Commercial Fisheries Entry	4,520,200	
27	Commission		
28	* * * * *	* * * * *	
29	* * * * * Department of Health and Social Services * * * * *		
30	* * * * *	* * * * *	
31	At the discretion of the Commissioner of the Department of Health and Social Services, up to		
32	\$50,000,000 may be transferred between appropriations in the Department of Health and		
33	Social Services.		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	Items		
Alaska Pioneer Homes	46,528,400	37,003,900	9,524,500
It is the intent of the legislature that the department submit a report to the legislature by January 22, 2015, outlining statutory and regulatory changes that need to occur to ensure that the Alaska Pioneer Homes maximize Medicaid funding.			
Alaska Pioneer Homes	1,605,200		
Management			
Pioneer Homes	44,923,200		
The amount allocated for Pioneer Homes includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the Department of Health and Social Services, Pioneer Homes care and support receipts under AS 47.55.030.			
Behavioral Health	52,846,000	11,918,000	40,928,000
AK Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	1,113,600		
Program			
Alcohol Safety Action	3,068,900		
Program (ASAP)			
Behavioral Health Grants	5,664,300		
Behavioral Health	4,284,300		
Administration			
Community Action Prevention	4,119,000		
& Intervention Grants			
Rural Services and Suicide	1,144,600		
Prevention			
Psychiatric Emergency	1,714,400		
Services			
Services to the Seriously	2,166,500		
Mentally Ill			
Services for Severely	1,298,200		
Emotionally Disturbed Youth			
Alaska Psychiatric	26,489,700		
Institute			
Alaska Psychiatric	9,000		

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Funds	Funds
			Items	
1				
2				
3	Institute Advisory Board			
4	Alaska Mental Health Board	144,800		
5	and Advisory Board on			
6	Alcohol and Drug Abuse			
7	Residential Child Care	1,628,700		
8	Children's Services		132,039,100	81,722,300
9	Children's Services	8,990,000		50,316,800
10	Management			
11	Children's Services	1,427,200		
12	Training			
13	Front Line Social Workers	49,883,900		
14	Family Preservation	13,003,400		
15	Foster Care Base Rate	16,427,300		
16	Foster Care Augmented Rate	1,176,100		
17	Foster Care Special Need	9,052,400		
18	Subsidized Adoptions &	27,606,600		
19	Guardianship			
20	Infant Learning Program	4,472,200		
21	Grants			
22	Health Care Services		24,230,900	11,640,300
23	Catastrophic and Chronic	1,471,000		12,590,600
24	Illness Assistance (AS			
25	47.08)			
26	Health Facilities Licensing	2,260,400		
27	and Certification			
28	Residential Licensing	4,568,900		
29	Medical Assistance	13,313,600		
30	Administration			
31	Rate Review	2,617,000		
32	Juvenile Justice		57,323,600	54,719,500
33	McLaughlin Youth Center	17,335,200		2,604,100

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	Items		
1			
2			
3	Mat-Su Youth Facility	2,289,200	
4	Kenai Peninsula Youth	1,961,600	
5	Facility		
6	Fairbanks Youth Facility	4,637,700	
7	Bethel Youth Facility	4,212,300	
8	Nome Youth Facility	2,685,200	
9	Johnson Youth Center	4,059,800	
10	Ketchikan Regional Youth	1,941,900	
11	Facility		
12	Probation Services	15,186,300	
13	Delinquency Prevention	1,465,000	
14	Youth Courts	530,000	
15	Juvenile Justice Health	1,019,400	
16	Care		
17	Public Assistance	328,763,900	181,720,500 147,043,400
18	Alaska Temporary Assistance	34,105,400	
19	Program		
20	Adult Public Assistance	68,549,700	
21	Child Care Benefits	47,304,700	
22	General Relief Assistance	2,905,400	
23	Tribal Assistance Programs	14,938,200	
24	Senior Benefits Payment	23,090,500	
25	Program		
26	Permanent Fund Dividend	17,724,700	
27	Hold Harmless		
28	Energy Assistance Program	24,833,500	
29	Public Assistance	5,542,500	
30	Administration		
31	Public Assistance Field	42,822,200	
32	Services		
33	Fraud Investigation	2,116,600	

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Funds	Funds
		Items		
1				
2				
3	Quality Control	2,066,000		
4	Work Services	13,952,800		
5	Women, Infants and Children	28,811,700		
6	Public Health	115,274,700	68,284,500	46,990,200
7	Health Planning and Systems	5,792,200		
8	Development			
9	Nursing	33,397,000		
10	Women, Children and Family	11,791,700		
11	Health			
12	Public Health	1,919,800		
13	Administrative Services			
14	Emergency Programs	11,126,500		
15	Chronic Disease Prevention	18,382,000		
16	and Health Promotion			
17	Epidemiology	18,537,300		
18	Bureau of Vital Statistics	3,298,600		
19	State Medical Examiner	3,202,900		
20	Public Health Laboratories	6,672,800		
21	Community Health Grants	1,153,900		
22	Senior and Disabilities Services	45,519,300	25,939,600	19,579,700
23	Senior and Disabilities	17,632,800		
24	Services Administration			
25	General Relief/Temporary	7,373,400		
26	Assisted Living			
27	Senior Community Based	11,555,800		
28	Grants			
29	Community Developmental	6,009,000		
30	Disabilities Grants			
31	Senior Residential Services	815,000		
32	Commission on Aging	411,400		
33	Governor's Council on	1,721,900		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	Items		
1			
2			
3	Disabilities and Special		
4	Education		
5	Departmental Support Services	55,714,000	24,206,200
6	Performance Bonuses	6,000,000	31,507,800
7	The amount appropriated by the appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated		
8	balance on June 30, 2014, of federal unrestricted receipts from the Children's Health		
9	Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009, P.L. 111-3.		
10	Funding appropriated in this allocation may be transferred among appropriations in the		
11	Department of Health and Social Services.		
12	Public Affairs	2,165,400	
13	Quality Assurance and Audit	1,112,200	
14	Commissioner's Office	3,358,200	
15	Assessment and Planning	250,000	
16	Administrative Support	13,284,700	
17	Services		
18	Facilities Management	1,277,100	
19	Information Technology	19,219,700	
20	Services		
21	Facilities Maintenance	2,138,800	
22	Pioneers' Homes Facilities	2,010,000	
23	Maintenance		
24	HSS State Facilities Rent	4,897,900	
25	Human Services Community Matching	1,785,300	1,785,300
26	Grant		
27	Human Services Community	1,785,300	
28	Matching Grant		
29	Community Initiative Matching Grants	894,000	881,600
30	Community Initiative	894,000	12,400
31	Matching Grants (non-		
32	statutory grants)		
33	Medicaid Services	1,595,155,500	620,844,200
			974,311,300

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
<p>No money appropriated in this appropriation may be expended for an abortion that is not a mandatory service required under AS 47.07.030(a). The money appropriated for Health and Social Services may be expended only for mandatory services required under Title XIX of the Social Security Act and for optional services offered by the state under the state plan for medical assistance that has been approved by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.</p>			
Behavioral Health Medicaid Services	121,313,100		
Children's Medicaid Services	10,060,800		
Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Services	15,885,300		
Health Care Medicaid Services	908,931,400		
Senior and Disabilities Medicaid Services	538,964,900		
	* * * * *	* * * * *	
* * * * * Department of Labor and Workforce Development * * * * *			
	* * * * *	* * * * *	
Commissioner and Administrative Services		22,813,900	7,847,700
Commissioner's Office	1,465,500		
Alaska Labor Relations Agency	596,500		
Management Services	3,798,600		
<p>The amount allocated for Management Services includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of receipts from all prior fiscal years collected under the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's federal indirect cost plan for expenditures incurred by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development.</p>			
Human Resources	277,900		
Leasing	3,892,800		

	Appropriation		General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds
1				
2				
3	Data Processing	7,958,400		
4	Labor Market Information	4,824,200		
5	Workers' Compensation		12,696,700	12,696,700
6	Workers' Compensation	5,679,100		
7	Workers' Compensation	584,600		
8	Appeals Commission			
9	Workers' Compensation	772,600		
10	Benefits Guaranty Fund			
11	Second Injury Fund	4,008,100		
12	Fishermen's Fund	1,652,300		
13	Labor Standards and Safety		7,328,600	4,182,200
14	Wage and Hour	2,514,200		
15	Administration			
16	Mechanical Inspection	2,952,800		
17	Occupational Safety and	5,918,000		
18	Health			
19	Alaska Safety Advisory	125,800		
20	Council			
21	The amount allocated for the Alaska Safety Advisory Council includes the unexpended			
22	and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the Department of Labor and Workforce			
23	Development, Alaska Safety Advisory Council receipts under AS 18.60.840.			
24	Employment Security		4,148,700	53,842,700
25	Employment and Training	26,227,400		
26	Services			
27	Of the combined amount of all federal receipts in this appropriation, the amount of			
28	\$3,645,300 is appropriated for the Unemployment Insurance Modernization account.			
29	Unemployment Insurance	28,351,800		
30	Adult Basic Education	3,412,200		
31	Business Partnerships		17,071,800	17,961,400
32	Workforce Investment Board	1,482,300		
33	Business Services	25,955,500		

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Funds	Funds
		Items		
1				
2				
3	Kotzebue Technical Center	1,577,700		
4	Operations Grant			
5	Southwest Alaska Vocational	520,900		
6	and Education Center			
7	Operations Grant			
8	Yuut Elitnaurviat, Inc.	977,700		
9	People's Learning Center			
10	Operations Grant			
11	Northwest Alaska Career and	725,900		
12	Technical Center			
13	Delta Career Advancement	325,900		
14	Center			
15	New Frontier Vocational	217,300		
16	Technical Center			
17	Construction Academy	3,250,000		
18	Training			
19	Vocational Rehabilitation	26,893,100	5,882,100	21,011,000
20	Vocational Rehabilitation	1,472,600		
21	Administration			
22	The amount allocated for Vocational Rehabilitation Administration includes the			
23	unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of receipts from all prior fiscal			
24	years collected under the Department of Labor and Workforce Development's federal			
25	indirect cost plan for expenditures incurred by the Department of Labor and Workforce			
26	Development.			
27	Client Services	17,165,200		
28	Independent Living	1,811,200		
29	Rehabilitation			
30	Disability Determination	5,209,000		
31	Special Projects	1,235,100		
32	Alaska Vocational Technical Center	15,650,100	10,606,900	5,043,200
33	Alaska Vocational Technical	13,791,000		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
	Funds	Funds	Funds
1 Center			
2 The amount allocated for the Alaska Vocational Technical Center includes the			
3 unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of contributions received by the			
4 Alaska Vocational Technical Center receipts under AS 21.96.070, AS 43.20.014, AS			
5 43.55.019, AS 43.56.018, AS 43.65.018, AS 43.75.018, and AS 43.77.045 and receipts			
6 collected under AS 37.05.146.			
7 AVTEC Facilities	1,859,100		
8 Maintenance			
9	*****	*****	
10	***** Department of Law *****		
11	*****	*****	
12			
13 Criminal Division		33,392,900	29,333,500
14			4,059,400
15 First Judicial District	2,171,600		
16 Second Judicial District	2,210,700		
17 Third Judicial District:	7,965,000		
18 Anchorage			
19 Third Judicial District:	5,547,200		
20 Outside Anchorage			
21 Fourth Judicial District	6,063,100		
22 Criminal Justice Litigation	2,842,600		
23 Criminal Appeals/Special	6,592,700		
24 Litigation			
25 Civil Division		55,429,500	29,800,600
26 Deputy Attorney General's	458,300		25,628,900
27 Office			
28 Child Protection	7,085,000		
29 Collections and Support	3,320,700		
30 Commercial and Fair	5,070,200		
31 Business			
32 The amount allocated for Commercial and Fair Business includes the unexpended and			
33 unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of designated program receipts of the			

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	Items		
1			
2			
3	Department of Law, Commercial and Fair Business section, that are required by the		
4	terms of a settlement or judgment to be spent by the state for consumer education or		
5	consumer protection.		
6	Environmental Law	2,344,800	
7	Human Services	2,471,400	
8	Labor and State Affairs	6,372,000	
9	Legislation/Regulations	1,093,800	
10	Natural Resources	4,050,300	
11	Oil, Gas and Mining	10,758,300	
12	Opinions, Appeals and	1,924,800	
13	Ethics		
14	Regulatory Affairs Public	1,843,600	
15	Advocacy		
16	Timekeeping and Litigation	2,173,300	
17	Support		
18	Torts & Workers'	4,143,400	
19	Compensation		
20	Transportation Section	2,319,600	
21	Administration and Support	4,524,000	2,829,100
22	Office of the Attorney	656,900	
23	General		
24	Administrative Services	2,980,900	
25	Dimond Courthouse Public	886,200	
26	Building Fund		
27	* * * * *	* * * * *	
28	* * * * * Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs * * * * *		
29	* * * * *	* * * * *	
30	Military and Veterans' Affairs	49,635,000	18,196,600
31	Office of the Commissioner	6,165,800	
32	Homeland Security and	9,616,500	
33	Emergency Management		

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Funds	Funds
		Items		
1				
2				
3	Local Emergency Planning	300,000		
4	Committee			
5	National Guard Military	627,200		
6	Headquarters			
7	Army Guard Facilities	14,085,700		
8	Maintenance			
9	Air Guard Facilities	6,275,400		
10	Maintenance			
11	Alaska Military Youth	10,454,100		
12	Academy			
13	Veterans' Services	1,785,300		
14	State Active Duty	325,000		
15	Alaska National Guard Benefits		627,300	627,300
16	Retirement Benefits	627,300		
17	Alaska Aerospace Corporation		10,125,500	6,084,300
18	The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated			
19	balance on June 30, 2014, of the federal and corporate receipts of the Department and			
20	Military and Veterans Affairs, Alaska Aerospace Corporation.			
21	Alaska Aerospace	4,062,600		
22	Corporation			
23	Alaska Aerospace	6,062,900		
24	Corporation Facilities			
25	Maintenance			
26	* * * * *		* * * * *	
27	* * * * * Department of Natural Resources * * * * *			
28	* * * * *		* * * * *	
29	Administration & Support Services		38,847,100	18,538,400
30	Commissioner's Office	1,776,900		
31	State Pipeline	8,566,100		
32	Coordinator's Office			
33	Office of Project	8,653,000		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	Items		
1			
2			
3	Management & Permitting		
4	Administrative Services	3,538,200	
5	The amount allocated for Administrative Services includes the unexpended and		
6	unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of receipts from all prior fiscal years collected		
7	under the Department of Natural Resource's federal indirect cost plan for expenditures		
8	incurred by the Department of Natural Resources.		
9	Information Resource	5,096,800	
10	Management		
11	Interdepartmental	1,589,600	
12	Chargebacks		
13	Facilities	3,102,000	
14	Citizen's Advisory	285,300	
15	Commission on Federal Areas		
16	Recorder's Office/Uniform	5,092,500	
17	Commercial Code		
18	Conservation & Development	116,500	
19	Board		
20	EVOS Trustee Council	437,000	
21	Projects		
22	Public Information Center	593,200	
23	Oil & Gas	15,939,400	11,384,300
24	Oil & Gas	15,085,800	
25	Petroleum Systems Integrity	853,600	
26	Office		
27	Land & Water Resources	44,271,000	34,209,100
28	Mining, Land & Water	28,202,000	
29	Forest Management &	6,569,700	
30	Development		
31	The amount allocated for Forest Management and Development includes the		
32	unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the timber receipts account		
33	(AS 38.05.110).		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
1 Geological & Geophysical	9,499,300		
2 Surveys			
3 Agriculture	7,732,400	6,373,100	1,359,300
4 Agricultural Development	2,567,600		
5 North Latitude Plant	2,631,000		
6 Material Center			
7 Agriculture Revolving Loan	2,533,800		
8 Program Administration			
9 Parks & Outdoor Recreation	17,179,400	10,286,500	6,892,900
10 Parks Management & Access	14,658,700		
11 The amount allocated for Parks Management and Access includes the unexpended and			
12 unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the receipts collected under AS 41.21.026.			
13 Office of History and	2,520,700		
14 Archaeology			
15 The amount allocated for the Office of History and Archaeology includes up to \$15,700			
16 general fund program receipt authorization from the unexpended and unobligated			
17 balance on June 30, 2014, of the receipts collected under AS 41.35.380.			
18 Fire Suppression	31,320,600	23,655,800	7,664,800
19 Fire Suppression	19,696,900		
20 Preparedness			
21 Fire Suppression Activity	11,623,700		
22	* * * * *	* * * * *	
23	* * * * *	* * * * *	
24	* * * * *	* * * * *	
25	* * * * *	* * * * *	
26	* * * * *	* * * * *	
27 Fire and Life Safety	5,505,200	4,494,800	1,010,400
28 The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes up to \$125,000 of the unexpended			
29 and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the receipts collected under AS 18.70.080(b).			
30 Fire and Life Safety	5,505,200		
31 Alaska Fire Standards Council	583,300	254,400	328,900
32 The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes the unexpended and unobligated			
33 balance on June 30, 2014, of the receipts collected under AS 18.70.350(4) and AS			

	Appropriation		General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds
1				
2				
3	18.70.360.			
4	Alaska Fire Standards	583,300		
5	Council			
6	Alaska State Troopers	135,949,500	123,518,100	12,431,400
7	Special Projects	9,837,400		
8	Alaska Bureau of Judicial	4,283,600		
9	Services			
10	Prisoner Transportation	2,854,200		
11	Search and Rescue	577,900		
12	Rural Trooper Housing	3,062,000		
13	Statewide Drug and Alcohol	11,078,600		
14	Enforcement Unit			
15	Alaska State Trooper	66,967,900		
16	Detachments			
17	Alaska Bureau of	8,134,200		
18	Investigation			
19	Alaska Wildlife Troopers	22,286,000		
20	Alaska Wildlife Troopers	4,453,900		
21	Aircraft Section			
22	Alaska Wildlife Troopers	2,413,800		
23	Marine Enforcement			
24	Village Public Safety Officer Program	17,663,300	17,663,300	
25	Village Public Safety	17,663,300		
26	Officer Program			
27	Alaska Police Standards Council	1,274,300	1,274,300	
28	The amount appropriated by this appropriation includes up to \$125,000 of the unexpended			
29	and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the receipts collected under AS 12.25.195(c),			
30	AS 12.55.039, AS 28.05.151, and AS 29.25.074 and receipts collected under AS			
31	18.65.220(7).			
32	Alaska Police Standards	1,274,300		
33	Council			

	Appropriation	General	Other	
	Allocations	Items	Funds	
1				
2				
3	Council on Domestic Violence and	19,162,600	12,315,600	6,847,000
4	Sexual Assault			
5	Council on Domestic	19,162,600		
6	Violence and Sexual Assault			
7	Statewide Support	25,973,600	18,132,500	7,841,100
8	Commissioner's Office	1,249,100		
9	Training Academy	2,874,400		
10	The amount allocated for the Training Academy includes the unexpended and			
11	unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the receipts collected under AS 44.41.020(a).			
12	Administrative Services	4,466,500		
13	Alaska Wing Civil Air	553,500		
14	Patrol			
15	Statewide Information	9,693,900		
16	Technology Services			
17	The amount allocated for Statewide Information Technology Services includes up to			
18	\$125,000 of the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the receipts			
19	collected by the Department of Public Safety from the Alaska automated fingerprint			
20	system under AS 44.41.025(b).			
21	Laboratory Services	5,963,000		
22	Facility Maintenance	1,058,800		
23	DPS State Facilities Rent	114,400		
24	* * * * *	* * * * *		
25	* * * * * Department of Revenue * * * * *			
26	* * * * *	* * * * *		
27	Taxation and Treasury	87,679,700	30,978,700	56,701,000
28	Tax Division	16,745,200		
29	Treasury Division	10,123,100		
30	Unclaimed Property	459,700		
31	Alaska Retirement	8,041,200		
32	Management Board			
33	Alaska Retirement	43,906,700		

		Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds
1				
2				
3	Management Board Custody			
4	and Management Fees			
5	Permanent Fund Dividend	8,403,800		
6	Division			
7	The amount allocated for the Permanent Fund Dividend includes the unexpended and			
8	unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the receipts collected by the Department of			
9	Revenue for application fees for reimbursement of the cost of the Permanent Fund			
10	Dividend Division charitable contributions program as provided under AS 43.23.062(f).			
11	Child Support Services	28,497,900	9,363,500	19,134,400
12	Child Support Services	28,497,900		
13	Division			
14	Administration and Support	5,363,800	1,204,600	4,159,200
15	Commissioner's Office	992,500		
16	Administrative Services	2,243,800		
17	State Facilities Rent	342,000		
18	Natural Gas	125,000		
19	Commercialization			
20	Criminal Investigations	1,660,500		
21	Unit			
22	Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority	445,300		445,300
23	Mental Health Trust	30,000		
24	Operations			
25	Long Term Care Ombudsman	415,300		
26	Office			
27	Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority	845,800		845,800
28	AMBBA Operations	845,800		
29	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	94,256,300		94,256,300
30	AHFC Operations	93,682,300		
31	Anchorage State Office	100,000		
32	Building			
33	Alaska Corporation for	474,000		

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Funds	Funds
		Items		
1	Affordable Housing			
2				
3				
4	Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation	12,231,900		12,231,900
5	APFC Operations	12,231,900		
6	Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation	138,575,000		138,575,000
7	Custody and Management Fees			
8	APFC Custody and Management	138,575,000		
9	Fees			
10	*****		*****	
11	***** Department of Transportation and Public Facilities *****			
12	*****		*****	
13	Administration and Support	50,420,600	22,477,200	27,943,400
14	Commissioner's Office	2,135,600		
15	Contracting and Appeals	356,400		
16	Equal Employment and Civil	1,276,900		
17	Rights			
18	The amount allocated for Equal Employment and Civil Rights includes the unexpended			
19	and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the statutory designated program receipts			
20	collected for the Alaska Construction Career Day events.			
21	Internal Review	1,113,000		
22	Transportation Management	1,167,500		
23	and Security			
24	Statewide Administrative	6,662,300		
25	Services			
26	Statewide Information	5,316,200		
27	Systems			
28	Leased Facilities	2,957,700		
29	Human Resources	2,366,400		
30	Statewide Procurement	1,388,200		
31	Central Region Support	1,243,000		
32	Services			
33	Northern Region Support	1,549,900		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
	Items		
1			
2			
3	Services		
4	Southeast Region Support	1,893,500	
5	Services		
6	Statewide Aviation	3,248,300	
7	The amount allocated for Statewide Aviation includes the unexpended and unobligated		
8	balance on June 30, 2014, of the rental receipts and user fees collected from tenants of		
9	land and buildings at Department of Transportation and Public Facilities rural airports		
10	under AS 02.15.090(a).		
11	Program Development	5,808,000	
12	Per AS 19.10.075(b), this allocation includes \$126,858.00 representing an amount equal		
13	to 50% of the fines collected under AS 28.90.030 during the fiscal year ending June 30,		
14	2013.		
15	Central Region Planning	2,198,100	
16	Northern Region Planning	2,027,200	
17	Southeast Region Planning	671,200	
18	Measurement Standards &	7,041,200	
19	Commercial Vehicle		
20	Enforcement		
21	The amount allocated for Measurement Standards and Commercial Vehicle		
22	Enforcement includes the unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the		
23	Unified Carrier Registration Program receipts collected by the Department of		
24	Transportation and Public Facilities.		
25	Design, Engineering and Construction	117,727,400	4,341,300 113,386,100
26	Statewide Public Facilities	4,582,600	
27	Statewide Design and	12,827,200	
28	Engineering Services		
29	The amount allocated for Statewide Design and Engineering Services includes the		
30	unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of EPA Consent Decree fine		
31	receipts collected by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.		
32	Harbor Program Development	651,300	
33	Central Design and	22,764,600	

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
		Funds	Funds
1			
2			
3	Engineering Services		
4	The amount allocated for Central Design and Engineering Services includes the		
5	unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the general fund program		
6	receipts collected by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the sale		
7	or lease of excess right-of-way.		
8	Northern Design and	17,195,700	
9	Engineering Services		
10	The amount allocated for Northern Design and Engineering Services includes the		
11	unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the general fund program		
12	receipts collected by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the sale		
13	or lease of excess right-of-way.		
14	Southeast Design and	11,035,200	
15	Engineering Services		
16	The amount allocated for Southeast Design and Engineering Services includes the		
17	unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the general fund program		
18	receipts collected by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities for the sale		
19	or lease of excess right-of-way.		
20	Central Region Construction	21,570,700	
21	and CIP Support		
22	Northern Region	17,657,800	
23	Construction and CIP		
24	Support		
25	Southeast Region	7,766,600	
26	Construction		
27	Knik Arm Bridge/Toll	1,675,700	
28	Authority		
29	State Equipment Fleet	32,743,300	32,743,300
30	State Equipment Fleet	32,743,300	
31	Highways, Aviation and Facilities	184,077,500	160,347,800
32	The amounts allocated for highways and aviation shall lapse into the general fund on		
33	August 31, 2015.		

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Funds	Funds
1			
2			
3	Central Region Facilities	9,915,000	
4	Northern Region Facilities	14,903,300	
5	Southeast Region Facilities	1,588,800	
6	Traffic Signal Management	1,865,900	
7	Central Region Highways and	59,111,700	
8	Aviation		
9	Northern Region Highways	74,417,200	
10	and Aviation		
11	Southeast Region Highways	17,518,500	
12	and Aviation		
13	Whittier Access and Tunnel	4,757,100	
14	The amount allocated for Whittier Access and Tunnel includes the unexpended and		
15	unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of the Whittier Tunnel toll receipts collected by		
16	the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities under AS 19.05.040(11).		
17	International Airports	82,587,600	82,587,600
18	International Airport	2,162,800	
19	Systems Office		
20	Anchorage Airport	7,996,900	
21	Administration		
22	Anchorage Airport	21,963,800	
23	Facilities		
24	Anchorage Airport Field and	17,739,600	
25	Equipment Maintenance		
26	Anchorage Airport	5,681,600	
27	Operations		
28	Anchorage Airport Safety	10,956,100	
29	Fairbanks Airport	2,364,400	
30	Administration		
31	Fairbanks Airport	4,220,500	
32	Facilities		
33	Fairbanks Airport Field and	4,179,000	

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
		Funds	Funds
3	Equipment Maintenance		
4	Fairbanks Airport	968,900	
5	Operations		
6	Fairbanks Airport Safety	4,354,000	
7	Marine Highway System	161,563,300	159,766,800
8	Marine Vessel Operations	111,214,400	
9	Marine Vessel Fuel	28,913,600	
10	Marine Engineering	3,976,300	
11	Overhaul	1,647,800	
12	Reservations and Marketing	2,776,700	
13	Marine Shore Operations	8,200,200	
14	Vessel Operations	4,834,300	
15	Management		

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19	University of Alaska	912,641,000	676,935,500	235,705,500
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20 It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska maintain the University of
21 Alaska Anchorage Office of Research and Graduate Studies and the University of Alaska
22 Fairbanks Office of Intellectual Property and Commercialization and continue to explore
23 additional funding opportunities.

24 It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska shall collect data on recent
25 and future graduates so that a performance matrix may be established for each degree
26 program offered by the University. Information should include the number of students
27 who graduate, when they are employed in a related field of study and at what salary, what
28 their debt load was upon graduation, and other demographic information.

29 It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska carefully review every
30 program and reevaluate and implement benchmarks with measurable outcomes, delete any
31 unnecessary programs, implement streamlining and efficiency measures, conduct a
32 systemwide audit, implement and conduct rigorous employee evaluations using best
33 practices, strongly consider fiscal impacts during employee labor contract negotiations to

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
			Funds
1			
2			
3	help lower costs, attain and implement cost-savings in travel policy, maximize energy and		
4	heating efficiencies in buildings, and sell, lease, or repurpose buildings for maximum		
5	utilization.		
6	Budget Reductions/Additions	-17,347,100	
7	- Systemwide		
8	Statewide Services	40,069,800	
9	Office of Information	19,975,700	
10	Technology		
11	Systemwide Education and	11,480,600	
12	Outreach		
13	Anchorage Campus	277,938,000	
14	Small Business Development	3,272,300	
15	Center		
16	Kenai Peninsula College	16,733,400	
17	Kodiak College	5,087,600	
18	Matanuska-Susitna College	11,648,800	
19	Prince William Sound	7,652,500	
20	Community College		
21	Bristol Bay Campus	4,175,600	
22	Chukchi Campus	2,531,700	
23	College of Rural and	12,298,700	
24	Community Development		
25	Fairbanks Campus	265,880,000	
26	Interior-Aleutians Campus	6,342,400	
27	Kuskokwim Campus	7,185,300	
28	Northwest Campus	3,270,300	
29	Fairbanks Organized	149,140,000	
30	Research		
31	UAF Community and Technical	14,753,800	
32	College		
33	Cooperative Extension	11,509,800	

		Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds	Funds
1				
2				
3	Service			
4	Juneau Campus	44,809,500		
5	Ketchikan Campus	5,727,700		
6	Sitka Campus	8,504,600		
7		*****	*****	
8		*****	*****	
9		*****	*****	
10	Commissions/Special Offices		2,550,700	2,351,300
11	Human Rights Commission	2,550,700		199,400
12	Executive Operations		18,581,600	18,581,600
13	Executive Office	12,988,600		
14	Governor's House	744,700		
15	Contingency Fund	650,000		
16	Lieutenant Governor	1,198,300		
17	Domestic Violence and	3,000,000		
18	Sexual Assault			
19	It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of the Governor delivers a report on the			
20	results of the domestic violence and sexual assault initiative through December 31,			
21	2014, along with effectiveness and efficiency performance measures that are developed			
22	with a numerator and denominator format, to the legislature by February 17, 2015.			
23	Office of the Governor State		1,171,800	1,171,800
24	Facilities Rent			
25	Governor's Office State	626,200		
26	Facilities Rent			
27	Governor's Office Leasing	545,600		
28	Office of Management and Budget		2,682,800	2,682,800
29	Office of Management and	2,682,800		
30	Budget			
31	Elections		7,762,000	7,232,800
32	Elections	7,762,000		529,200
33		*****	*****	

	Appropriation	General	Other
	Allocations	Items	Funds
	Funds	Funds	Funds
***** Alaska Court System *****			

Alaska Court System	107,925,600	105,114,300	2,811,300
Appellate Courts	7,283,700		
Trial Courts	89,740,200		
Administration and Support	10,901,700		
Therapeutic Courts	2,111,300	2,090,300	21,000
Therapeutic Courts	2,111,300		
Commission on Judicial Conduct	416,300	416,300	
Commission on Judicial	416,300		
Conduct			
Judicial Council	1,112,500	1,112,500	
It is the intent of the legislature that the legislative committees may assist the Alaska			
Judicial Council in public outreach throughout the communities of Alaska through			
facilitation of public meetings and outreach to augment the Alaska Judicial Council's work			
on all activities including selection and retention of Judicial officials. This support may			
include office space, video and telecommunications, and any other accommodation			
deemed reasonable by committee chairs. The chairs may expend funds in assisting non-			
advocacy public outreach.			
Judicial Council	1,112,500		

***** Alaska Legislature *****			

Budget and Audit Committee	18,593,300	18,293,300	300,000
Legislative Audit	6,506,300		
Legislative Finance	8,944,400		
Committee Expenses	3,142,600		
Legislative Council	35,377,400	35,321,400	56,000
Salaries and Allowances	7,619,800		
Administrative Services	13,453,800		
Council and Subcommittees	1,415,000		

		Appropriation	General	Other
		Allocations	Items	Funds
			Funds	Funds
1				
2				
3	Legal and Research Services	4,821,800		
4	Select Committee on Ethics	252,400		
5	Office of Victims Rights	968,300		
6	Ombudsman	1,269,700		
7	Legislature State	5,576,600		
8	Facilities Rent			
9	Legislative Operating Budget		22,705,500	22,672,000
10	Legislative Operating	12,350,100		
11	Budget			
12	Session Expenses	10,355,400		
13	(SECTION 2 OF THIS ACT BEGINS ON THE NEXT PAGE)			

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

3 Funding Source	Amount
4 Department of Administration	
5 1002 Federal Receipts	3,391,900
6 1004 Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	85,380,200
7 1005 General Fund/Program Receipts	18,112,100
8 1007 Interagency Receipts	126,947,000
9 1017 Group Health and Life Benefits Fund	28,395,100
10 1023 FICA Administration Fund Account	170,400
11 1029 Public Employees Retirement Trust Fund	9,728,300
12 1033 Federal Surplus Property Revolving Fund	407,200
13 1034 Teachers Retirement Trust Fund	3,955,700
14 1042 Judicial Retirement System	105,500
15 1045 National Guard Retirement System	208,100
16 1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	3,736,500
17 1081 Information Services Fund	38,032,500
18 1108 Statutory Designated Program Receipts	885,700
19 1147 Public Building Fund	17,021,900
20 1162 Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Receipts	7,059,200
21 1220 Crime Victim Compensation Fund	1,536,700
22 *** Total Agency Funding ***	345,074,000
23 Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development	
24 1002 Federal Receipts	16,736,300
25 1003 General Fund Match	998,800
26 1004 Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	29,136,300
27 1005 General Fund/Program Receipts	7,405,900
28 1007 Interagency Receipts	20,035,100
29 1036 Commercial Fishing Loan Fund	4,332,200
30 1040 Real Estate Surety Fund	288,600
31 1061 Capital Improvement Project Receipts	8,751,300

1	1062	Power Project Fund	1,053,200
2	1070	Fisheries Enhancement Revolving Loan Fund	613,700
3	1074	Bulk Fuel Revolving Loan Fund	54,400
4	1102	Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority Receipts	7,518,300
5	1107	Alaska Energy Authority Corporate Receipts	1,067,100
6	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	3,079,000
7	1141	Regulatory Commission of Alaska Receipts	9,104,500
8	1156	Receipt Supported Services	16,872,200
9	1164	Rural Development Initiative Fund	58,300
10	1170	Small Business Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund	56,100
11	1200	Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts	339,600
12	1209	Alaska Capstone Avionics Revolving Loan Fund	131,600
13	1210	Renewable Energy Grant Fund	2,155,000
14	1212	Federal Stimulus: ARRA 2009	136,300
15	1216	Boat Registration Fees	147,700
16	1223	Commercial Charter Fisheries RLF	18,900
17	1224	Mariculture RLF	18,900
18	1225	Community Quota Entity RLF	37,700
19	1227	Alaska Microloan ROF	9,300
20	1229	In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund	5,372,400
21	*** Total Agency Funding ***		135,528,700
22	Department of Corrections		
23	1002	Federal Receipts	5,433,800
24	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	288,180,000
25	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	6,674,600
26	1007	Interagency Receipts	13,690,100
27	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	559,600
28	1171	PFD Appropriations in lieu of Dividends to Criminals	8,445,900
29	*** Total Agency Funding ***		322,984,000
30	Department of Education and Early Development		
31	1002	Federal Receipts	210,717,500

1	1003	General Fund Match	1,107,600
2	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	58,834,000
3	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	1,397,300
4	1007	Interagency Receipts	11,546,300
5	1014	Donated Commodity/Handling Fee Account	376,700
6	1043	Federal Impact Aid for K-12 Schools	20,791,000
7	1066	Public School Trust Fund	10,000,000
8	1106	Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Receipts	13,357,300
9	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	1,854,000
10	1145	Art in Public Places Fund	30,000
11	1151	Technical Vocational Education Program Receipts	434,500
12	1212	Federal Stimulus: ARRA 2009	2,005,400
13	1226	Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund	16,500,000
14		*** Total Agency Funding ***	348,951,600
15		Department of Environmental Conservation	
16	1002	Federal Receipts	25,262,400
17	1003	General Fund Match	4,765,000
18	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	17,299,000
19	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	6,698,000
20	1007	Interagency Receipts	1,986,600
21	1018	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust	6,900
22	1052	Oil/Hazardous Release Prevention & Response Fund	15,680,700
23	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	4,539,000
24	1093	Clean Air Protection Fund	4,673,000
25	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	128,300
26	1166	Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Fund	1,316,400
27	1205	Berth Fees for the Ocean Ranger Program	3,518,600
28	1229	In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund	382,900
29	1230	Alaska Clean Water Administrative Fund	448,000
30	1231	Alaska Drinking Water Administrative Fund	448,000
31		*** Total Agency Funding ***	87,152,800

1	Department of Fish and Game		
2	1002	Federal Receipts	63,713,100
3	1003	General Fund Match	1,272,900
4	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	78,114,900
5	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	1,569,200
6	1007	Interagency Receipts	20,164,800
7	1018	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust	2,994,200
8	1024	Fish and Game Fund	23,987,300
9	1055	Inter-Agency/Oil & Hazardous Waste	108,600
10	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	7,744,800
11	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	7,653,300
12	1109	Test Fisheries Receipts	2,842,300
13	1201	Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Receipts	4,405,800
14	*** Total Agency Funding ***		214,571,200
15	Department of Health and Social Services		
16	1002	Federal Receipts	1,243,029,400
17	1003	General Fund Match	562,811,200
18	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	504,889,700
19	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	26,594,700
20	1007	Interagency Receipts	59,307,100
21	1013	Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Revolving Loan Fund	2,000
22	1050	Permanent Fund Dividend Fund	17,724,700
23	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	5,485,300
24	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	20,185,000
25	1168	Tobacco Use Education and Cessation Fund	8,645,600
26	1188	Federal Unrestricted Receipts	7,400,000
27	*** Total Agency Funding ***		2,456,074,700
28	Department of Labor and Workforce Development		
29	1002	Federal Receipts	95,237,600
30	1003	General Fund Match	8,971,100
31	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	22,941,600

1	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	2,788,700
2	1007	Interagency Receipts	20,175,900
3	1031	Second Injury Fund Reserve Account	4,008,100
4	1032	Fishermen's Fund	1,652,300
5	1049	Training and Building Fund	789,300
6	1054	State Training & Employment Program	8,423,500
7	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	93,700
8	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	1,174,500
9	1117	Vocational Rehabilitation Small Business Enterprise Fund	325,000
10	1151	Technical Vocational Education Program Receipts	5,533,100
11	1157	Workers Safety and Compensation Administration Account	7,586,400
12	1172	Building Safety Account	2,115,800
13	1203	Workers Compensation Benefits Guarantee Fund	772,600
14	*** Total Agency Funding ***		182,589,200
15	Department of Law		
16	1002	Federal Receipts	1,004,300
17	1003	General Fund Match	312,300
18	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	58,923,000
19	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	851,700
20	1007	Interagency Receipts	25,846,700
21	1055	Inter-Agency/Oil & Hazardous Waste	575,500
22	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	106,200
23	1105	Permanent Fund Gross Receipts	2,577,600
24	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	1,136,100
25	1141	Regulatory Commission of Alaska Receipts	1,706,800
26	1168	Tobacco Use Education and Cessation Fund	169,400
27	1229	In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund	136,800
28	*** Total Agency Funding ***		93,346,400
29	Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs		
30	1002	Federal Receipts	23,386,200
31	1003	General Fund Match	6,456,600

1	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	18,423,200
2	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	28,400
3	1007	Interagency Receipts	6,290,000
4	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	1,715,900
5	1101	Alaska Aerospace Corporation Fund	3,652,500
6	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	435,000
7		*** Total Agency Funding ***	60,387,800
8		Department of Natural Resources	
9	1002	Federal Receipts	13,319,100
10	1003	General Fund Match	774,800
11	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	77,203,900
12	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	13,782,900
13	1007	Interagency Receipts	7,500,600
14	1018	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust	437,000
15	1021	Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund	2,533,800
16	1055	Inter-Agency/Oil & Hazardous Waste	47,300
17	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	6,731,500
18	1105	Permanent Fund Gross Receipts	5,672,400
19	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	16,164,500
20	1153	State Land Disposal Income Fund	6,001,100
21	1154	Shore Fisheries Development Lease Program	338,600
22	1155	Timber Sale Receipts	848,800
23	1200	Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts	2,963,300
24	1216	Boat Registration Fees	300,000
25	1229	In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund	670,300
26		*** Total Agency Funding ***	155,289,900
27		Department of Public Safety	
28	1002	Federal Receipts	10,784,300
29	1003	General Fund Match	693,300
30	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	170,407,500
31	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	6,552,200

1	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	18,423,200
2	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	28,400
3	1007	Interagency Receipts	6,290,000
4	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	1,715,900
5	1101	Alaska Aerospace Corporation Fund	3,652,500
6	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	435,000
7		*** Total Agency Funding ***	60,387,800
8		Department of Natural Resources	
9	1002	Federal Receipts	13,319,100
10	1003	General Fund Match	774,800
11	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	77,203,900
12	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	13,782,900
13	1007	Interagency Receipts	7,500,600
14	1018	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust	437,000
15	1021	Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund	2,533,800
16	1055	Inter-Agency/Oil & Hazardous Waste	47,300
17	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	6,731,500
18	1105	Permanent Fund Gross Receipts	5,672,400
19	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	16,164,500
20	1153	State Land Disposal Income Fund	6,001,100
21	1154	Shore Fisheries Development Lease Program	338,600
22	1155	Timber Sale Receipts	848,800
23	1200	Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts	2,963,300
24	1216	Boat Registration Fees	300,000
25	1229	In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund	670,300
26		*** Total Agency Funding ***	155,289,900
27		Department of Public Safety	
28	1002	Federal Receipts	10,784,300
29	1003	General Fund Match	693,300
30	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	170,407,500
31	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	6,552,200

1	1007	Interagency Receipts	11,907,500
2	1055	Inter-Agency/Oil & Hazardous Waste	49,700
3	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	5,513,400
4	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	203,900
5	*** Total Agency Funding ***		206,111,800
6	Department of Revenue		
7	1002	Federal Receipts	74,444,500
8	1003	General Fund Match	8,699,300
9	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	23,124,600
10	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	1,038,800
11	1007	Interagency Receipts	8,016,400
12	1016	CSSD Federal Incentive Payments	1,800,000
13	1017	Group Health and Life Benefits Fund	1,724,800
14	1027	International Airports Revenue Fund	34,300
15	1029	Public Employees Retirement Trust Fund	34,933,600
16	1034	Teachers Retirement Trust Fund	14,599,100
17	1042	Judicial Retirement System	398,100
18	1045	National Guard Retirement System	244,300
19	1046	Education Loan Fund	55,000
20	1050	Permanent Fund Dividend Fund	8,245,500
21	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	3,138,100
22	1066	Public School Trust Fund	111,100
23	1103	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Receipts	33,876,400
24	1104	Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Receipts	845,800
25	1105	Permanent Fund Gross Receipts	150,898,600
26	1133	CSSD Administrative Cost Reimbursement	1,339,900
27	1169	Power Cost Equalization Endowment Fund Earnings	327,500
28	*** Total Agency Funding ***		367,895,700
29	Department of Transportation and Public Facilities		
30	1002	Federal Receipts	2,845,600
31	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	278,836,400

1	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	8,721,600
2	1007	Interagency Receipts	4,769,100
3	1026	Highways Equipment Working Capital Fund	33,534,300
4	1027	International Airports Revenue Fund	83,668,300
5	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	153,971,700
6	1076	Alaska Marine Highway System Fund	54,366,000
7	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	632,600
8	1200	Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts	5,009,100
9	1214	Whittier Tunnel Tolls	1,753,400
10	1215	Unified Carrier Registration Receipts	318,700
11	1229	In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund	692,900
12		*** Total Agency Funding ***	629,119,700
13		University of Alaska	
14	1002	Federal Receipts	150,852,700
15	1003	General Fund Match	4,777,300
16	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	356,796,600
17	1007	Interagency Receipts	16,201,100
18	1048	University of Alaska Restricted Receipts	309,929,800
19	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	10,530,700
20	1151	Technical Vocational Education Program Receipts	5,431,800
21	1174	University of Alaska Intra-Agency Transfers	58,121,000
22		*** Total Agency Funding ***	912,641,000
23		Office of the Governor	
24	1002	Federal Receipts	199,400
25	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	32,020,300
26	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	529,200
27		*** Total Agency Funding ***	32,748,900
28		Alaska Court System	
29	1002	Federal Receipts	1,116,000
30	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	108,733,400
31	1007	Interagency Receipts	1,421,700

1	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	85,000
2	1133	CSSD Administrative Cost Reimbursement	209,600
3		*** Total Agency Funding ***	111,565,700
4		Alaska Legislature	
5	1004	Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	76,220,300
6	1005	General Fund/Program Receipts	66,400
7	1007	Interagency Receipts	389,500
8		*** Total Agency Funding ***	76,676,200
9		* * * * * Total Budget * * * * *	6,738,709,300

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

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

3 Funding Source	Amount
4 Unrestricted General	
5 1003 General Fund Match	601,640,200
6 1004 Unrestricted General Fund Receipts	2,285,464,900
7 *** Total Unrestricted General ***	2,887,105,100
8 Designated General	
9 1005 General Fund/Program Receipts	102,282,500
10 1021 Agricultural Revolving Loan Fund	2,533,800
11 1031 Second Injury Fund Reserve Account	4,008,100
12 1032 Fishermen's Fund	1,652,300
13 1036 Commercial Fishing Loan Fund	4,332,200
14 1048 University of Alaska Restricted Receipts	309,929,800
15 1049 Training and Building Fund	789,300
16 1050 Permanent Fund Dividend Fund	25,970,200
17 1052 Oil/Hazardous Release Prevention & Response Fund	15,680,700
18 1054 State Training & Employment Program	8,423,500
19 1062 Power Project Fund	1,053,200
20 1066 Public School Trust Fund	10,111,100
21 1070 Fisheries Enhancement Revolving Loan Fund	613,700
22 1074 Bulk Fuel Revolving Loan Fund	54,400
23 1076 Alaska Marine Highway System Fund	54,366,000
24 1109 Test Fisheries Receipts	2,842,300
25 1141 Regulatory Commission of Alaska Receipts	10,811,300
26 1151 Technical Vocational Education Program Receipts	11,399,400
27 1153 State Land Disposal Income Fund	6,001,100
28 1154 Shore Fisheries Development Lease Program	338,600
29 1155 Timber Sale Receipts	848,800
30 1156 Receipt Supported Services	16,872,200
31 1157 Workers Safety and Compensation Administration Account	7,586,400

1	1162	Alaska Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Receipts	7,059,200
2	1164	Rural Development Initiative Fund	58,300
3	1166	Commercial Passenger Vessel Environmental Compliance Fund	1,316,400
4	1168	Tobacco Use Education and Cessation Fund	8,815,000
5	1169	Power Cost Equalization Endowment Fund Earnings	327,500
6	1170	Small Business Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund	56,100
7	1171	PFD Appropriations in lieu of Dividends to Criminals	8,445,900
8	1172	Building Safety Account	2,115,800
9	1200	Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts	8,312,000
10	1201	Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Receipts	4,405,800
11	1203	Workers Compensation Benefits Guarantee Fund	772,600
12	1205	Berth Fees for the Ocean Ranger Program	3,518,600
13	1209	Alaska Capstone Avionics Revolving Loan Fund	131,600
14	1210	Renewable Energy Grant Fund	2,155,000
15	1223	Commercial Charter Fisheries RLF	18,900
16	1224	Mariculture RLF	18,900
17	1225	Community Quota Entity RLF	37,700
18	1226	Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund	16,500,000
19	1227	Alaska Microloan ROF	9,300
20	*** Total Designated General ***		662,575,500
21	Other Non-Duplicated		
22	1017	Group Health and Life Benefits Fund	30,119,900
23	1018	Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trust	3,438,100
24	1023	FICA Administration Fund Account	170,400
25	1024	Fish and Game Fund	23,987,300
26	1027	International Airports Revenue Fund	83,702,600
27	1029	Public Employees Retirement Trust Fund	44,661,900
28	1034	Teachers Retirement Trust Fund	18,554,800
29	1040	Real Estate Surety Fund	288,600
30	1042	Judicial Retirement System	503,600
31	1045	National Guard Retirement System	452,400

1	1046	Education Loan Fund	55,000
2	1093	Clean Air Protection Fund	4,673,000
3	1101	Alaska Aerospace Corporation Fund	3,652,500
4	1102	Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority Receipts	7,518,300
5	1103	Alaska Housing Finance Corporation Receipts	33,876,400
6	1104	Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Receipts	845,800
7	1105	Permanent Fund Gross Receipts	159,148,600
8	1106	Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education Receipts	13,357,300
9	1107	Alaska Energy Authority Corporate Receipts	1,067,100
10	1108	Statutory Designated Program Receipts	53,616,900
11	1117	Vocational Rehabilitation Small Business Enterprise Fund	325,000
12	1214	Whittier Tunnel Tolls	1,753,400
13	1215	Unified Carrier Registration Receipts	318,700
14	1216	Boat Registration Fees	447,700
15	1230	Alaska Clean Water Administrative Fund	448,000
16	1231	Alaska Drinking Water Administrative Fund	448,000
17		*** Total Other Non-Duplicated ***	487,431,300
18		Federal Receipts	
19	1002	Federal Receipts	1,941,474,100
20	1013	Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Revolving Loan Fund	2,000
21	1014	Donated Commodity/Handling Fee Account	376,700
22	1016	CSSD Federal Incentive Payments	1,800,000
23	1033	Federal Surplus Property Revolving Fund	407,200
24	1043	Federal Impact Aid for K-12 Schools	20,791,000
25	1133	CSSD Administrative Cost Reimbursement	1,549,500
26	1188	Federal Unrestricted Receipts	7,400,000
27	1212	Federal Stimulus: ARRA 2009	2,141,700
28		*** Total Federal Receipts ***	1,975,942,200
29		Other Duplicated	
30	1007	Interagency Receipts	356,195,500
31	1026	Highways Equipment Working Capital Fund	33,534,300

1	1055	Inter-Agency/Oil & Hazardous Waste	781,100
2	1061	Capital Improvement Project Receipts	213,146,900
3	1081	Information Services Fund	38,032,500
4	1145	Art in Public Places Fund	30,000
5	1147	Public Building Fund	17,021,900
6	1174	University of Alaska Intra-Agency Transfers	58,121,000
7	1220	Crime Victim Compensation Fund	1,536,700
8	1229	In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund	7,255,300
9	***	Total Other Duplicated ***	725,655,200

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

1 * **Sec. 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT.** It is the intent of the legislature that the amounts
2 appropriated by this Act are the full amounts that will be appropriated for those purposes for
3 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

4 * **Sec. 5. COSTS OF JOB RECLASSIFICATIONS.** The money appropriated in this Act
5 includes the amount necessary to pay the costs of personal services because of reclassification
6 of job classes during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

7 * **Sec. 6. PERSONAL SERVICES TRANSFERS.** It is the intent of the legislature that
8 agencies restrict transfers to and from the personal services line. It is the intent of the
9 legislature that the office of management and budget submit a report to the legislature on
10 January 15, 2015, that describes and justifies all transfers to and from the personal services
11 line by executive branch agencies during the first half of the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015,
12 and submit a report to the legislature on October 1, 2015, that describes and justifies all
13 transfers to and from the personal services line by executive branch agencies for the entire
14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

15 * **Sec. 7. ALASKA AEROSPACE CORPORATION.** Federal receipts and other corporate
16 receipts of the Alaska Aerospace Corporation received during the fiscal year ending June 30,
17 2015, that are in excess of the amount appropriated in sec. 1 of this Act are appropriated to the
18 Alaska Aerospace Corporation for operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

19 * **Sec. 8. ALASKA HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION.** (a) The board of directors of
20 the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation anticipates that \$7,464,800 of the change in net
21 assets from the second preceding fiscal year will be available for appropriation for the fiscal
22 year ending June 30, 2015.

23 (b) The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation shall retain the amount set out in (a) of
24 this section for the purpose of paying debt service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, in
25 the following estimated amounts:

26 (1) \$1,000,000 for debt service on University of Alaska, Anchorage,
27 dormitory construction, authorized under ch. 26, SLA 1996;

28 (2) \$7,190,300 for debt service on the bonds described under ch. 1, SSSLA
29 2002;

30 (3) \$2,344,700 for debt service on the bonds authorized under sec. 4, ch. 120,
31 SLA 2004.

1 (c) After deductions for the items set out in (b) of this section and deductions for
2 appropriations for operating and capital purposes are made, any remaining balance of the
3 amount set out in (a) of this section for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, is appropriated to
4 the Alaska capital income fund (AS 37.05.565).

5 (d) All unrestricted mortgage loan interest payments, mortgage loan commitment
6 fees, and other unrestricted receipts received by or accrued to the Alaska Housing Finance
7 Corporation during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and all income earned on assets of
8 the corporation during that period are appropriated to the Alaska Housing Finance
9 Corporation to hold as corporate receipts for the purposes described in AS 18.55 and
10 AS 18.56. The corporation shall allocate its corporate receipts between the Alaska housing
11 finance revolving fund (AS 18.56.082) and senior housing revolving fund (AS 18.56.710(a))
12 under procedures adopted by the board of directors.

13 (e) The sum of \$800,000,000 is appropriated from the corporate receipts appropriated
14 to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and allocated between the Alaska housing finance
15 revolving fund (AS 18.56.082) and senior housing revolving fund (AS 18.56.710(a)) under
16 (d) of this section to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for the fiscal year ending
17 June 30, 2015, for housing loan programs not subsidized by the corporation.

18 (f) The sum of \$30,000,000 is appropriated from the portion of the corporate receipts
19 appropriated to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation and allocated between the Alaska
20 housing finance revolving fund (AS 18.56.082) and senior housing revolving fund
21 (AS 18.56.710(a)) under (d) of this section that is derived from arbitrage earnings to the
22 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, for housing
23 loan programs and projects subsidized by the corporation.

24 * **Sec. 9. ALASKA PERMANENT FUND CORPORATION.** (a) The amount authorized
25 under AS 37.13.145(b) for transfer by the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation on June 30,
26 2015, estimated to be \$1,150,000,000, is appropriated from the earnings reserve account
27 (AS 37.13.145) to the dividend fund (AS 43.23.045(a)) for the payment of permanent fund
28 dividends and for administrative and associated costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

29 (b) After money is transferred to the dividend fund under (a) of this section, the
30 amount calculated under AS 37.13.145(c) to offset the effect of inflation on the principal of
31 the Alaska permanent fund during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, estimated to be

1 \$965,000,000, is appropriated from the earnings reserve account (AS 37.13.145) to the
2 principal of the Alaska permanent fund.

3 (c) The amount required to be deposited under AS 37.13.010(a)(1) and (2) during the
4 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, is appropriated to the principal of the Alaska permanent
5 fund in satisfaction of that requirement.

6 (d) The income earned during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, on revenue from
7 the sources set out in AS 37.13.145(d), estimated to be \$22,000,000, is appropriated to the
8 Alaska capital income fund (AS 37.05.565).

9 * **Sec. 10. ALASKA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND EXPORT AUTHORITY.** (a)
10 The sum of \$10,665,000 has been declared available by the Alaska Industrial Development
11 and Export Authority board of directors under AS 44.88.088 for appropriation as the dividend
12 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, from the unrestricted balance in the Alaska Industrial
13 Development and Export Authority revolving fund (AS 44.88.060).

14 (b) After deductions for appropriations made for operating and capital purposes are
15 made, any remaining balance of the amount set out in (a) of this section for the fiscal year
16 ending June 30, 2015, is appropriated to the Alaska capital income fund (AS 37.05.565).

17 * **Sec. 11. DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION.** (a) The amount necessary to fund the
18 uses of the state insurance catastrophe reserve account described in AS 37.05.289(a) is
19 appropriated from that account to the Department of Administration for those uses for the
20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

21 (b) The amount necessary to fund the uses of the working reserve account described
22 in AS 37.05.510(a) is appropriated from that account to the Department of Administration for
23 those uses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

24 (c) The amount received in settlement of a claim against a bond guaranteeing the
25 reclamation of state, federal, or private land, including the plugging or repair of a well,
26 estimated to be \$50,000, is appropriated to the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission
27 for the purpose of reclaiming the state, federal, or private land affected by a use covered by
28 the bond for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

29 * **Sec. 12. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY, AND ECONOMIC**
30 **DEVELOPMENT.** (a) The unexpended and unobligated balance of federal money
31 apportioned to the state as national forest income that the Department of Commerce,

1 Community, and Economic Development determines would lapse into the unrestricted portion
2 of the general fund on June 30, 2015, under AS 41.15.180(j) is appropriated to home rule
3 cities, first class cities, second class cities, a municipality organized under federal law, or
4 regional educational attendance areas entitled to payment from the national forest income for
5 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, to be allocated among the recipients of national forest
6 income according to their pro rata share of the total amount distributed under AS 41.15.180(c)
7 and (d) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

8 (b) If the amount necessary to make national forest receipts payments under
9 AS 41.15.180 exceeds the amount appropriated for that purpose in sec. 1 of this Act, the
10 amount necessary to make national forest receipt payments is appropriated from federal
11 receipts received for that purpose to the Department of Commerce, Community, and
12 Economic Development, revenue sharing, national forest receipts allocation, for the fiscal
13 year ending June 30, 2015.

14 (c) If the amount necessary to make payments in lieu of taxes for cities in the
15 unorganized borough under AS 44.33.020(a)(20) exceeds the amount appropriated for that
16 purpose in sec. 1 of this Act, the amount necessary to make those payments is appropriated
17 from federal receipts received for that purpose to the Department of Commerce, Community,
18 and Economic Development, revenue sharing, payment in lieu of taxes allocation, for the
19 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

20 (d) An amount equal to the salmon enhancement tax collected under AS 43.76.001 -
21 43.76.028 in calendar year 2013, estimated to be \$8,500,000, and deposited in the general
22 fund under AS 43.76.025(c) is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of
23 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for payment in the fiscal year ending
24 June 30, 2015, to qualified regional associations operating within a region designated under
25 AS 16.10.375.

26 (e) An amount equal to the seafood development tax collected under AS 43.76.350 -
27 43.76.399 in calendar year 2013, estimated to be \$1,900,000, and deposited in the general
28 fund under AS 43.76.380(d) is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of
29 Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for payment in the fiscal year ending
30 June 30, 2015, to qualified regional seafood development associations.

31 (f) The amount necessary, estimated to be \$41,355,000, not to exceed the amount

1 determined under AS 42.45.085(a), is appropriated from the power cost equalization
2 endowment fund (AS 42.45.070(a)) to the Department of Commerce, Community, and
3 Economic Development, Alaska Energy Authority, power cost equalization allocation, for the
4 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

5 (g) If the amount appropriated in (f) of this section is not sufficient to pay power cost
6 equalization program costs without proration, the amount necessary to pay power cost
7 equalization program costs without proration, estimated to be \$0, is appropriated from the
8 general fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development,
9 Alaska Energy Authority, power cost equalization allocation, for the fiscal year ending
10 June 30, 2015.

11 (h) The following amounts are appropriated from the specified sources to the Alaska
12 Seafood Marketing Institute for seafood marketing activities for the fiscal year ending
13 June 30, 2015:

14 (1) the unexpended and unobligated balance, estimated to be \$13,115,300, of
15 the statutory designated program receipts from the seafood marketing assessment
16 (AS 16.51.120) and other statutory designated program receipts of the Alaska Seafood
17 Marketing Institute on June 30, 2014;

18 (2) the sum of \$1,711,200 from the statutory designated program receipts of
19 the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, which is
20 approximately equal to 20 percent of the statutory designated program receipts of the Alaska
21 Seafood Marketing Institute for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015;

22 (3) the sum of \$2,495,000 from the general fund, for the purpose of matching
23 industry contributions collected by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute for the fiscal year
24 ending June 30, 2013;

25 (4) the sum of \$4,500,000 from the general fund to match the federal receipts
26 appropriated in (5) of this subsection;

27 (5) the sum of \$4,500,000 from federal receipts.

28 (i) It is the intent of the legislature

29 (1) that the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute limit expenditure of the
30 appropriation in (h)(1) of this section to 80 percent of the statutory designated program
31 receipts collected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014;

1 (2) to limit the amount appropriated from the general fund to the Alaska
2 Seafood Marketing Institute for the purpose of matching industry contributions and federal
3 receipts for seafood marketing activities to not more than \$9,000,000 in a fiscal year,
4 regardless of the amount of industry contributions and federal receipts;

5 (3) that the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute evaluate and consider in-state
6 advertising firms to provide advertising services before using an out-of-state advertising firm;
7 and

8 (4) that the appropriations made in (h) of this section are included in the base
9 budget of the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

10 * **Sec. 13. DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS.** If any portion of the federal receipts
11 appropriated in sec. 1 of this Act to the Department of Corrections, Anchorage Correctional
12 Complex, for housing federal prisoners for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, is not
13 received, an amount equal to the difference between the amount of federal receipts
14 appropriated and the amount of federal receipts received is appropriated from the general fund
15 to the Department of Corrections, Anchorage Correctional Complex, for the purpose of
16 paying costs of inmate incarceration for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

17 * **Sec. 14. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT.** The sum
18 of \$25,000,001 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education and
19 Early Development to be distributed as state aid to districts according to the average daily
20 membership for each district adjusted under AS 14.17.410(b)(1)(A) - (D) for the fiscal year
21 ending June 30, 2015.

22 * **Sec. 15. DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME.** (a) An amount equal to the dive fishery
23 management assessment collected under AS 43.76.150 - 43.76.210 in fiscal year ending
24 June 30, 2014, estimated to be \$800,000, and deposited in the general fund is appropriated
25 from the general fund to the Department of Fish and Game for payment in the fiscal year
26 ending June 30, 2015, to the qualified regional dive fishery development association in the
27 administrative area where the assessment was collected.

28 (b) After the appropriation made in sec. 25(j) of this Act, the remaining balance of the
29 Alaska sport fishing enterprise account (AS 16.05.130(e)) in the fish and game fund
30 (AS 16.05.100), not to exceed \$500,000, is appropriated to the Department of Fish and Game
31 for sport fish operations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

1 * **Sec. 16. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.** (a) If the
2 amount necessary to pay benefit payments from the workers' compensation benefits guaranty
3 fund (AS 23.30.082) exceeds the amount appropriated for that purpose in sec. 1 of this Act,
4 the additional amount necessary to pay those benefit payments is appropriated for that
5 purpose from that fund to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, workers'
6 compensation benefits guaranty fund allocation, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

7 (b) If the amount necessary to pay benefit payments from the second injury fund
8 (AS 23.30.040(a)) exceeds the amount appropriated for that purpose in sec. 1 of this Act, the
9 additional amount necessary to make those benefit payments is appropriated for that purpose
10 from the second injury fund to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, second
11 injury fund allocation, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

12 (c) If the amount necessary to pay benefit payments from the fishermen's fund
13 (AS 23.35.060) exceeds the amounts appropriated for that purpose in sec. 1 of this Act, the
14 additional amount necessary to pay those benefit payments is appropriated for that purpose
15 from that fund to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, fishermen's fund
16 allocation, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

17 (d) If the amount of contributions received by the Alaska Vocational Technical Center
18 under AS 21.96.070, AS 43.20.014, AS 43.55.019, AS 43.56.018, AS 43.65.018,
19 AS 43.75.018, and AS 43.77.045 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, exceeds the
20 amount appropriated for the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Alaska
21 Vocational Technical Center, in sec. 1 of this Act, the additional contributions are
22 appropriated to the Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Alaska Vocational
23 Technical Center, Alaska Vocational Technical Center allocation, for the purpose of operating
24 the center, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

25 * **Sec. 17. DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS.** Five percent of
26 the average ending market value in the Alaska veterans' memorial endowment fund
27 (AS 37.14.700) for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012, June 30, 2013, and June 30, 2014,
28 estimated to be \$12,800, is appropriated from the Alaska veterans' memorial endowment fund
29 to the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs for the purposes specified in
30 AS 37.14.730(b) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

31 * **Sec. 18. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.** (a) The interest earned during

1 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, on the reclamation bond posted by Cook Inlet Energy for
2 operation of an oil production platform in Cook Inlet under lease with the Department of
3 Natural Resources, estimated to be \$150,000, is appropriated from interest held in the general
4 fund to the Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of the bond for the fiscal years
5 ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017.

6 (b) The amount necessary for the purposes specified in AS 37.14.820 for the fiscal
7 year ending June 30, 2015, estimated to be \$50,000, is appropriated from the mine
8 reclamation trust fund operating account (AS 37.14.800(a)) to the Department of Natural
9 Resources for those purposes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

10 (c) The amount received in settlement of a claim against a bond guaranteeing the
11 reclamation of state, federal, or private land, including the plugging or repair of a well,
12 estimated to be \$50,000, is appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources for the
13 purpose of reclaiming the state, federal, or private land affected by a use covered by the bond
14 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

15 (d) Federal receipts received for fire suppression during the fiscal year ending
16 June 30, 2015, estimated to be \$8,500,000, are appropriated to the Department of Natural
17 Resources for fire suppression activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

18 * **Sec. 19.** DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE. Program receipts collected as cost recovery for
19 paternity testing administered by the child support services agency, as required under
20 AS 25.27.040 and 25.27.165, and as collected under AS 25.20.050(f), estimated to be
21 \$46,000, are appropriated to the Department of Revenue, child support services agency, for
22 child support activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

23 * **Sec. 20.** UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA. The amount of the fees collected under
24 AS 28.10.421(d) during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, for the issuance of special
25 request university plates, less the cost of issuing the license plates, estimated to be \$2,000, is
26 appropriated from the general fund to the University of Alaska for support of alumni
27 programs at the campuses of the university for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

28 * **Sec. 21.** OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR. (a) If the 2015 fiscal year-to-date average price
29 of Alaska North Slope crude oil exceeds \$70 a barrel on August 1, 2014, the amount of
30 money corresponding to the 2015 fiscal year-to-date average price, rounded to the nearest
31 dollar, as set out in the table in (c) of this section, estimated to be \$15,000,000, is appropriated

1 from the general fund to the Office of the Governor for distribution to state agencies to offset
2 increased fuel and utility costs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

3 (b) If the 2015 fiscal year-to-date average price of Alaska North Slope crude oil
4 exceeds \$70 a barrel on December 1, 2014, the amount of money corresponding to the 2015
5 fiscal year-to-date average price, rounded to the nearest dollar, as set out in the table in (c) of
6 this section, estimated to be \$15,000,000, is appropriated from the general fund to the Office
7 of the Governor for distribution to state agencies to offset increased fuel and utility costs for
8 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

9 (c) The following table shall be used in determining the amount of the appropriations
10 made in (a) and (b) of this section:

2015 FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE AVERAGE PRICE OF ALASKA NORTH SLOPE CRUDE OIL	AMOUNT
\$100 or more	\$15,000,000
99	14,500,000
98	14,000,000
97	13,500,000
96	13,000,000
95	12,500,000
94	12,000,000
93	11,500,000
92	11,000,000
91	10,500,000
90	10,000,000
89	9,500,000
88	9,000,000
87	8,500,000
86	8,000,000
85	7,500,000

1	84	7,000,000
2	83	6,500,000
3	82	6,000,000
4	81	5,500,000
5	80	5,000,000
6	79	4,500,000
7	78	4,000,000
8	77	3,500,000
9	76	3,000,000
10	75	2,500,000
11	74	2,000,000
12	73	1,500,000
13	72	1,000,000
14	71	500,000
15	70	0

16 (d) It is the intent of the legislature that a payment under (a) or (b) of this section be
 17 used to offset the effects of higher fuel and utility costs for the fiscal year ending June 30,
 18 2015.

19 (e) The governor shall allocate amounts appropriated in (a) and (b) of this section as
 20 follows:

21 (1) to the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities, 65 percent of the
 22 total plus or minus 10 percent;

23 (2) to the University of Alaska, 10 percent of the total plus or minus three
 24 percent;

25 (3) to the Department of Health and Social Services and the Department of
 26 Corrections, not more than five percent each of the total amount appropriated;

27 (4) to any other state agency, not more than four percent of the total amount
 28 appropriated;

29 (5) the aggregate amount allocated may not exceed 100 percent of the
 30 appropriation.

31 * **Sec. 22. BANKCARD SERVICE FEES.** (a) The amount necessary to compensate the

1 collector or trustee of fees, licenses, taxes, or other money belonging to the state during the
2 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, is appropriated for that purpose for the fiscal year ending
3 June 30, 2015, to the agency authorized by law to generate the revenue, from the funds and
4 accounts in which the payments received by the state are deposited. In this subsection,
5 "collector or trustee" includes vendors retained by the state on a contingency fee basis.

6 (b) The amount necessary to compensate the provider of bankcard or credit card
7 services to the state during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, is appropriated for that
8 purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, to each agency of the executive, legislative,
9 and judicial branches that accepts payment by bankcard or credit card for licenses, permits,
10 goods, and services provided by that agency on behalf of the state, from the funds and
11 accounts in which the payments received by the state are deposited.

12 (c) The amount necessary to compensate the provider of bankcard or credit card
13 services to the state during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, is appropriated for that
14 purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, to the Department of Law for accepting
15 payment of restitution in accordance with AS 12.55.051 and AS 47.12.170 by bankcard or
16 credit card, from the funds and accounts in which the restitution payments received by the
17 Department of Law are deposited.

18 * **Sec. 23. DEBT AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS.** (a) The amount required to pay interest
19 on any revenue anticipation notes issued by the commissioner of revenue under AS 43.08
20 during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, is appropriated from the general fund to the
21 Department of Revenue for payment of the interest on those notes for the fiscal year ending
22 June 30, 2015.

23 (b) The amount required to be paid by the state for the principal of and interest on all
24 issued and outstanding state-guaranteed bonds is appropriated from the general fund to the
25 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for payment of the principal of and interest on those
26 bonds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

27 (c) The sum of \$1,601,700 is appropriated from interest earnings of the Alaska clean
28 water fund (AS 46.03.032(a)) to the Alaska clean water fund revenue bond redemption fund
29 (AS 37.15.565) for payment of principal and interest, redemption premium, and trustee fees,
30 if any, on bonds issued by the state bond committee under AS 37.15.560 for the fiscal year
31 ending June 30, 2015.

1 (d) The sum of \$1,691,700 is appropriated from interest earnings of the Alaska
 2 drinking water fund (AS 46.03.036(a)) to the Alaska drinking water fund revenue bond
 3 redemption fund (AS 37.15.565) for payment of principal and interest, redemption premium,
 4 and trustee fees, if any, on bonds issued by the state bond committee under AS 37.15.560 for
 5 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

6 (e) The sum of \$5,472,003 is appropriated from the general fund to the following
 7 agencies for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, for payment of debt service on outstanding
 8 debt authorized by AS 14.40.257, AS 29.60.700, and AS 42.45.065, respectively, for the
 9 following projects:

AGENCY AND PROJECT	APPROPRIATION AMOUNT
(1) University of Alaska	\$1,216,125
Anchorage Community and Technical College Center	
Juneau Readiness Center/UAS Joint Facility	
(2) Department of Transportation and Public Facilities	
(A) Matanuska-Susitna Borough	707,863
(deep water port and road upgrade)	
(B) Aleutians East Borough/False Pass	110,286
(small boat harbor)	
(C) City of Fairbanks (fire headquarters station replacement)	869,108
(D) City of Valdez (harbor renovations)	213,188
(E) Aleutians East Borough/Akutan	358,508
(small boat harbor)	
(F) Fairbanks North Star Borough	334,624
(Eielson AFB Schools, major maintenance and upgrades)	
(G) City of Unalaska (Little South America (LSA) Harbor)	367,445
(3) Alaska Energy Authority	
(A) Kodiak Electric Association	943,676

1 (Nyman combined cycle cogeneration plant)

2 (B) Copper Valley Electric Association 351,180

3 (cogeneration projects)

4 (f) The amount necessary for payment of lease payments and trustee fees relating to
5 certificates of participation issued for real property for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015,
6 estimated to be \$4,569,150, is appropriated from the general fund to the state bond committee
7 for that purpose for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

8 (g) The sum of \$6,770,505 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of
9 Administration in the following amounts for the purpose of paying the following obligations
10 to the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015:

11 (1) \$3,467,005 for the Robert B. Atwood Building in Anchorage; and

12 (2) \$3,303,500 for the Linny Pacillo Parking Garage in Anchorage.

13 (h) The following amounts are appropriated to the state bond committee from the
14 specified sources, and for the stated purposes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015:

15 (1) the sum of \$65,000 from the investment earnings on the bond proceeds
16 deposited in the capital project funds for the series 2009A general obligation bonds, for
17 payment of debt service and accrued interest on outstanding State of Alaska general
18 obligation bonds, series 2009A;

19 (2) the amount necessary for payment of debt service and accrued interest on
20 outstanding State of Alaska general obligation bonds, series 2009A, after the payment made
21 in (1) of this subsection, estimated to be \$12,891,350, from the general fund for that purpose;

22 (3) the amount necessary for payment of debt service and accrued interest on
23 outstanding State of Alaska general obligation bonds, series 2010A and 2010B, estimated to
24 be \$2,194,004, from the amount received from the United States Treasury as a result of the
25 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Build America Bond credit payments due
26 on the series 2010A general obligation bonds;

27 (4) the amount necessary for payment of debt service and accrued interest on
28 outstanding State of Alaska general obligation bonds, series 2010A and 2010B, estimated to
29 be \$2,227,757, from the amount received from the United States Treasury as a result of the
30 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Qualified School Construction Bond
31 interest subsidy payments due on the series 2010B general obligation bonds;

1 (5) the sum of \$50,500 from the investment earnings on the bond proceeds
2 deposited in the capital project funds for the series 2010A, 2010B, and 2010C general
3 obligation bonds, for payment of debt service and accrued interest on outstanding State of
4 Alaska general obligation bonds, series 2010A and 2010B;

5 (6) the amount necessary for payment of debt service and accrued interest on
6 outstanding State of Alaska general obligation bonds, series 2010A and 2010B, after
7 payments made in (3), (4), and (5) of this subsection, estimated to be \$4,686,580, from the
8 general fund for that purpose;

9 (7) the amount necessary, estimated to be \$29,277,750, for payment of debt
10 service and accrued interest on outstanding State of Alaska general obligation bonds, series
11 2012A, from the general fund for that purpose;

12 (8) the sum of \$8,200 from the investment earnings on the bond proceeds
13 deposited in the capital project funds for the series 2013A general obligation bonds, for
14 payment of debt service and accrued interest on outstanding State of Alaska general
15 obligation bonds, series 2013A;

16 (9) the amount necessary for payment of debt service and accrued interest on
17 outstanding State of Alaska general obligation bonds, series 2013A, estimated to be \$427,658,
18 from the amount received from the United States Treasury as a result of the American
19 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Qualified School Construction Bond interest
20 subsidy payments due on the series 2013A general obligation bonds;

21 (10) the amount necessary for payment of debt service and accrued interest on
22 outstanding State of Alaska general obligation bonds, series 2013A, after payments made in
23 (8) and (9) of this subsection, estimated to be \$24,985, from the general fund for that purpose;

24 (11) the sum of \$92,300 from the investment earnings on the bond proceeds
25 deposited in the capital project funds for the series 2013B general obligation bonds, for
26 payment of debt service and accrued interest on outstanding State of Alaska general
27 obligation bonds, series 2013B;

28 (12) the amount necessary for payment of debt service and accrued interest on
29 outstanding State of Alaska general obligation bonds, series 2013B, after the payment made in
30 (11) of this subsection, estimated to be \$16,068,625, from the general fund for that purpose;

31 (13) the amount necessary for payment of debt service and accrued interest on

1 outstanding State of Alaska general obligation bonds, series 2014A, estimated to be
2 \$10,000,000, from the general fund for that purpose;

3 (14) the amount necessary for payment of trustee fees on outstanding State of
4 Alaska general obligation bonds, series 2009A, 2010A, 2010B, 2012A, 2013A, 2013B, and
5 2014A, estimated to be \$5,300, from the general fund for that purpose;

6 (15) the amount necessary for the purpose of authorizing payment to the
7 United States Treasury for arbitrage rebate on outstanding State of Alaska general obligation
8 bonds, estimated to be \$100,000, from the general fund for that purpose;

9 (16) if the proceeds of state general obligation bonds issued is temporarily
10 insufficient to cover costs incurred on projects approved for funding with those proceeds, the
11 amount necessary to prevent that cash deficiency, from the general fund, contingent on
12 repayment to the general fund as soon as additional state general obligation bond proceeds
13 have been received by the state; and

14 (17) if the amount necessary for payment of debt service and accrued interest
15 on outstanding State of Alaska general obligation bonds exceeds the amounts appropriated in
16 this subsection, the additional amount necessary to pay the obligations, from the general fund
17 for that purpose.

18 (i) The following amounts are appropriated to the state bond committee from the
19 specified sources and for the stated purposes, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015:

20 (1) the sum of \$4,055,000, from the International Airports Revenue Fund
21 (AS 37.15.430(a)), for payment of principal and interest, redemption premium, and trustee
22 fees, if any, associated with the early redemption of international airports revenue bonds
23 authorized by AS 37.15.410 - 37.15.550;

24 (2) the amount necessary for debt service on outstanding international airports
25 revenue bonds, estimated to be \$5,200,000, from the collection of passenger facility charges
26 approved by the Federal Aviation Administration at the Alaska international airports system;

27 (3) the amount necessary for debt service and trustee fees on outstanding
28 international airports revenue bonds, estimated to be \$398,820, from the amount received
29 from the United States Treasury as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act
30 of 2009, Build America Bonds federal interest subsidy payments due on the series 2010D
31 general airport revenue bonds;

1 (4) the amount necessary for payment of debt service and trustee fees on
 2 outstanding international airports revenue bonds, after payments made in (2) and (3) of this
 3 subsection, estimated to be \$41,079,115, from the International Airports Revenue Fund
 4 (AS 37.15.430(a)) for that purpose.

5 (j) The sum of \$21,416,474 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department
 6 of Administration for payment of obligations and fees for the following facilities for the fiscal
 7 year ending June 30, 2015:

FACILITY AND FEES	ALLOCATION
(1) Anchorage Jail	\$ 3,598,624
(2) Goose Creek Correctional Center	17,813,650
(3) Fees	4,200

12 (k) The sum of \$128,910,209 is appropriated to the Department of Education and
 13 Early Development for state aid for costs of school construction under AS 14.11.100 for the
 14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, from the following sources:

General fund	\$109,610,209
School Fund (AS 43.50.140)	19,300,000

17 (l) Amounts appropriated to the Alaska fish and game revenue bond redemption fund
 18 (AS 37.15.770) during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, estimated to be \$5,500,000, are
 19 appropriated to the state bond committee for payment of debt service, accrued interest, and
 20 trustee fees on outstanding sport fish hatchery revenue bonds, and for early redemption of
 21 those bonds.

22 * **Sec. 24. FEDERAL AND OTHER PROGRAM RECEIPTS.** (a) Federal receipts,
 23 designated program receipts under AS 37.05.146(b)(3), information services fund program
 24 receipts under AS 44.21.045(b), Exxon Valdez oil spill trust receipts under
 25 AS 37.05.146(b)(4), receipts of the Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, receipts of the
 26 Alaska marine highway system fund under AS 19.65.060(a), receipts of the University of
 27 Alaska under AS 37.05.146(b)(2), receipts of commercial fisheries test fishing operations
 28 under AS 37.05.146(c)(21), and receipts of the Alaska Aerospace Corporation, that are
 29 received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and that exceed the amounts
 30 appropriated by this Act, are appropriated conditioned on compliance with the program
 31 review provisions of AS 37.07.080(h).

1 (b) If federal or other program receipts under AS 37.05.146 and AS 44.21.045(b) that
2 are received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, exceed the amounts appropriated by
3 this Act, the appropriations from state funds for the affected program shall be reduced by the
4 excess if the reductions are consistent with applicable federal statutes.

5 (c) If federal or other program receipts under AS 37.05.146 and AS 44.21.045(b) that
6 are received during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, fall short of the amounts
7 appropriated by this Act, the affected appropriation is reduced by the amount of the shortfall
8 in receipts.

9 * **Sec. 25. FUND CAPITALIZATION.** (a) The portions of the fees listed in this subsection
10 that are collected during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, estimated to be \$24,800, are
11 appropriated to the Alaska children's trust grant account (AS 37.14.205(a)):

12 (1) fees collected under AS 18.50.225, less the cost of supplies, for the
13 issuance of heirloom birth certificates;

14 (2) fees collected under AS 18.50.272, less the cost of supplies, for the
15 issuance of heirloom marriage certificates;

16 (3) fees collected under AS 28.10.421(d) for the issuance of special request
17 Alaska children's trust license plates, less the cost of issuing the license plates.

18 (b) An amount equal to 20 percent of the revenue collected under AS 43.20.030(c),
19 not to exceed \$50,000,000, is appropriated from the general fund to the community revenue
20 sharing fund (AS 29.60.850).

21 (c) The amount of federal receipts received for disaster relief during the fiscal year
22 ending June 30, 2015, estimated to be \$9,000,000, is appropriated to the disaster relief fund
23 (AS 26.23.300(a)).

24 (d) The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the disaster relief
25 fund (AS 26.23.300(a)).

26 (e) If the balance of the oil and gas tax credit fund (AS 43.55.028) is insufficient to
27 purchase transferable tax credit certificates issued under AS 43.55.023 and production tax
28 credit certificates issued under AS 43.55.025 that are presented for purchase, the amount by
29 which the tax credit certificates presented for purchase exceed the balance of the fund,
30 estimated to be \$450,000,000, is appropriated from the general fund to the oil and gas tax
31 credit fund (AS 43.55.028).

1 (f) The amount of municipal bond bank receipts determined under AS 44.85.270(h) to
2 be available for transfer by the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority for the fiscal year
3 ending June 30, 2014, estimated to be \$50,000, is appropriated to the Alaska municipal bond
4 bank authority reserve fund (AS 44.85.270(a)).

5 (g) If the Alaska Municipal Bond Bank Authority must draw on the Alaska municipal
6 bond bank authority reserve fund (AS 44.85.270(a)) because of a default by a borrower, an
7 amount equal to the amount drawn from the reserve is appropriated from the general fund to
8 the Alaska municipal bond bank authority reserve fund (AS 44.85.270(a)).

9 (h) The sum of \$9,246,360 is appropriated to the Alaska clean water fund
10 (AS 46.03.032(a)) for the Alaska clean water loan program from the following sources:

11 Alaska clean water fund revenue bond receipts	\$1,594,200
12 Federal receipts	7,652,160

13 (i) The sum of \$7,494,690 is appropriated to the Alaska drinking water fund
14 (AS 46.03.036(a)) for the Alaska drinking water loan program from the following sources:

15 Alaska drinking water fund revenue bond receipts	\$1,684,200
16 Federal receipts	5,810,490

17 (j) The amount required for payment of debt service, accrued interest, and trustee fees
18 on outstanding sport fish hatchery revenue bonds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015,
19 estimated to be \$4,959,750, is appropriated from the Alaska sport fishing enterprise account
20 (AS 16.05.130(e)) in the fish and game fund (AS 16.05.100) to the Alaska fish and game
21 revenue bond redemption fund (AS 37.15.770) for that purpose.

22 (k) After the appropriations made in sec. 15(b) of this Act and (j) of this section, the
23 remaining balance of the Alaska sport fishing enterprise account (AS 16.05.130(e)) in the fish
24 and game fund (AS 16.05.100), estimated to be \$540,250, is appropriated from the Alaska
25 sport fishing enterprise account (AS 16.05.130(e)) in the fish and game fund (AS 16.05.100)
26 to the Alaska fish and game revenue bond redemption fund (AS 37.15.770) for early
27 redemption of outstanding sport fish hatchery revenue bonds for the fiscal year ending
28 June 30, 2015.

29 (l) If the amounts appropriated to the Alaska fish and game revenue bond redemption
30 fund (AS 37.15.770) in (j) of this section are less than the amount required for the payment of
31 debt service, accrued interest, and trustee fees on outstanding sport fish hatchery revenue

1 bonds for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, federal receipts equal to the lesser of
2 \$2,024,063 or the deficiency balance, estimated to be zero, are appropriated to the Alaska fish
3 and game revenue bond redemption fund (AS 37.15.770) for the payment of debt service,
4 accrued interest, and trustee fees on outstanding sport fish hatchery revenue bonds for the
5 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

6 (m) The amount received under AS 18.67.162 as program receipts, estimated to be
7 \$34,000, including donations and recoveries of or reimbursement for awards made from the
8 crime victim compensation fund (AS 18.67.162), during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015,
9 is appropriated to the crime victim compensation fund (AS 18.67.162).

10 (n) The sum of \$1,502,700 is appropriated from that portion of the dividend fund
11 (AS 43.23.045(a)) that would have been paid to individuals who are not eligible to receive a
12 permanent fund dividend because of a conviction or incarceration under AS 43.23.005(d) to
13 the crime victim compensation fund (AS 18.67.162) for the purposes of the crime victim
14 compensation fund (AS 18.67.162).

15 (o) An amount equal to the interest earned on amounts in the election fund required
16 by the federal Help America Vote Act, estimated to be \$35,000, is appropriated to the election
17 fund for use in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 15404(b)(2).

18 * **Sec. 26. FUND TRANSFERS.** (a) The federal funds received by the state under 42 U.S.C.
19 6506a(l) or former 42 U.S.C. 6508 not appropriated for grants under AS 37.05.530(d) are
20 appropriated as follows:

21 (1) to the principal of the Alaska permanent fund (art. IX, sec. 15, Constitution
22 of the State of Alaska) and the public school trust fund (AS 37.14.110(a)), according to
23 AS 37.05.530(g)(1) and (2); and

24 (2) to the principal of the Alaska permanent fund (art. IX, sec. 15, Constitution
25 of the State of Alaska), the public school trust fund (AS 37.14.110(a)), and the power cost
26 equalization and rural electric capitalization fund (AS 42.45.100(a)), according to
27 AS 37.05.530(g)(3).

28 (b) The loan origination fees collected by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary
29 Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, are appropriated to the origination fee
30 account (AS 14.43.120(u)) within the education loan fund (AS 14.42.210(a)) of the Alaska
31 Student Loan Corporation for the purposes specified in AS 14.43.120(u).

1 (c) The sum of \$1,202,568,100 is appropriated from the general fund to the public
2 education fund (AS 14.17.300).

3 (d) The following amounts are appropriated to the oil and hazardous substance release
4 prevention account (AS 46.08.010(a)(1)) in the oil and hazardous substance release
5 prevention and response fund (AS 46.08.010(a)) from the sources indicated:

6 (1) the balance of the oil and hazardous substance release prevention
7 mitigation account (AS 46.08.020(b)) in the general fund on July 1, 2014, estimated to be
8 \$2,700,000, not otherwise appropriated by this Act;

9 (2) the amount collected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, estimated to
10 be \$6,700,000, from the surcharge levied under AS 43.55.300.

11 (e) The following amounts are appropriated to the oil and hazardous substance release
12 response account (AS 46.08.010(a)(2)) in the oil and hazardous substance release prevention
13 and response fund (AS 46.08.010(a)) from the following sources:

14 (1) the balance of the oil and hazardous substance release response mitigation
15 account (AS 46.08.025(b)) in the general fund on July 1, 2014, estimated to be \$700,000, not
16 otherwise appropriated by this Act;

17 (2) the amount collected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, from the
18 surcharge levied under AS 43.55.201, estimated to be \$1,700,000.

19 (f) The interest earned during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, by the Alaska
20 marine highway system fund (AS 19.65.060(a)), estimated to be \$88,700, is appropriated to
21 the Alaska marine highway system fund (AS 19.65.060(a)). It is the intent of the legislature
22 that the interest earned on the balance of the Alaska marine highway system fund
23 (AS 19.65.060(a)) be accounted for separately from the program receipts from vessel
24 operations.

25 (g) The sum of \$20,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the renewable
26 energy grant fund (AS 42.45.045(a)).

27 (h) The sum of \$39,921,078 is appropriated from the general fund to the regional
28 educational attendance area and small municipal school district school fund
29 (AS 14.11.030(a)).

30 (i) The interest earned during the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2015, by the regional
31 educational attendance area and small municipal school district school fund

1 (AS 14.11.030(a)), estimated to be \$75,000, is appropriated to the regional educational
2 attendance area and small municipal school district school fund (AS 14.11.030(a)).

3 (j) The unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, estimated to be
4 \$6,700,000, of the Alaska clean water administrative income account (AS 46.03.034(a)(2)) in
5 the Alaska clean water administrative fund (AS 46.03.034) is appropriated to the Alaska clean
6 water administrative operating account (AS 46.03.034(a)(1)) in the Alaska clean water
7 administrative fund (AS 46.03.034).

8 (k) The unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, estimated to be
9 \$3,600,000, of the Alaska drinking water administrative income account (AS 46.03.038(a)(2))
10 in the Alaska drinking water administrative fund (AS 46.03.038) is appropriated to the Alaska
11 drinking water administrative operating account (AS 46.03.038(a)(1)) in the Alaska drinking
12 water administrative fund (AS 46.03.038).

13 (l) The amount equal to the revenue collected from the following sources during the
14 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, estimated to be \$888,000, is appropriated to the fish and
15 game fund (AS 16.05.100):

16 (1) range fees collected at shooting ranges operated by the Department of Fish
17 and Game (AS 16.05.050(a)(15)), estimated to be \$425,000;

18 (2) receipts from the sale of waterfowl conservation stamp limited edition
19 prints (AS 16.05.826(a)), estimated to be \$5,000;

20 (3) fees collected for sanctuary access permits (AS 16.05.050(a)(15)),
21 estimated to be \$83,000; and

22 (4) fees collected at boating and angling access sites managed by the
23 Department of Natural Resources, division of parks and outdoor recreation, under a
24 cooperative agreement authorized under AS 16.05.050(a)(6), estimated to be \$375,000.

25 (m) The balance of the mine reclamation trust fund income account (AS 37.14.800(a))
26 on June 30, 2014, and money deposited in that account during the fiscal year ending June 30,
27 2015, estimated to be \$50,000, are appropriated to the mine reclamation trust fund operating
28 account (AS 37.14.800(a)).

29 * **Sec. 27. RETIREMENT SYSTEM FUNDING.** The sum of \$5,241,619 is appropriated
30 from the general fund to the Department of Administration for deposit in the defined benefit
31 plan account in the judicial retirement system for the purpose of funding the judicial

1 retirement system under AS 22.25.046 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

2 * **Sec. 28. SALARY AND BENEFIT ADJUSTMENTS.** (a) The operating budget
3 appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act include amounts for salary and benefit adjustments
4 for public officials, officers, and employees of the executive branch, Alaska Court System
5 employees, employees of the legislature, and legislators and to implement the terms for the
6 fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, of the following collective bargaining agreements:

- 7 (1) Public Employees Local 71, for the labor, trades and crafts unit;
- 8 (2) Teachers' Education Association of Mt. Edgecumbe;
- 9 (3) Alaska Correctional Officers Association, representing the correctional
10 officers unit;
- 11 (4) Confidential Employees Association, for the confidential unit;
- 12 (5) Alaska Public Employees Association, for the supervisory unit;
- 13 (6) Alaska State Employees Association, for the general government unit.

14 (b) The operating budget appropriations made to the University of Alaska in sec. 1 of
15 this Act include amounts for salary and benefit adjustments for the fiscal year ending June 30,
16 2015, for university employees who are not members of a collective bargaining unit and to
17 implement the terms for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, of the following collective
18 bargaining agreements:

- 19 (1) University of Alaska Federation of Teachers;
- 20 (2) Fairbanks Firefighters Union, IAFF Local 1324;
- 21 (3) United Academics - American Association of University Professors,
22 American Federation of Teachers.

23 (c) If a collective bargaining agreement listed in (a) of this section is not ratified by
24 the membership of the respective collective bargaining unit, the appropriations made in this
25 Act applicable to the collective bargaining unit's agreement are reduced proportionately by the
26 amount for the collective bargaining agreement, and the corresponding funding source
27 amounts are reduced accordingly.

28 (d) If a collective bargaining agreement listed in (b) of this section is not ratified by
29 the membership of the respective collective bargaining unit and approved by the Board of
30 Regents of the University of Alaska, the appropriations made in this Act applicable to the
31 collective bargaining unit's agreement are reduced proportionately by the amount for the

1 collective bargaining agreement, and the corresponding funding source amounts are reduced
2 accordingly.

3 * **Sec. 29. SHARED TAXES AND FEES.** (a) The amount necessary to refund to local
4 governments and other entities their share of taxes and fees collected in the listed fiscal years
5 under the following programs is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of
6 Revenue for payment to local governments and other entities in the fiscal year ending
7 June 30, 2015:

8		FISCAL YEAR	ESTIMATED
9	REVENUE SOURCE	COLLECTED	AMOUNT
10	Fisheries business tax (AS 43.75)	2014	\$25,400,000
11	Fishery resource landing tax (AS 43.77)	2014	6,700,000
12	Aviation fuel tax (AS 43.40.010)	2015	200,000
13	Electric and telephone cooperative tax	2015	4,100,000
14	(AS 10.25.570)		
15	Liquor license fee (AS 04.11)	2015	900,000
16	Cost recovery fisheries (AS 16.10.455)	2015	1,500,000

17 (b) The amount necessary to pay the first seven ports of call their share of the tax
18 collected under AS 43.52.220 in calendar year 2014 according to AS 43.52.230(b), estimated
19 to be \$11,200,000, is appropriated from the commercial vessel passenger tax account
20 (AS 43.52.230(a)) to the Department of Revenue for payment to the ports of call for the fiscal
21 year ending June 30, 2015.

22 * **Sec. 30. AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009.** (a) The
23 unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of federal funding available under
24 P.L. 111-5 (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) and appropriated to the
25 Department of Education and Early Development is reappropriated to the Department of
26 Education and Early Development for the administration and operation of departmental
27 programs, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

28 (b) The unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of federal funding
29 available under P.L. 111-5 (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) and
30 appropriated to the Department of Health and Social Services is reappropriated to the
31 Department of Health and Social Services for the administration and operation of

1 departmental programs, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

2 * **Sec. 31. RATIFICATIONS OF SMALL AMOUNTS IN STATE ACCOUNTING**
3 **SYSTEM.** The appropriation to each department under this Act for the fiscal year ending
4 June 30, 2015, is reduced to reverse negative account balances in amounts of \$1,000 or less
5 for the department in the state accounting system for each prior fiscal year in which a negative
6 account balance of \$1,000 or less exists.

7 * **Sec. 32. STATUTORY BUDGET RESERVE FUND.** If the unrestricted state revenue
8 available for appropriation in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, is insufficient to cover
9 general fund appropriations made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the amount
10 necessary to balance revenue and general fund appropriations or to prevent a cash deficiency
11 in the general fund is appropriated from the budget reserve fund (AS 37.05.540(a)) to the
12 general fund.

13 * **Sec. 33. LAPSE OF APPROPRIATIONS.** The appropriations made in secs. 8(c), 9, 10(b),
14 and 25 - 27 of this Act are for the capitalization of funds and do not lapse.

15 * **Sec. 34. RETROACTIVITY.** The appropriation made in sec. 12(h)(1) of this Act and
16 those portions of the appropriations made in sec. 1 of this Act that appropriate either the
17 unexpended and unobligated balance of specific fiscal year 2014 program receipts or the
18 unexpended and unobligated balance on June 30, 2014, of a specified account are retroactive
19 to June 30, 2014, solely for the purpose of carrying forward a prior fiscal year balance.

20 * **Sec. 35.** Sections 30 and 34 of this Act take effect June 30, 2014.

21 * **Sec. 36.** Section 26(c) of this Act takes effect December 1, 2014.

22 * **Sec. 37.** Except as provided in secs. 35 and 36 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1,
23 2014.

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representative Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Conservation
APPROPRIATION: Air Quality
ALLOCATION: Air Quality

ADD: \$160,600, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)

DELETE: \$160,600, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Conservation
APPROPRIATION: Water
ALLOCATION: Water Quality

ADD: \$222,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)

DELETE: \$222,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Law
APPROPRIATION: Civil Division
ALLOCATION: Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy

ADD: \$136,800, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)

DELETE: \$136,800, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Natural Resources
APPROPRIATION: Administration & Support
ALLOCATION: State Pipeline Coordinator's Office

ADD: \$670,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)

DELETE: \$670,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
APPROPRIATION: Design, Engineering and Construction
ALLOCATION: Statewide Design and Engineering Services

ADD: \$692,900, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)

DELETE: \$692,900, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

EXPLANATION:

Code 1232 is a newly created code designed to meet accounting requirements for separation of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) budget from money spent by other agencies at the request of AGDC. This is one of two fund codes that access the in-state pipeline fund established with the adoption of HB4 during the 2013 session. (The other is code 1229.)

Fund code 1229 should be used only to record the operating budget of the AGDC. Code 1232 should be used only to record AGDC's purchases of services from other state agencies. Agencies can spend code 1232 only as specified in a reimbursable services agreement signed by the corporation. Funding for RSAs will be drawn from the fund without appearing in the operating budget of AGDC.

The amendment has no impact other than to ensure that AGDC has control over pipeline funds spent by other agencies.

passed

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson, Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Administration
APPROPRIATION: Centralized Administrative Services
ALLOCATION: Office of the Commissioner

ADD:

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration coordinate with the state's Congressional Delegation; Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; the Department of Education and Early Development and school districts; telecommunication service providers; other affected entities of the State of Alaska; and any other relevant stakeholder organization to:

1. Determine the existing broadband resources and capacity in rural Alaska
2. Identify cost sharing and cost saving opportunities
 - a. Through sharing existing broadband resources
 - b. Through partnering for expansion of broadband resources

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration provide recommendations, including possible legislation, and findings based on the results of their coordination and submit them to the House and Senate Finance Committees by January 15, 2015.

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services, prepare a five-year statewide plan that includes an implementation policy for statewide information technology systems, including their procurement and support, which results in cost savings and will serve the needs of state executive branch departments, not including state corporations. It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration submit a plan to the House and Senate Finance Committees by January 15, 2015.

passed

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Costello, Edgmon, Munoz, T. Wilson, Thompson,
Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

APPROPRIATION: Community and Regional Affairs

ALLOCATION: Community and Regional Affairs

ADD: \$49,200 Boat Registration Fees (1216), IncOTI

EXPLANATION: This amendment restores the 25% reduction imposed by the House Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. This organization provides boating education and training and is the only source for required marine safety training.

passed

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Stoltze, Austerman, Holmes, Thompson, Wilson, Neuman

DEPARTMENT: Fish and Game

APPROPRIATION:

ALLOCATION:

ADD:

It is the intent of the legislature that the department maintain fishery management activities in state waters as its top priority when determining where to apply unallocated reductions included in the FY2015 operating budget and provide a fishery management activity prioritization report to the Finance Committees by October 31, 2014.

passed 5

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Reps. Austerman, Stoltze, T. Wilson, Holmes, Edgmon

DEPARTMENT: Department of Fish & Game
APPROPRIATION: Commercial Fisheries
ALLOCATION: Westward Region Fisheries Management

ADD: \$200,000, Test Fisheries Receipts, (1109)

EXPLANATION: This amendment adds \$200,000 of Test Fisheries Receipts of Golden King Crab for Red King Crab Research in the Adak and Petrel Banks areas.

passed 6

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson,
Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

ADD: Intent Language

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services submit a report of transfers between appropriations that occurred in the first half of FY2015 by January 30, 2015, and a report of transfers in the second half of FY2015, by September 1, 2015, to the House and Senate Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division.

passed

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara, Neuman, and Austerman
DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

ADD: Intent Language:

It is the intent of the legislature that the department find efficiencies, and use savings from those efficiencies, to implement priorities of the department. These priorities may include implementing the 2012 Office of Children's Services Workload Study recommendations.

EXPLANATION:

The intent of this section is to find efficiencies (and funding) within the department in order to implement the Workload Study without increasing the department's FY15 budget.

passed 8

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson, Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health and Social Services
APPROPRIATION: Behavioral Health
ALLOCATION: Services to the Seriously Mentally Ill

ADD: \$525,000 GF/MH - Fund Code 1037

EXPLANATION:

Complex Behavioral Collaborative Project
Intensive consultative services are offered to families and programs serving individuals at the highest risk of being moved to more costly out-of-state or institutional placements due to difficult-to-manage behaviors. This project has demonstrated success in reducing long term General Fund costs by keeping these Alaskans in their homes and current placements.

passed 9

FY 2015 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: CSHB 266(FIN) / CSHB 267(FIN)
OFFERED BY: Representative Edgmon and Representative Austerman

PART A

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers

ALLOCATION: Rural Trooper Housing
ADD: \$78,600 General Fund (1004)

ALLOCATION: Alaska Wildlife Troopers
ADD: \$112,500 General Fund (1004)

ALLOCATION: Alaska Wildlife Troopers Marine Enforcement
ADD: \$208,900

EXPLANATION:

Part A of this amendment restores 80% of the Governor's decrements associated with the transfer of the Patrol Vessel *Stimson* from Dutch Harbor to Kodiak.

The decrements included in the Governor's request were split between three allocations:

- 1) Rural Trooper Housing: (\$98,300) UGF
- 2) Alaska Wildlife Troopers: (\$140,600) UGF
- 3) Alaska Wildlife Troopers Marine Enforcement: (\$261,100) UGF

The total of Part A restores \$400,000 UGF of (\$500,000) UGF deleted by the Governor to relocate the *Stimson* from Dutch Harbor to Kodiak.

PART B

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers
ALLOCATION: Alaska Wildlife Marine Enforcement

ADD: \$155,000 General Funds (1004)

ADD: 1 PFT position

EXPLANATION:

Part B of this amendment partially restores two decrements requested by the Governor associated with decommissioning the Patrol Vessel *Woldstad* and replacing it with a smaller 58 foot vessel. A total of \$125,000 will be utilized to keep the *Woldstad* available for use during the latter portion of FY15 (repairs estimated to be completed by April 1, 2015) and \$30,000 will fund a deleted Boat Officer for one quarter of FY15.

The decrements included in the Governor's request for these related items were transmitted as follows:

- 1) (\$500,000) to decommission the Patrol Vessel *Woldstad*; and
- 2) (\$110,900) to delete a vacant Boat Officer IV assigned to the *Woldstad*.

passed 10

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson, Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Revenue
APPROPRIATION: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

ADD: Intent Language

It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Mental Health Trust assess the potential impact of expanded broadband on long term general fund operating costs by looking at the following:

1. Existing broadband capacity (including educational and tribal health networks) that could be accessed by the state;
2. The broadband capacity needed to improve access to health care;
3. Costs of and barriers to expanding broadband; and
4. Potential long-term general fund savings attributable to expanding broadband access.

It is also the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Mental Health Trust submit a report to the legislature outlining the results of assessing the above items by January 15, 2015.

passed 11

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Representatives Thompson and Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Revenue
APPROPRIATION: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
ALLOCATION: Mental Health Trust Operations

ADD: \$49,900 Mental Health Trust Admin Receipts (1094) – Inc

EXPLANATION:

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (the Trust) Board of Trustees seeks restoration of funds previously approved by the Board of Trustees which were not included in the Governor’s original or amended FY2015 budget requests.

The Trust’s administrative budget supports essential work of the Board of Trustees as well as the administrative operations of the Trust. The funding is necessary for the Trust to continue to meet the Trust’s statutory obligations, fulfill its mission and maintain support functions.

Reasonable and necessary expenses to be funded by restored funds include honorariums and associated costs of holding additional meetings that Trustees have requested to be scheduled, which assists them in their important planning and deliberative decision making processes. Other costs include anticipated contractual increases associated with performance of the Trust’s annual audit (due to new real estate investments acquired and managed by the Department of Natural Resources, Trust Land Office) as well as increases in contracts for fiscal analysis, legal consultations, and program analysis – all reasonable expenses which aid Trustees and staff in their essential duties. Finally, the increase will cover cost of living adjustments which the Trust is required to pay.

This MHTAAR Administration funding was approved by the Board of Trustees at the September 4-6, 2013 board meeting. This funding does not create a new position.

passed

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Representative Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Public Facilities

APPROPRIATION: Highways, Aviation and Facilities

ALLOCATION: Central Region Highways and Aviation

ADD: \$71,000, Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts, (1200)

DELETE: \$71,000, General Funds, (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment replaces \$71,000 unrestricted general funds with available Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts.

passed 13

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Representatives Stoltze and Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Alaska Court System
APPROPRIATION: Alaska Court System
ALLOCATION: Trial Courts

DELETE: \$21,900 General Funds (1004)

EXPLANATION: The Court System has recently been advised that lease cost increases associated with the Nome Court House will not be needed until FY16. This amendment decreases the \$104,300 appropriated by the House Subcommittee for existing facility leases.

passed

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Reps. Austerman, Neuman, Edgmon, T. Wilson, Holmes, Munoz

ADD LANGUAGE

Insert the following language in a new section following section 4 in HB 266 and following section 8 in HB 267.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that the Departments of Corrections, Health and Social Services, and Labor and Workforce Development, along with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, and the Alaska Court System, continue to work collaboratively to identify common clients who are being released from correctional institutions and do the following:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive, complementary, non-duplicative plan for providing substance abuse, mental health, housing and employment services to those who are released from correctional institutions.
2. Use the plan to assist the Departments, Authority, agency, and Court System in improving treatment and other outcomes for recently released inmates with the goal of reducing correctional system recidivism rates.
3. Gather and analyze data on the substance abuse, mental health, employment and housing services needed and the services provided to the released clients.
4. Propose effectiveness and efficiency measures for the new plan.
5. Jointly report on plan implementation and data findings to the legislature by February 2, 2015.

Renumber bill sections accordingly.

passed

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Wallace
3/10/14

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE **FINANCE COMM.** BY REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE,
TO: CSHB 266(FIN), Draft Version "P" **AUSTERMAN, NEUMAN,
MUNOZ, HOLMES,
EDGMON**

1 Page 53, following line 3:
2 Insert a new bill section to read:
3 **** Sec. 5. CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS.** (a) It is the intent of the legislature to increase
4 crime victims' access to the criminal justice process, to improve communication between
5 criminal justice agencies and crime victims, and to ensure that crime victims' legal rights are
6 not denied. Crime victims in this state should be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness as
7 guaranteed by the Constitution of the State of Alaska. The Department of Law, Department of
8 Corrections, Department of Public Safety, and the division in the Department of Health and
9 Social Services responsible for juvenile justice should continue to partner with the office of
10 victims' rights to improve the criminal justice process for crime victims.
11 (b) One of the surest ways to affect each victim's sense of fairness and justice is
12 through clear and consistent communication by agency staff to crime victims. Timely
13 communication to crime victims helps to ensure victims' notice and opportunity to be heard at
14 key stages of criminal investigations and prosecutions. Police officers and prosecutors, upon
15 first contact with crime victims, are required by law to inform crime victims about the office
16 of victims' rights. Law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, corrections agencies, social service
17 agencies, and the courts should make every reasonable effort to ensure that victims' legal
18 rights are preserved. Victims' privacy and dignity should be protected throughout the process.
19 A timely and fair disposition of criminal charges promotes public trust, including victims'
20 trust, in the criminal justice process. Timely, full, and prompt financial restitution to crime
21 victims also provides crime victims with a tangible sense that the criminal justice system has
22 acted to restore the victim."
23

1 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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3 Page 58, line 28:

4 Delete "sec. 25(j)"

5 Insert "sec. 26(j)"

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7 Page 70, line 22:

8 Delete "sec. 15(b)"

9 Insert "sec. 16(b)"

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11 Page 76, lines 13 - 14:

12 Delete "secs. 8(c), 9, 10(b), and 25 - 27"

13 Insert "secs. 9(c), 10, 11(b), and 26 - 28"

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15 Page 76, line 15:

16 Delete "sec. 12(h)(1)"

17 Insert "sec. 13(h)(1)"

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19 Page 76, line 20:

20 Delete "Sections 30 and 34"

21 Insert "Sections 31 and 35"

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23 Page 76, line 21:

24 Delete "Section 26(c)"

25 Insert "Section 27(c)"

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27 Page 76, line 22:

28 Delete "secs. 35 and 36"

29 Insert "secs. 36 and 37"

passed
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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: CSHB 266 (FIN)

OFFERED BY: Rep. Austerman

REVISE LANGUAGE: Decrement \$2,267,813 General Funds (1004) by amending sec. 23(k) to read:

(k) The sum of \$126,642,396[128,910,209] is appropriated to the Department of Education and Early Development for state aid for costs of school construction under AS 14.11.100 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, from the following sources:

General Fund	<u>\$107,342,396</u> [\$109,610,209]
School Fund (AS 43.50.140)	19,300,000

EXPLANATION:

Based on recent projections, the amount of state aid required for costs of school construction under AS 14.11.100 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 is estimated to be \$2,267,813 less than originally requested. Reasons for a lower projection include anticipated projects not approved, debt for several projects sold later than anticipated, and a larger premium received than anticipated.

passed
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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Reps. Costello, T. Wilson, Neuman

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health and Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Public Health

ALLOCATION: Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

DELETE: \$720,000 General Fund (1004)

EXPLANATION: This decrement removes funding for the advertising and research portion for the "Play Every Day Campaign." More specifically the proposed contract work listed below.

Table C. (Provided by the Department of Health and Social Services)

Contract 1: Northwest Strategies - Main Deliverables	Amount
Provide social marketing consultation and a three-year strategic plan to build a campaign that helps reduce childhood obesity in Alaska.	\$160.0
Develop public education materials that include TV and radio PSAs, print and online materials, a website, social media, and a library of images and video.	\$130.0
Provide social marketing technical assistance and training to DHSS's nine new school district grantees to improve public education statewide. Provide social marketing consultation to the Alaska Alliance for Healthy Kids.	\$10.0
Acquire and place media that effectively reaches the target audience statewide, hitting the CDC target for Gross Rating Points (GRPs) to impact behavior change.	\$350.0
SUBTOTAL	\$650.0
Contract 2: Hayes Research Group - Deliverable	
Focus groups to inform motivational messages, and one survey to evaluate the effectiveness of the messages.	\$70.0
CONTRACTS TOTAL	\$720.0

passed
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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Stoltze and Neuman

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Public Facilities

APPROPRIATION: Marine Highway System

ALLOCATION:

ADD:

It is the intent of the legislature that the department eliminate any future issuing of free annual passes for vehicles of state agencies, state employees, or retirees and their families on the Alaska Marine Highway System.

passed 19

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Gardner/Wallace
3/6/14

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE *FINANCE COMM.* BY REPRESENTATIVE COSTELLO
TO: CSHB 266(FIN), Draft Version "P"

- 1 Page 56, line 30, following "associations":
2 Insert "for the following purposes:
3 (1) promotion of seafood and seafood by-products that are harvested in
4 the region and processed for sale;
5 (2) promotion of improvements to the commercial fishing industry and
6 infrastructure in the seafood development region;
7 (3) establishment of education, research, advertising, or sales
8 promotion programs for seafood products harvested in the region;
9 (4) preparation of market research and product development plans for
10 the promotion of seafood and their by-products that are harvested in the region and
11 processed for sale;
12 (5) cooperation with the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and other
13 public or private boards, organizations, or agencies engaged in work or activities
14 similar to the work of the organization, including entering into contracts for joint
15 programs of consumer education, sales promotion, quality control, advertising, and
16 research in the production, processing, or distribution of seafood harvested in the
17 region;
18 (6) cooperation with commercial fishermen, fishermen's organizations,
19 seafood processors, the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, the Fisheries
20 Industrial Technology Center, state and federal agencies, and other relevant persons
21 and entities to investigate market reception to new seafood product forms and to
22 develop commodity standards and future markets for seafood products"

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266
OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara and Guttenberg

DEPARTMENT: Labor and Workforce Development
APPROPRIATION: Business Partnerships
ALLOCATION: Business Services

ADD: \$2,391,700 General Funds (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment will restore the base funding in the Governor's requested budget for the Alaska Youth First Program. This program provides grants to organizations across the state to assist Alaskans - both school age students and adults - in job readiness and career counseling. Restoration will help offset losses of job and career counselors school districts have been forced to cut the past three years.

Failed
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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266
OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara and Guttenberg

DEPARTMENT: Education and Early Development
APPROPRIATION: K-12 Support
ALLOCATION: Foundation Program

ADD NEW LANGUAGE SECTION: Sec. 14(b)

The sum of \$101,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education and Early Development to be distributed as state aid to districts according to the average daily membership for each district adjusted under AS 14.17.410(b)(1)(A) - (D) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Re-number sections accordingly.

EXPLANATION: This amendment would reflect the equivalent of a \$404 Base Student Allocation increase in the event a base student allocation bill to reverse the recent course of educator cuts does not pass.

Failed
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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266
OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara and Guttenberg

DEPARTMENT: Education and Early Development
APPROPRIATION: Teaching and Learning Support
ALLOCATION: Pre-Kindergarten Grants

ADD: \$2,000,000 GF (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment will allow more students to participate in Pre-K. High-quality Pre-K programs have been proven to improve a child's chances of succeeding in school and in life. Children who attend high-quality programs are less likely to be held back a grade, less likely to need special education, and more likely to graduate from high school and college. They also have higher earnings as adults and are less likely to become dependent on welfare or involved with law enforcement.

The current \$2 million program only serves roughly 300 students. This "pilot" program started in FY10 and was intended to become a statewide effort once its success was shown. It has proven successful.

Failed
2/19

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representatives Guttenberg and Gara

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska

APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska

ALLOCATION: Budget Reductions/Additions - Systemwide

ADD: \$424,500 (\$357,100 UGF 1004 / \$67,400 UNIV RCPT 1048)

EXPLANATION: This increment will complete the mandatory comprehensive advising program across the University of Alaska.

UAF College of Rural and Community Development Student Advisors

UAF CRCD campuses deliver courses that allow students to receive education and training in or near their home community. Rural campuses offer students certificate and associate degree programs that lead to jobs and the preparation needed to transfer to a baccalaureate program if desired. This project supports two student advisors to be housed at the Bristol Bay Campus and Kuskokwim campus. A Research Specialist will also be supported to perform degree audits, so that student advisors can contact non-completing, degree-seeking students to encourage them to complete their degree.

UAS First Year Advisor

The goal of this position is to continue to increase the retention of first-year students. The most critical transition in every student's career happens during the first six weeks.

This position will deliver services directed solely to first-year-students such as:

- Teach first-year courses that are currently not offered, building off new student orientation.
- Take a leading role in delivering a student leadership program focused on first year students.
- Manage and integrate critical student transition efforts that are currently offered on an ad hoc basis.

UAS Disability Support Provider

Students seeking accommodations for disabilities are one of the fastest growing sub-populations at UAS. On the Juneau campus, there has been a 73% increase in requests from 2009 to 2012. This increment is critical to fulfilling our student learning mission,

especially when the new 120- bed residence hall fills with a diverse pool of traditional-age full-time students in the fall of 2014. Currently UAS has a .5 FTE professional staff dedicated to providing this service and has been utilizing temporary hires to meet current needs. These positions will have a direct and positive impact on retention rates, credit hours, and efficiency of student services.

Failed
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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Representatives Guttenberg and Gara

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska
ALLOCATION: Anchorage Campus

ADD: \$727,900 (\$652,900 UGF 1004 / \$75,000 UNIV RCPT 1048)

EXPLANATION: This increment will provide funding for the Alaska Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program that provides critical healthcare workforce development activities in each region across the state.

The AHEC System is key to growing, strengthening and diversifying the healthcare workforce. AHEC is housed at the University of Alaska Anchorage and the Program Office sets the direction for annual and long-term performance. AHEC centers are located in five regions: Southcentral, Southeast, Northwest, the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta, the Interior and the Program Office in Anchorage.

AHEC activities use the Alaska Health Workforce Coalition's strategies to engage, train, recruit and retain healthcare workers.

The AHECs use live and distance-delivered continuing education and training opportunities, health career presentations and job fairs, job shadows, internships, clinical rotations, preceptor / clinical coach development and health career camps, each according to regional needs.

Engaging Potential Healthcare Professionals:

AHECS reached 816 students and 64% stated they were more interested in health careers after the AHEC activity. AHECs also coordinated 245 job shadows across Alaska.

Training Healthcare Professionals:

AHECS coordinated and funded 225 clinical rotations and developed six new clinical sites, expanding Alaska's capacity for training students and getting them through school.

Recruiting Healthcare Professionals to Work in Alaska Communities:

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development provided data to assess programmatic impact by tracking how many students since 2006 are working in Alaska. 1,089 students have graduated and 843 (77%) are working in Alaska. 18% work in a rural borough or census area. This percentage is considerably higher than average rural recruitment rates, which range nationally between 8-12%.

Retaining Alaska's Healthcare Professionals:

AHEC's workforce retention strategy centers on providing and improving access to continuing education and professional development. This strategy is widely recognized as a key to health workforce retention. In 2013, 1,171 unique participants attended AHEC training and professional development and 45% were from rural communities. The Rural Veterans' Health Access trainings touched 108 providers and 309 additional participated in the Alzheimer's training series, of which 56% reported a plan to implement a change in their practice.

Failed
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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Representatives Guttenberg and Gara

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services
APPROPRIATION: Senior and Disabilities Services
ALLOCATION: Senior Community Based Grants

ADD: \$325,000 General Fund (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment will help fund the Caregiver Support Program. This program is available to unpaid family caregivers of persons age 60 and over and to grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers of a child who is not more than 18 years of age. The program helps keep Alaskans out of institutional care by providing respite, caregiver training, equipment and home modifications.

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1	UGF Budget Comparisons					
2	March 3, 2014					
3	(Unrestricted General Funds Only)	FY14	GovAmend FY15	House SubCom	FY14 to SubCom	GovAmend to SubCom
4	Agency Operations (non-formula)					
5	Agency Day to Day Operations	2,297	2,269	2,244	(53)	(25)
6						
7	Agency Operations (formula)					
8	K - 12 & Pupil Transportation	1,216	1,235	1,235	19	-
9	Other Formula Programs (Primarily Medicaid)	873	869	867	(6)	(2)
10	Subtotal	2,089	2,104	2,102	13	(2)
11						
12	Total Agency Operations	4,386	4,374	4,346	(40)	(28)
13						
14	Statewide Operations					
15	Debt Service	207	221	221	14	-
16	Appropriations to Retirement	634	5	5	(629)	-
17	Special Appropriations	17	-	-	(17)	-
18	Local Government Support	60	60	50	(10)	(10)
19	Oil & Gas Investment Tax Credits	600	450	450	(150)	-
20	In-State Pipeline Fund	355	3	-	(355)	(3)
21	AIDEA Capitalization	125	-	-	(125)	-
22	Other Fund Capitalization	6	5	5	(1)	-
23	Total Statewide Operations	2,004	745	731	(1,273)	(13)
24						
25	Total Operating Appropriations	6,390	5,118	5,077	(1,313)	(41)
26						
27	Capital Budget	796	429	429	(367)	-
28	Total Budget	7,187	5,547	5,506	(1,681)	(41)
29						
30	Revenue	4,930	4,532	4,532	(398)	-
31	Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,257)	(1,015)	(974)	1,283	41
32						
33	Potential Additions					
34	Operating Supplementals	29			(29)	-
35	Capital Supplementals	3			(3)	-
36	Retirement Assistance (Level % of Pay)		703	703		
37	Capital Projects					
38	Other					
39	Total Budget	7,218	6,250	6,209	(1,009)	(41)
40	Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,288)	(1,718)	(1,677)	611	41
41						

Non-Formula UGF

2014 Legislature - Operating Budget
Agency Summary - House Structure

Numbers and Language
Non-Formula Programs
Agencies: Admin, DCCED, Corr,
Educ, DEC, F&G, H&SS, Labor, Law,
DM&VA, DNR, DPS, Rev, DOT/PF,
Univ, Gov, Spend Red, Courts,
Legis
Fund Groups: Unrestricted General

Agency	[1] 14MgtPln	[2] 15Adj Base	[3] 15GovAmd	[4] House Sub	[4] - [1] 14MgtPln to House Sub	[4] - [1] %	[4] - [2] 15Adj Bas to House Sub	[4] - [2] %	[4] - [3] 15GovAmd to House Sub	[4] - [3] %
Agency Budgets										
Administration	84,821.3	84,871.3	85,597.3	85,302.9	481.6	0.6 %	431.6	0.5 %	-294.4	-0.3 %
Commerce, Community & Econ Dev	39,845.4	23,902.0	39,857.3	37,129.9	-2,715.5	-6.8 %	13,227.9	55.3 %	-2,727.4	-6.8 %
Corrections	297,398.4	298,316.1	295,816.1	295,816.1	-1,582.3	-0.5 %	-2,500.0	-0.8 %	0.0	
Education & Early Dev	53,097.1	50,509.5	51,915.3	50,815.3	-2,281.8	-4.3 %	305.8	0.6 %	-1,100.0	-2.1 %
Environmental Conservation	23,842.3	23,498.7	23,498.7	22,064.0	-1,778.3	-7.5 %	-1,434.7	-6.1 %	-1,434.7	-6.1 %
Fish and Game	81,809.3	80,582.8	80,387.8	79,387.8	-2,421.5	-3.0 %	-1,195.0	-1.5 %	-1,000.0	-1.2 %
Health & Social Services	397,532.0	393,567.4	390,025.7	385,782.7	-11,749.3	-3.0 %	-7,784.7	-2.0 %	-4,243.0	-1.1 %
Labor & Workforce Dev	35,404.0	34,803.9	34,404.4	32,012.7	-3,391.3	-9.6 %	-2,791.2	-8.0 %	-2,391.7	-7.0 %
Law	63,376.5	57,852.0	60,432.3	59,332.3	-4,044.2	-6.4 %	1,480.3	2.6 %	-1,100.0	-1.8 %
Military & Veterans' Affairs	21,557.8	26,380.2	24,252.5	24,252.5	2,694.7	12.5 %	-2,127.7	-8.1 %	0.0	
Natural Resources	83,043.3	79,904.5	78,414.2	77,978.7	-5,064.6	-6.1 %	-1,925.8	-2.4 %	-435.5	-0.6 %
Public Safety	172,552.7	172,199.5	174,528.8	171,100.8	-1,451.9	-0.8 %	-1,098.7	-0.6 %	-3,428.0	-2.0 %
Revenue	33,436.1	32,962.4	32,265.0	32,236.4	-1,199.7	-3.6 %	-726.0	-2.2 %	-28.6	-0.1 %
Transportation	283,168.4	282,890.2	281,536.4	278,836.4	-4,332.0	-1.5 %	-4,053.8	-1.4 %	-2,700.0	-1.0 %
University of Alaska	371,323.9	374,204.0	363,231.7	362,231.7	-9,092.2	-2.4 %	-11,972.3	-3.2 %	-1,000.0	-0.3 %
Governor	32,166.2	26,562.9	32,020.3	32,020.3	-145.9	-0.5 %	5,457.4	20.5 %	0.0	
Branch-wide Unallocated Approp	36,000.0	36,000.0	30,000.0	30,000.0	-6,000.0	-16.7 %	-6,000.0	-16.7 %	0.0	
Alaska Court System	110,574.3	110,826.3	112,530.8	111,436.0	861.7	0.8 %	609.7	0.6 %	-1,094.8	-1.0 %
Legislature	76,021.1	74,660.9	78,721.8	76,220.3	199.2	0.3 %	1,559.4	2.1 %	-2,501.5	-3.2 %
Total	2,296,970.1	2,264,494.6	2,269,436.4	2,243,956.8	-53,013.3	-2.3 %	-20,537.8	-0.9 %	-25,479.6	-1.1 %
Statewide Total	2,296,970.1	2,264,494.6	2,269,436.4	2,243,956.8	-53,013.3	-2.3 %	-20,537.8	-0.9 %	-25,479.6	-1.1 %
Funding Summary										
Unrestricted General (UGF)	2,296,970.1	2,264,494.6	2,269,436.4	2,243,956.8	-53,013.3	-2.3 %	-20,537.8	-0.9 %	-25,479.6	-1.1 %

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Fund Groups: Unrestricted General

Agency	[1] 14MgtPln	[2] 15Adj Base	[3] 15GovAmd	[4] House Sub	[4] - [1] 14MgtPln to House Sub	[4] - [2] 15Adj Bas to House Sub	[4] - [3] 15GovAmd to House Sub			
Agency Budgets										
Administration	87,119.4	87,169.4	87,745.4	87,451.0	331.6	0.4 %	281.6	0.3 %	-294.4	-0.3 %
Commerce, Community & Econ Dev	47,105.4	31,162.0	39,857.3	37,130.1	-9,975.3	-21.2 %	5,968.1	19.2 %	-2,727.2	-6.8 %
Corrections	297,398.4	298,316.1	295,816.1	295,816.1	-1,582.3	-0.5 %	-2,500.0	-0.8 %	0.0	
Education & Early Dev	1,282,643.7	1,250,264.7	1,287,068.2	1,285,968.2	3,324.5	0.3 %	35,703.5	2.9 %	-1,100.0	-0.1 %
Environmental Conservation	23,842.3	23,498.7	23,498.7	22,064.0	-1,778.3	-7.5 %	-1,434.7	-6.1 %	-1,434.7	-6.1 %
Fish and Game	81,809.3	80,582.8	80,387.8	79,387.8	-2,421.5	-3.0 %	-1,195.0	-1.5 %	-1,000.0	-1.2 %
Health & Social Services	1,246,874.4	1,236,917.0	1,256,144.9	1,249,655.7	2,781.3	0.2 %	12,738.7	1.0 %	-6,489.2	-0.5 %
Labor & Workforce Dev	35,404.0	34,803.9	34,404.4	32,012.7	-3,391.3	-9.6 %	-2,791.2	-8.0 %	-2,391.7	-7.0 %
Law	63,376.5	57,852.0	60,432.3	59,332.3	-4,044.2	-6.4 %	1,480.3	2.6 %	-1,100.0	-1.8 %
Military & Veterans' Affairs	22,297.9	27,120.3	25,022.4	24,879.8	2,581.9	11.6 %	-2,240.5	-8.3 %	-142.6	-0.6 %
Natural Resources	83,043.3	79,904.5	78,414.2	77,978.7	-5,064.6	-6.1 %	-1,925.8	-2.4 %	-435.5	-0.6 %
Public Safety	172,552.7	172,199.5	174,528.8	171,100.8	-1,451.9	-0.8 %	-1,098.7	-0.6 %	-3,428.0	-2.0 %
Revenue	33,436.1	32,962.4	32,265.0	32,236.4	-1,199.7	-3.6 %	-726.0	-2.2 %	-28.6	-0.1 %
Transportation	283,168.4	282,890.2	281,536.4	278,836.4	-4,332.0	-1.5 %	-4,053.8	-1.4 %	-2,700.0	-1.0 %
University of Alaska	371,323.9	374,204.0	363,231.7	362,231.7	-9,092.2	-2.4 %	-11,972.3	-3.2 %	-1,000.0	-0.3 %
Governor	32,166.2	26,562.9	32,020.3	32,020.3	-145.9	-0.5 %	5,457.4	20.5 %	0.0	
Branch-wide Unallocated Approp	36,000.0	36,000.0	30,000.0	30,000.0	-6,000.0	-16.7 %	-6,000.0	-16.7 %	0.0	
Alaska Court System	110,574.3	110,826.3	112,530.8	111,436.0	861.7	0.8 %	609.7	0.6 %	-1,094.8	-1.0 %
Legislature	76,021.1	74,660.9	78,721.8	76,220.3	199.2	0.3 %	1,559.4	2.1 %	-2,501.5	-3.2 %
Total	4,386,157.3	4,317,897.6	4,373,626.5	4,345,758.3	-40,399.0	-0.9 %	27,860.7	0.6 %	-27,868.2	-0.6 %
Statewide Items										
Debt Service	207,352.8	207,352.8	221,109.1	221,109.1	13,756.3	6.6 %	13,756.3	6.6 %	0.0	
State Assistance to Retirement	633,780.6	633,780.6	5,241.6	5,241.6	-628,539.0	-99.2 %	-628,539.0	-99.2 %	0.0	
Special Appropriations	17,081.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-17,081.3	-100.0 %	0.0		0.0	
Fund Capitalization	1,146,000.0	666,000.0	518,300.0	505,000.0	-641,000.0	-55.9 %	-161,000.0	-24.2 %	-13,300.0	-2.6 %
Total	2,004,214.7	1,507,133.4	744,650.7	731,350.7	-1,272,864.0	-63.5 %	-775,782.7	-51.5 %	-13,300.0	-1.8 %
Statewide Total	6,390,372.0	5,825,031.0	5,118,277.2	5,077,109.0	-1,313,263.0	-20.6 %	-747,922.0	-12.8 %	-41,168.2	-0.8 %

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Fund Groups: Unrestricted General

Agency	[1] 14MgtPIn	[2] 15Adj Base	[3] 15GovAmd	[4] House Sub	[4] - [1] 14MgtPIn to House Sub	[4] - [2] 15Adj Bas to House Sub	[4] - [3] 15GovAmd to House Sub
Funding Summary							
Unrestricted General (UGF)	6,390,372.0	5,825,031.0	5,118,277.2	5,077,109.0	-1,313,263.0 -20.6 %	-747,922.0 -12.8 %	-41,168.2 -0.8 %
Non-Additive Items							
Fund Transfers	-292,139.2	71,960.8	70,404.1	70,404.1	362,543.3 -124.1 %	-1,556.7 -2.2 %	0.0
Total	-292,139.2	71,960.8	70,404.1	70,404.1	362,543.3 -124.1 %	-1,556.7 -2.2 %	0.0

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Agency	[1] 14MgtP1n	[2] 15Adj Base	[3] 15GovAmd	[4] House Sub	[4] - [1] 14MgtP1n to House Sub	[4] - [1] %	[4] - [2] 15Adj Bas to House Sub	[4] - [2] %	[4] - [3] 15GovAmd to House Sub	[4] - [3] %
Agency Budgets										
Administration	338,032.0	337,921.1	347,918.2	347,348.6	9,316.6	2.8 %	9,427.5	2.8 %	-569.6	-0.2 %
Commerce, Community & Econ Dev	210,756.4	188,477.8	207,345.9	203,205.2	-7,551.2	-3.6 %	14,727.4	7.8 %	-4,140.7	-2.0 %
Corrections	334,066.8	334,983.0	331,095.9	331,095.9	-2,970.9	-0.9 %	-3,887.1	-1.2 %	0.0	
Education & Early Dev	1,567,348.6	1,534,917.0	1,576,178.2	1,575,078.2	7,729.6	0.5 %	40,161.2	2.6 %	-1,100.0	-0.1 %
Environmental Conservation	87,927.1	87,522.0	88,587.5	87,152.8	-774.3	-0.9 %	-369.2	-0.4 %	-1,434.7	-1.6 %
Fish and Game	218,081.4	216,515.0	216,071.2	215,071.2	-3,010.2	-1.4 %	-1,443.8	-0.7 %	-1,000.0	-0.5 %
Health & Social Services	2,665,937.0	2,651,447.6	2,669,542.6	2,661,600.9	-4,336.1	-0.2 %	10,153.3	0.4 %	-7,941.7	-0.3 %
Labor & Workforce Dev	191,706.5	190,951.1	185,080.9	182,689.2	-9,017.3	-4.7 %	-8,261.9	-4.3 %	-2,391.7	-1.3 %
Law	96,922.6	91,337.6	93,458.4	93,458.4	-3,464.2	-3.6 %	2,120.8	2.3 %	0.0	
Military & Veterans' Affairs	64,471.2	69,294.8	60,543.2	60,400.6	-4,070.6	-6.3 %	-8,894.2	-12.8 %	-142.6	-0.2 %
Natural Resources	172,975.0	169,889.0	168,296.8	168,111.3	-4,863.7	-2.8 %	-1,777.7	-1.0 %	-185.5	-0.1 %
Public Safety	205,243.7	204,800.5	208,139.8	206,111.8	868.1	0.4 %	1,311.3	0.6 %	-2,028.0	-1.0 %
Revenue	349,314.9	348,742.6	371,989.2	371,731.0	22,416.1	6.4 %	22,988.4	6.6 %	-258.2	-0.1 %
Transportation	631,041.5	630,876.0	630,919.7	629,119.7	-1,921.8	-0.3 %	-1,756.3	-0.3 %	-1,800.0	-0.3 %
University of Alaska	914,222.7	919,465.1	916,163.8	915,163.8	941.1	0.1 %	-4,301.3	-0.5 %	-1,000.0	-0.1 %
Governor	32,898.7	27,296.4	32,748.9	32,748.9	-149.8	-0.5 %	5,452.5	20.0 %	0.0	
Branch-wide Unallocated Approp	36,000.0	36,000.0	30,000.0	30,000.0	-6,000.0	-16.7 %	-6,000.0	-16.7 %	0.0	
Alaska Court System	114,569.8	114,421.0	116,441.4	115,246.6	676.8	0.6 %	825.6	0.7 %	-1,194.8	-1.0 %
Legislature	76,495.5	75,135.3	79,196.2	76,676.2	180.7	0.2 %	1,540.9	2.1 %	-2,520.0	-3.2 %
Total	8,308,011.4	8,229,992.9	8,329,717.8	8,302,010.3	-6,001.1	-0.1 %	72,017.4	0.9 %	-27,707.5	-0.3 %
Statewide Items										
Debt Service	338,618.2	338,618.2	306,785.0	304,785.0	-33,833.2	-10.0 %	-33,833.2	-10.0 %	-2,000.0	-0.7 %
State Assistance to Retirement	633,780.6	633,780.6	3,005,241.6	5,241.6	-628,539.0	-99.2 %	-628,539.0	-99.2 %	-3,000,000.0	-99.8 %
Special Appropriations	17,081.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-17,081.3	-100.0 %	0.0		0.0	
Fund Capitalization	1,181,009.2	701,009.2	552,687.6	537,887.6	-643,121.6	-54.5 %	-163,121.6	-23.3 %	-14,800.0	-2.7 %
Total	2,170,489.3	1,673,408.0	3,864,714.2	847,914.2	-1,322,575.1	-60.9 %	-825,493.8	-49.3 %	-3,016,800.0	-78.1 %
Statewide Total	10,478,500.7	9,903,400.9	12,194,432.0	9,149,924.5	-1,328,576.2	-12.7 %	-753,476.4	-7.6 %	-3,044,507.5	-25.0 %

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Funding Summary										
Unrestricted General (UGF)	6,390,372.0	5,825,031.0	5,118,277.2	5,077,109.0	-1,313,263.0	-20.6 %	-747,922.0	-12.8 %	-41,168.2	-0.8 %
Designated General (DGF)	743,351.3	745,727.7	759,783.8	744,955.7	1,604.4	0.2 %	-772.0	-0.1 %	-14,828.1	-2.0 %
Other State Funds (Other)	1,304,522.8	1,294,675.8	4,298,565.5	1,311,206.6	6,683.8	0.5 %	16,530.8	1.3 %	-2,987,358.9	-69.5 %
Federal Receipts (Fed)	2,040,254.6	2,037,966.4	2,017,805.5	2,016,653.2	-23,601.4	-1.2 %	-21,313.2	-1.0 %	-1,152.3	-0.1 %
Non-Additive Items										
Fund Transfers	1,748,251.5	2,112,351.5	-788,307.9	2,211,692.1	463,440.6	26.5 %	99,340.6	4.7 %	3,000,000.0	-380.6 %
Total	1,748,251.5	2,112,351.5	-788,307.9	2,211,692.1	463,440.6	26.5 %	99,340.6	4.7 %	3,000,000.0	-380.6 %

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Fund Groups: General Funds

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Agency Budgets										
Administration	111,709.9	111,715.0	113,191.9	112,622.3	912.4	0.8 %	907.3	0.8 %	-569.6	-0.5 %
Commerce, Community & Econ Dev	140,090.7	123,882.9	138,300.3	120,746.6	-19,344.1	-13.8 %	-3,136.3	-2.5 %	-17,553.7	-12.7 %
Corrections	314,122.7	315,038.1	310,936.6	310,936.6	-3,186.1	-1.0 %	-4,101.5	-1.3 %	0.0	
Education & Early Dev	1,306,973.0	1,274,592.4	1,315,400.0	1,314,300.0	7,327.0	0.6 %	39,707.6	3.1 %	-1,100.0	-0.1 %
Environmental Conservation	51,071.6	50,712.4	50,712.4	49,277.7	-1,793.9	-3.5 %	-1,434.7	-2.8 %	-1,434.7	-2.8 %
Fish and Game	90,614.6	89,400.1	89,205.1	88,205.1	-2,409.5	-2.7 %	-1,195.0	-1.3 %	-1,000.0	-1.1 %
Health & Social Services	1,320,351.2	1,310,359.3	1,328,734.4	1,322,245.2	1,894.0	0.1 %	11,885.9	0.9 %	-6,489.2	-0.5 %
Labor & Workforce Dev	68,941.0	68,321.9	68,074.2	65,682.5	-3,258.5	-4.7 %	-2,639.4	-3.9 %	-2,391.7	-3.5 %
Law	66,103.6	60,579.9	63,160.2	62,060.2	-4,043.4	-6.1 %	1,480.3	2.4 %	-1,100.0	-1.7 %
Military & Veterans' Affairs	22,326.3	27,148.7	25,050.8	24,908.2	2,581.9	11.6 %	-2,240.5	-8.3 %	-142.6	-0.6 %
Natural Resources	109,029.5	105,855.5	104,632.7	104,447.2	-4,582.3	-4.2 %	-1,408.3	-1.3 %	-185.5	-0.2 %
Public Safety	179,011.6	178,651.7	181,081.0	177,653.0	-1,358.6	-0.8 %	-998.7	-0.6 %	-3,428.0	-1.9 %
Revenue	43,274.2	42,779.7	42,005.3	42,005.3	-1,268.9	-2.9 %	-774.4	-1.8 %	0.0	
Transportation	351,809.2	351,397.3	349,633.1	346,933.1	-4,876.1	-1.4 %	-4,464.2	-1.3 %	-2,700.0	-0.8 %
University of Alaska	676,772.2	682,594.6	678,593.3	677,593.3	821.1	0.1 %	-5,001.3	-0.7 %	-1,000.0	-0.1 %
Governor	32,171.1	26,567.8	32,020.3	32,020.3	-150.8	-0.5 %	5,452.5	20.5 %	0.0	
Branch-wide Unallocated Approp	36,000.0	36,000.0	30,000.0	30,000.0	-6,000.0	-16.7 %	-6,000.0	-16.7 %	0.0	
Alaska Court System	111,092.3	111,344.3	113,048.8	111,954.0	861.7	0.8 %	609.7	0.5 %	-1,094.8	-1.0 %
Legislature	76,092.5	74,732.3	78,793.2	76,286.7	194.2	0.3 %	1,554.4	2.1 %	-2,506.5	-3.2 %
Total	5,107,557.2	5,041,673.9	5,112,573.6	5,069,877.3	-37,679.9	-0.7 %	28,203.4	0.6 %	-42,696.3	-0.8 %
Statewide Items										
Debt Service	228,152.8	228,152.8	240,409.1	240,409.1	12,256.3	5.4 %	12,256.3	5.4 %	0.0	
State Assistance to Retirement	633,780.6	633,780.6	5,241.6	5,241.6	-628,539.0	-99.2 %	-628,539.0	-99.2 %	0.0	
Special Appropriations	17,081.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-17,081.3	-100.0 %	0.0		0.0	
Fund Capitalization	1,147,151.4	667,151.4	519,836.7	506,536.7	-640,614.7	-55.8 %	-160,614.7	-24.1 %	-13,300.0	-2.6 %
Total	2,026,166.1	1,529,084.8	765,487.4	752,187.4	-1,273,978.7	-62.9 %	-776,897.4	-50.8 %	-13,300.0	-1.7 %
Statewide Total	7,133,723.3	6,570,758.7	5,878,061.0	5,822,064.7	-1,311,658.6	-18.4 %	-748,694.0	-11.4 %	-55,996.3	-1.0 %

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Agency	[1] 14MgtP1n	[2] 15Adj Base	[3] 15GovAmd	[4] House Sub	[4] - [1] 14MgtP1n to House Sub	[4] - [2] 15Adj Bas to House Sub	[4] - [3] 15GovAmd to House Sub
Funding Summary							
Unrestricted General (UGF)	6,390,372.0	5,825,031.0	5,118,277.2	5,077,109.0	-1,313,263.0	-20.6 %	-747,922.0
Designated General (DGF)	743,351.3	745,727.7	759,783.8	744,955.7	1,604.4	0.2 %	-772.0
Non-Additive Items							
Fund Transfers	1,746,307.1	2,110,407.1	2,211,692.1	2,211,692.1	465,385.0	26.6 %	101,285.0
Total	1,746,307.1	2,110,407.1	2,211,692.1	2,211,692.1	465,385.0	26.6 %	101,285.0

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson, Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Administration

APPROPRIATION: Centralized Administrative Services

ALLOCATION: Office of the Commissioner

ADD:

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration coordinate with the state’s Congressional Delegation; Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority; the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; the Department of Education and Early Development and school districts; telecommunication service providers; other affected entities of the State of Alaska; and any other relevant stakeholder organization to:

1. Determine the existing broadband resources and capacity in rural Alaska
2. Identify cost sharing and cost saving opportunities
 - a. Through sharing existing broadband resources
 - b. Through partnering for expansion of broadband resources

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration provide recommendations, including possible legislation, and findings based on the results of their coordination and submit them to the House and Senate Finance Committees by January 15, 2015.

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration, Enterprise Technology Services, prepare a five-year statewide plan that includes an implementation policy for statewide information technology systems, including their procurement and support, which results in cost savings and will serve the needs of state executive branch departments, not including state corporations. It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration submit a plan to the House and Senate Finance Committees by January 15, 2015.

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representative Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Conservation
APPROPRIATION: Air Quality
ALLOCATION: Air Quality

ADD: \$160,600, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)
DELETE: \$160,600, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Environmental Conservation
APPROPRIATION: Water
ALLOCATION: Water Quality

ADD: \$222,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)
DELETE: \$222,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Law
APPROPRIATION: Civil Division
ALLOCATION: Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy

ADD: \$136,800, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)
DELETE: \$136,800, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Natural Resources
APPROPRIATION: Administration & Support
ALLOCATION: State Pipeline Coordinator's Office

ADD: \$670,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)
DELETE: \$670,300, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

DEPARTMENT: Department of Transportation & Public Facilities
APPROPRIATION: Design, Engineering and Construction
ALLOCATION: Statewide Design and Engineering Services

ADD: \$692,900, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund -- Interagency (1232)
DELETE: \$692,900, In-State Natural Gas Pipeline Fund (1229)

EXPLANATION:

Code 1232 is a newly created code designed to meet accounting requirements for separation of the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) budget from money spent by other agencies at the request of AGDC. This is one of two fund codes that access the in-state pipeline fund established with the adoption of HB4 during the 2013 session. (The other is code 1229.)

Fund code 1229 should be used only to record the operating budget of the AGDC. Code 1232 should be used only to record AGDC's purchases of services from other state agencies. Agencies can spend code 1232 only as specified in a reimbursable services agreement signed by the corporation. Funding for RSAs will be drawn from the fund without appearing in the operating budget of AGDC.

The amendment has no impact other than to ensure that AGDC has control over pipeline funds spent by other agencies.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Costello, Edgmon, Munoz, T. Wilson, Thompson, Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

APPROPRIATION: Community and Regional Affairs

ALLOCATION: Community and Regional Affairs

ADD: \$49,200 Boat Registration Fees (1216), IncOTI

EXPLANATION: This amendment restores the 25% reduction imposed by the House Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. This organization provides boating education and training and is the only source for required marine safety training.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Reps. Stoltze, Austerman, Holmes, Thompson, Wilson, Neuman

DEPARTMENT: Fish and Game
APPROPRIATION:
ALLOCATION:

ADD:
It is the intent of the legislature that the department maintain fishery management activities in state waters as its top priority when determining where to apply unallocated reductions included in the FY2015 operating budget and provide a fishery management activity prioritization report to the Finance Committees by October 31, 2014.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Reps. Austerman, Stoltze, T. Wilson, Holmes, Edgmon

DEPARTMENT: Department of Fish & Game

APPROPRIATION: Commercial Fisheries

ALLOCATION: Westward Region Fisheries Management

ADD: \$200,000, Test Fisheries Receipts, (1109)

EXPLANATION: This amendment adds \$200,000 of Test Fisheries Receipts of Golden King Crab for Red King Crab Research in the Adak and Petrel Banks areas.

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson, Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

ADD: Intent Language

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health and Social Services submit a report of transfers between appropriations that occurred in the first half of FY2015 by January 30, 2015, and a report of transfers in the second half of FY2015, by September 1, 2015, to the House and Senate Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara, Neuman, and Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services

ADD: Intent Language:

It is the intent of the legislature that the department find efficiencies, and use savings from those efficiencies, to implement priorities of the department. These priorities may include implementing the 2012 Office of Children's Services Workload Study recommendations.

EXPLANATION:

The intent of this section is to find efficiencies (and funding) within the department in order to implement the Workload Study without increasing the department's FY15 budget.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson, Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Health and Social Services

APPROPRIATION: Behavioral Health

ALLOCATION: Services to the Seriously Mentally Ill

ADD: \$525,000 GF/MH - Fund Code 1037

EXPLANATION:

Complex Behavioral Collaborative Project

Intensive consultative services are offered to families and programs serving individuals at the highest risk of being moved to more costly out-of-state or institutional placements due to difficult-to-manage behaviors. This project has demonstrated success in reducing long term General Fund costs by keeping these Alaskans in their homes and current placements.

FY 2015 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: CSHB 266(FIN) / CSHB 267(FIN)
OFFERED BY: Representative Edgmon and Representative Austerman

PART A

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers

ALLOCATION: Rural Trooper Housing
ADD: \$78,600 General Fund (1004)

ALLOCATION: Alaska Wildlife Troopers
ADD: \$112,500 General Fund (1004)

ALLOCATION: Alaska Wildlife Troopers Marine Enforcement
ADD: \$208,900

EXPLANATION:

Part A of this amendment restores 80% of the Governor's decrements associated with the transfer of the Patrol Vessel *Stimson* from Dutch Harbor to Kodiak.

The decrements included in the Governor's request were split between three allocations:

- 1) Rural Trooper Housing: (\$98,300) UGF
- 2) Alaska Wildlife Troopers: (\$140,600) UGF
- 3) Alaska Wildlife Troopers Marine Enforcement: (\$261,100) UGF

The total of Part A restores \$400,000 UGF of (\$500,000) UGF deleted by the Governor to relocate the *Stimson* from Dutch Harbor to Kodiak.

PART B

DEPARTMENT: Public Safety
APPROPRIATION: Alaska State Troopers
ALLOCATION: Alaska Wildlife Marine Enforcement

ADD: \$155,000 General Funds (1004)

ADD: 1 PFT position

EXPLANATION:

Part B of this amendment partially restores two decrements requested by the Governor associated with decommissioning the Patrol Vessel *Woldstad* and replacing it with a smaller 58 foot vessel. A total of \$125,000 will be utilized to keep the *Woldstad* available for use during the latter portion of FY15 (repairs estimated to be completed by April 1, 2015) and \$30,000 will fund a deleted Boat Officer for one quarter of FY15.

The decrements included in the Governor's request for these related items were transmitted as follows:

- 1) (\$500,000) to decommission the Patrol Vessel *Woldstad*; and
- 2) (\$110,900) to delete a vacant Boat Officer IV assigned to the *Woldstad*.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Neuman, Austerman, Stoltze, Munoz, Holmes, T. Wilson, Edgmon, Thompson

DEPARTMENT: Department of Revenue

APPROPRIATION: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

ADD: Intent Language

It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Mental Health Trust assess the potential impact of expanded broadband on long term general fund operating costs by looking at the following:

1. Existing broadband capacity (including educational and tribal health networks) that could be accessed by the state;
2. The broadband capacity needed to improve access to health care;
3. Costs of and barriers to expanding broadband; and
4. Potential long-term general fund savings attributable to expanding broadband access.

It is also the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Mental Health Trust submit a report to the legislature outlining the results of assessing the above items by January 15, 2015.

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representatives Thompson and Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Revenue

APPROPRIATION: Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority

ALLOCATION: Mental Health Trust Operations

ADD: \$49,900 Mental Health Trust Admin Receipts (1094) – Inc

EXPLANATION:

The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority (the Trust) Board of Trustees seeks restoration of funds previously approved by the Board of Trustees which were not included in the Governor’s original or amended FY2015 budget requests.

The Trust’s administrative budget supports essential work of the Board of Trustees as well as the administrative operations of the Trust. The funding is necessary for the Trust to continue to meet the Trust’s statutory obligations, fulfill its mission and maintain support functions.

Reasonable and necessary expenses to be funded by restored funds include honorariums and associated costs of holding additional meetings that Trustees have requested to be scheduled, which assists them in their important planning and deliberative decision making processes. Other costs include anticipated contractual increases associated with performance of the Trust’s annual audit (due to new real estate investments acquired and managed by the Department of Natural Resources, Trust Land Office) as well as increases in contracts for fiscal analysis, legal consultations, and program analysis – all reasonable expenses which aid Trustees and staff in their essential duties. Finally, the increase will cover cost of living adjustments which the Trust is required to pay.

This MHTAAR Administration funding was approved by the Board of Trustees at the September 4-6, 2013 board meeting. This funding does not create a new position.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Representative Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Public Facilities
APPROPRIATION: Highways, Aviation and Facilities
ALLOCATION: Central Region Highways and Aviation

ADD: \$71,000, Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts, (1200)

DELETE: \$71,000, General Funds, (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment replaces \$71,000 unrestricted general funds with available Vehicle Rental Tax Receipts.

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representatives Stoltze and Austerman

DEPARTMENT: Alaska Court System

APPROPRIATION: Alaska Court System

ALLOCATION: Trial Courts

DELETE: \$21,900 General Funds (1004)

EXPLANATION: The Court System has recently been advised that lease cost increases associated with the Nome Court House will not be needed until FY16. This amendment decreases the \$104,300 appropriated by the House Subcommittee for existing facility leases.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Austerman, Neuman, Edgmon, T. Wilson, Holmes, Munoz

ADD LANGUAGE

Insert the following language in a new section following section 4 in HB 266 and following section 8 in HB 267.

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that the Departments of Corrections, Health and Social Services, and Labor and Workforce Development, along with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, Alaska Housing Finance Corporation, and the Alaska Court System, continue to work collaboratively to identify common clients who are being released from correctional institutions and do the following:

1. Develop and implement a comprehensive, complementary, non-duplicative plan for providing substance abuse, mental health, housing and employment services to those who are released from correctional institutions.
2. Use the plan to assist the Departments, Authority, agency, and Court System in improving treatment and other outcomes for recently released inmates with the goal of reducing correctional system recidivism rates.
3. Gather and analyze data on the substance abuse, mental health, employment and housing services needed and the services provided to the released clients.
4. Propose effectiveness and efficiency measures for the new plan.
5. Jointly report on plan implementation and data findings to the legislature by February 2, 2015.

Renumber bill sections accordingly.

A M E N D M E N T

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE *FINANCE COMM.*
TO: CSHB 266(FIN), Draft Version "P"

BY REPRESENTATIVE STOLTZE,
*AUSTERMAN, NEUMAN,
MUNOZ, HOLMES,
EDGMON*

1 Page 53, following line 3:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **"* Sec. 5. CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS.** (a) It is the intent of the legislature to increase
4 crime victims' access to the criminal justice process, to improve communication between
5 criminal justice agencies and crime victims, and to ensure that crime victims' legal rights are
6 not denied. Crime victims in this state should be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness as
7 guaranteed by the Constitution of the State of Alaska. The Department of Law, Department of
8 Corrections, Department of Public Safety, and the division in the Department of Health and
9 Social Services responsible for juvenile justice should continue to partner with the office of
10 victims' rights to improve the criminal justice process for crime victims.

11 (b) One of the surest ways to affect each victim's sense of fairness and justice is
12 through clear and consistent communication by agency staff to crime victims. Timely
13 communication to crime victims helps to ensure victims' notice and opportunity to be heard at
14 key stages of criminal investigations and prosecutions. Police officers and prosecutors, upon
15 first contact with crime victims, are required by law to inform crime victims about the office
16 of victims' rights. Law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, corrections agencies, social service
17 agencies, and the courts should make every reasonable effort to ensure that victims' legal
18 rights are preserved. Victims' privacy and dignity should be protected throughout the process.
19 A timely and fair disposition of criminal charges promotes public trust, including victims'
20 trust, in the criminal justice process. Timely, full, and prompt financial restitution to crime
21 victims also provides crime victims with a tangible sense that the criminal justice system has
22 acted to restore the victim."
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1 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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3 Page 58, line 28:

4 Delete "sec. 25(j)"

5 Insert "sec. 26(j)"

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7 Page 70, line 22:

8 Delete "sec. 15(b)"

9 Insert "sec. 16(b)"

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11 Page 76, lines 13 - 14:

12 Delete "secs. 8(c), 9, 10(b), and 25 - 27"

13 Insert "secs. 9(c), 10, 11(b), and 26 - 28"

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15 Page 76, line 15:

16 Delete "sec. 12(h)(1)"

17 Insert "sec. 13(h)(1)"

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19 Page 76, line 20:

20 Delete "Sections 30 and 34"

21 Insert "Sections 31 and 35"

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23 Page 76, line 21:

24 Delete "Section 26(c)"

25 Insert "Section 27(c)"

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27 Page 76, line 22:

28 Delete "secs. 35 and 36"

29 Insert "secs. 36 and 37"

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: CSHB 266 (FIN)

OFFERED BY: Rep. Austerman

REVISE LANGUAGE: Decrement \$2,267,813 General Funds (1004) by amending sec. 23(k) to read:

(k) The sum of \$126,642,396[128,910,209] is appropriated to the Department of Education and Early Development for state aid for costs of school construction under AS 14.11.100 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, from the following sources:

General Fund	<u>\$107,342,396</u> [\$109,610,209]
School Fund (AS 43.50.140)	19,300,000

EXPLANATION:

Based on recent projections, the amount of state aid required for costs of school construction under AS 14.11.100 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 is estimated to be \$2,267,813 less than originally requested. Reasons for a lower projection include anticipated projects not approved, debt for several projects sold later than anticipated, and a larger premium received than anticipated.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT**OFFERED IN:** The House Finance Committee**TO:** HB 266**OFFERED BY:** Reps. Costello, T. Wilson, Neuman**DEPARTMENT:** Department of Health and Social Services**APPROPRIATION:** Public Health**ALLOCATION:** Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion**DELETE:** \$720,000 General Fund (1004)**EXPLANATION:** This decrement removes funding for the advertising and research portion for the "Play Every Day Campaign." More specifically the proposed contract work listed below.

Table C. (Provided by the Department of Health and Social Services)

Contract 1: Northwest Strategies - Main Deliverables	Amount
Provide social marketing consultation and a three-year strategic plan to build a campaign that helps reduce childhood obesity in Alaska.	\$160.0
Develop public education materials that include TV and radio PSAs, print and online materials, a website, social media, and a library of images and video.	\$130.0
Provide social marketing technical assistance and training to DHSS's nine new school district grantees to improve public education statewide. Provide social marketing consultation to the Alaska Alliance for Healthy Kids.	\$10.0
Acquire and place media that effectively reaches the target audience statewide, hitting the CDC target for Gross Rating Points (GRPs) to impact behavior change.	\$350.0
SUBTOTAL	\$650.0
Contract 2: Hayes Research Group - Deliverable	
Focus groups to inform motivational messages, and one survey to evaluate the effectiveness of the messages.	\$70.0
CONTRACTS TOTAL	\$720.0

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Reps. Stoltze and Neuman

DEPARTMENT: Transportation and Public Facilities

APPROPRIATION: Marine Highway System

ALLOCATION:

ADD:

It is the intent of the legislature that the department eliminate any future issuing of free annual passes for vehicles of state agencies, state employees, or retirees and their families on the Alaska Marine Highway System.

AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE *FINANCE COMM.* BY REPRESENTATIVE COSTELLO
TO: CSHB 266(FIN), Draft Version "P"

1 Page 56, line 30, following "associations":

2 Insert "for the following purposes:

3 (1) promotion of seafood and seafood by-products that are harvested in
4 the region and processed for sale;

5 (2) promotion of improvements to the commercial fishing industry and
6 infrastructure in the seafood development region;

7 (3) establishment of education, research, advertising, or sales
8 promotion programs for seafood products harvested in the region;

9 (4) preparation of market research and product development plans for
10 the promotion of seafood and their by-products that are harvested in the region and
11 processed for sale;

12 (5) cooperation with the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and other
13 public or private boards, organizations, or agencies engaged in work or activities
14 similar to the work of the organization, including entering into contracts for joint
15 programs of consumer education, sales promotion, quality control, advertising, and
16 research in the production, processing, or distribution of seafood harvested in the
17 region;

18 (6) cooperation with commercial fishermen, fishermen's organizations,
19 seafood processors, the Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, the Fisheries
20 Industrial Technology Center, state and federal agencies, and other relevant persons
21 and entities to investigate market reception to new seafood product forms and to
22 develop commodity standards and future markets for seafood products"

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266

OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara and Guttenberg

DEPARTMENT: Labor and Workforce Development

APPROPRIATION: Business Partnerships

ALLOCATION: Business Services

ADD: \$2,391,700 General Funds (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment will restore the base funding in the Governor's requested budget for the Alaska Youth First Program. This program provides grants to organizations across the state to assist Alaskans - both school age students and adults - in job readiness and career counseling. Restoration will help offset losses of job and career counselors school districts have been forced to cut the past three years.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266
OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara and Guttenberg

DEPARTMENT: Education and Early Development
APPROPRIATION: K-12 Support
ALLOCATION: Foundation Program

ADD NEW LANGUAGE SECTION: Sec. 14(b)

The sum of \$101,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education and Early Development to be distributed as state aid to districts according to the average daily membership for each district adjusted under AS 14.17.410(b)(1)(A) - (D) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

Renumber sections accordingly.

EXPLANATION: This amendment would reflect the equivalent of a \$404 Base Student Allocation increase in the event a base student allocation bill to reverse the recent course of educator cuts does not pass.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266
OFFERED BY: Representatives Gara and Guttenberg

DEPARTMENT: Education and Early Development
APPROPRIATION: Teaching and Learning Support
ALLOCATION: Pre-Kindergarten Grants

ADD: \$2,000,000 GF (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment will allow more students to participate in Pre-K. High-quality Pre-K programs have been proven to improve a child's chances of succeeding in school and in life. Children who attend high-quality programs are less likely to be held back a grade, less likely to need special education, and more likely to graduate from high school and college. They also have higher earnings as adults and are less likely to become dependent on welfare or involved with law enforcement.

The current \$2 million program only serves roughly 300 students. This "pilot" program started in FY10 and was intended to become a statewide effort once its success was shown. It has proven successful.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Representatives Guttenberg and Gara

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska
ALLOCATION: Budget Reductions/Additions - Systemwide

ADD: \$424,500 (\$357,100 UGF 1004 / \$67,400 UNIV RCPT 1048)

EXPLANATION: This increment will complete the mandatory comprehensive advising program across the University of Alaska.

UAF College of Rural and Community Development Student Advisors
UAF CRCD campuses deliver courses that allow students to receive education and training in or near their home community. Rural campuses offer students certificate and associate degree programs that lead to jobs and the preparation needed to transfer to a baccalaureate program if desired. This project supports two student advisors to be housed at the Bristol Bay Campus and Kuskokwim campus. A Research Specialist will also be supported to perform degree audits, so that student advisors can contact non-completing, degree-seeking students to encourage them to complete their degree.

UAS First Year Advisor
The goal of this position is to continue to increase the retention of first-year students. The most critical transition in every student’s career happens during the first six weeks.

- This position will deliver services directed solely to first-year-students such as:
- Teach first-year courses that are currently not offered, building off new student orientation.
 - Take a leading role in delivering a student leadership program focused on first year students.
 - Manage and integrate critical student transition efforts that are currently offered on an ad hoc basis.

UAS Disability Support Provider
Students seeking accommodations for disabilities are one of the fastest growing sub-populations at UAS. On the Juneau campus, there has been a 73% increase in requests from 2009 to 2012. This increment is critical to fulfilling our student learning mission,

especially when the new 120- bed residence hall fills with a diverse pool of traditional-age full-time students in the fall of 2014. Currently UAS has a .5 FTE professional staff dedicated to providing this service and has been utilizing temporary hires to meet current needs. These positions will have a direct and positive impact on retention rates, credit hours, and efficiency of student services.

FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee
TO: HB 266 / HB 267
OFFERED BY: Representatives Guttenberg and Gara

DEPARTMENT: University of Alaska
APPROPRIATION: University of Alaska
ALLOCATION: Anchorage Campus

ADD: \$727,900 (\$652,900 UGF 1004 / \$75,000 UNIV RCPT 1048)

EXPLANATION: This increment will provide funding for the Alaska Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program that provides critical healthcare workforce development activities in each region across the state.

The AHEC System is key to growing, strengthening and diversifying the healthcare workforce. AHEC is housed at the University of Alaska Anchorage and the Program Office sets the direction for annual and long-term performance. AHEC centers are located in five regions: Southcentral, Southeast, Northwest, the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta, the Interior and the Program Office in Anchorage.

AHEC activities use the Alaska Health Workforce Coalition’s strategies to engage, train, recruit and retain healthcare workers.

The AHECs use live and distance-delivered continuing education and training opportunities, health career presentations and job fairs, job shadows, internships, clinical rotations, preceptor / clinical coach development and health career camps, each according to regional needs.

Engaging Potential Healthcare Professionals:

AHECS reached 816 students and 64% stated they were more interested in health careers after the AHEC activity. AHECs also coordinated 245 job shadows across Alaska.

Training Healthcare Professionals:

AHECS coordinated and funded 225 clinical rotations and developed six new clinical sites, expanding Alaska’s capacity for training students and getting them through school.

Recruiting Healthcare Professionals to Work in Alaska Communities:

The Department of Labor and Workforce Development provided data to assess programmatic impact by tracking how many students since 2006 are working in Alaska. 1,089 students have graduated and 843 (77%) are working in Alaska. 18% work in a rural borough or census area. This percentage is considerably higher than average rural recruitment rates, which range nationally between 8-12%.

Retaining Alaska's Healthcare Professionals:

AHEC's workforce retention strategy centers on providing and improving access to continuing education and professional development. This strategy is widely recognized as a key to health workforce retention. In 2013, 1,171 unique participants attended AHEC training and professional development and 45% were from rural communities. The Rural Veterans' Health Access trainings touched 108 providers and 309 additional participated in the Alzheimer's training series, of which 56% reported a plan to implement a change in their practice.

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FY15 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

OFFERED IN: The House Finance Committee

TO: HB 266 / HB 267

OFFERED BY: Representatives Guttenberg and Gara

DEPARTMENT: Health and Social Services
APPROPRIATION: Senior and Disabilities Services
ALLOCATION: Senior Community Based Grants

ADD: \$325,000 General Fund (1004)

EXPLANATION: This amendment will help fund the Caregiver Support Program. This program is available to unpaid family caregivers of persons age 60 and over and to grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers of a child who is not more than 18 years of age. The program helps keep Alaskans out of institutional care by providing respite, caregiver training, equipment and home modifications.

2014 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

DATE: 3/11/15

Amendment: 17

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

REP. NEUMAN	✓	
REP. THOMPSON	✓	
REP. WILSON	✓	
REP. COSTELLO	✓	
REP. EDGMON		✓
REP. GARA		✓
REP. GUTTENBERG		✓
REP. HOLMES		✓
REP. MUNOZ		✓
REP. AUSTERMAN	✓	
REP. STOLTZE	✓	

YEA 6 NAY 5

2014 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

DATE: 3/11/14

Amendment: 1B

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

MEMBER	Favor	Oppose
REP. THOMPSON	✓	
REP. WILSON	✓	
REP. COSTELLO	✓	
REP. EDGMON		✓
REP. GARA		✓
REP. GUTTENBERG		✓
REP. HOLMES	✓	
REP. MUNOZ		✓
REP. NEUMAN	✓	
REP. STOLTZE	✓	
REP. AUSTERMAN		✓

YEA 6 NAY 5

2014 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

DATE: 3/11/14

Amendment: 19

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

MEMBER	Favor	Oppose
REP. WILSON	✓	
REP. COSTELLO	✓	
REP. EDGMON		✓
REP. GARA		✓
REP. GUTTENBERG		✓
REP. HOLMES	✓	
REP. MUNOZ	✓	
REP. NEUMAN	✓	
REP. THOMPSON	✓	
REP. AUSTERMAN		✓
REP. STOLTZE	✓	

YEA 7
NAY 4

2014 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

DATE: 3/11/14

Amendment: 20

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

REP. COSTELLO	✓	
REP. EDGMON		✓
REP. GARA	✓	
REP. GUTTENBERG	✓	
REP. HOLMES		✓
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REP. NEUMAN		✓
REP. THOMPSON		✓
REP. WILSON		✓
REP. AUSTERMAN		✓
REP. STOLTZE		✓

YEA 4
NAY 7

2014 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

DATE: 3/11/14

Amendment: 21

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

MEMBER	Favor	Oppose
REP. EDGMON		✓
REP. GARA	✓	
REP. GUTTENBERG	✓	
REP. HOLMES		✓
REP. MUNOZ		✓
REP. NEUMAN		✓
REP. THOMPSON		✓
REP. WILSON		✓
REP. COSTELLO		✓
REP. STOLTZE		✓
REP. AUSTERMAN		✓

YEA 2 NAY 9

2014 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

DATE: 3/11/14

Amendment: 22

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

MEMBER	Favor	Oppose
REP. GARA	✓	
REP. GUTTENBERG	✓	
REP. HOLMES		✓
REP. MUNOZ		✓
REP. NEUMAN		✓
REP. THOMPSON		✓
REP. WILSON		✓
REP. COSTELLO		✓
REP. EDGMON	✓	
REP. AUSTERMAN		✓
REP. STOLTZE		✓

YEA 3
NAY 8

2014 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

DATE: 3/11/14

Amendment: 23

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

MEMBER	Favor	Oppose
REP. GUTTENBERG	✓	
REP. HOLMES		✓
REP. MUNOZ		✓
REP. NEUMAN		✓
REP. THOMPSON		✓
REP. WILSON		✓
REP. COSTELLO		✓
REP. EDGMON		✓
REP. GARA	✓	
REP. STOLTZE		✓
REP. AUSTERMAN		✓

YEA 2
NAY 9

2014 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

DATE: 3/11/14

Amendment: 24

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

REP. HOLMES		✓
REP. MUNOZ		✓
REP. NEUMAN		✓
REP. THOMPSON		✓
REP. WILSON		✓
REP. COSTELLO		✓
REP. EDGMON		✓
REP. GARA	✓	
REP. GUTTENBERG	✓	
REP. AUSTERMAN		✓
REP. STOLTZE		✓

YEA 2

NAY 9

2014 HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE VOTE SHEET

DATE: 3/11/14

Amendment: 25

MEMBER

Favor

Oppose

REP. MUNOZ		✓
REP. NEUMAN		✓
REP. THOMPSON		✓
REP. WILSON		✓
REP. COSTELLO		✓
REP. EDGMON		✓
REP. GARA	✓	
REP. GUTTENBERG	✓	
REP. HOLMES		✓
REP. STOLTZE		✓
REP. AUSTERMAN		✓

YEA 2 NAY 9

House Finance Committee Hearing
FY15 Operating Budget
March 4, 2014

- I represent Agenet, a statewide association which advocates on behalf of vulnerable older Alaskans and their family caregivers.
- Today, we join the Alaska Commission on Aging in asking you to invest in two long-standing senior grant programs: 1) the Family Caregiver Support Program and 2) the Nutrition, Transportation and Support grants which effectively prevent or delay costly institutional care.
- Family members, most often a daughter or a spouse, are the foundation of long-term care for older persons in Alaska and we want to help them last as long as they can in this unpaid but rewarding role.
- Caring for an older person with dementia or physical disabilities can be physically and emotionally demanding and caregivers often neglect their own help.
- The caregiver support program offers training on caregiving skills, services such as respite care, which gives the caregiver a much-needed break, and items which relieve the stress of the caregiver, such as a lift-chair or minor home modifications.
- We are requesting a \$325,000 increment in senior grant funds for the Family Caregiver Support Program, funds which go to non-profit agencies around the state; the waiting lists of family caregivers needing respite care and supplemental services is rapidly growing.
- Our other request is for the NTS grant program. The senior meal and transportation grants are well-known throughout Alaska, primarily through your local senior centers.
- The NTS programs around Alaska are serving an increasing number of seniors and striving to meet the demand for more services as the costs of fuel and food continue to rise.
- Research shows that states which invest more in home-delivered meal programs see greater reductions in nursing home placements.
- We are requesting a \$545,000 increment in NTS senior grants to be dispersed to local senior meal and ride programs around Alaska.

Senior grants have proven to help older Alaskans remain with dignity in their own homes and communities. They also support families to care for their own and save the state money by preventing elders from going into costly institutions.

Your support of maintaining these critical programs will promote family self-sufficiency as well as cost savings to the State of Alaska. Thank you for your consideration.

Presented by Marianne Mills
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March 4, 2014

I am here today to speak on behalf of Retired Public Employees of Alaska. We have 2,000 members and offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

I am a PERS retiree. I worked 27 years for the State of Alaska and two years for the City and Borough of Juneau. My wife worked in the public sector for 26 years in the field of nursing. All those years we were promised that if we worked as a public servants we would have secure retirement checks and medical coverage that would allow us to live out our old age in security. In 2012 our life was turned upside down when my wife and I adopted our grandson, who is five years old.

I am 65 years old. I can't go back to work and even if I could, who would hire me? My wife and I depend on our retirement checks and health insurance.

Our health insurance is not free. We have deductibles for the three of us. Dental Vision and Audio costs us \$4,752 per year plus 20% co-pay. I pay Medicare \$2,098 per year. Medicare pays 80% of my medical costs and state insurance covers 20%. In a couple years my wife will also qualify for Medicare so we will add another \$2,098 per year to our healthcare costs.

Because my wife and I have PERS retirements our social security will be reduced, even though we paid in the same amount as others who worked in the private sector and are not penalized in this way.

I have watched over the years as the unfunded liability has grown and the can was kicked down the road. I have wondered what will happen to me and my family if the unfunded liability is not addressed by this legislature. I always understood that the State of Alaska would honor the promises made to my wife and me during our working years.

Please pass the \$3 billion and put it into the PERS/TRS trust funds. Please don't put the money into a separate fund where it can be taken back. That would not be addressing the problem, only playing games with the lives of retirees.

Thank you.

Gary Miller

Vice President, Southeast Region

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March 4, 2014

Reps. Austerman and Stoltze, Chair, and Committee Members
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Thank you for this opportunity to address you about two very important issues to the health of Alaskans; the **SHARP II Student Loan Repayment Program** and **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment**.

SHARP II is a state-based student loan repayment and incentive program which you have proposed to cut by \$1.2 million in FY15, amounting to a 60% reduction in State GF. This would have a devastating effect on the ability of many non-profits statewide, as the SHARP II program has been a key tool in our ability to attract and maintain qualified staff to our organizations, and to maintain continuity of care for persons experiencing Serious Mental Illness, many of whom might otherwise require hospitalization or institutionalization if such services were not available.

As the director of Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc.(JAMHI), the state-designated Community Behavioral Health Center in Juneau for the past 8 years, I have been challenged with developing and maintaining quality mental health services and improving access to care with flat funding for the past 6 years. To do that, we have constantly worked to streamline our procedures, consolidate staff functions, seek alternative funding, and prune every single twig of expense we can to continue to serve our community's behavioral health needs. We're down to the bone. We serve 475 mentally ill adults and provide housing to 52.

We are a lean, efficient, and effective organization, however, operating expenses continue to rise and we are challenged to keep pace with cost of living and salaries for our staff. The SHARP II Loan program has been a god-send to us in this regard. We have been able to attract and maintain 3 key staff due to the SHARP II program; a Psychiatric Advanced Nurse Practitioner, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. We just had these people approved for the SHARP II program in recent months, and as a result, have commitments for 3 years of employment from them. To have the rug pulled out from under us would have a devastating effect on our Clinic. Other loan repayment programs are available in the primary care arena, and we would again be competing with them for similar staff.

I can't emphasize enough the importance of maintaining funding for the SHARP II program to ensure continuity of care for persons experiencing Serious Mental Illness. Please give full consideration to maintaining full funding for the SHARP II Loan Repayment program.

Secondly, the proposed budget cut of \$2,0430 to Residential Substance Abuse Treatment programs doesn't solve the problem of what to do for or with people experiencing serious and late-stage alcohol or drug dependence. It shifts it to primary care, Courts, Corrections, Children's Services, and Public Safety, and Public Assistance. While it's true that Outpatient treatment programs show higher rates of success, the same is true for any disorder that is treated in the earlier stages. That is not always possible, and as such, we need access residential treatment programs to serve those who can't benefit from outpatient care due to the advanced nature of their illness. They need to be treated in a more structured, safe environment so they can develop the recovery skills necessary to "make it" in their communities with the aid of community supports. Please consider restoring full funding to Residential Substance Use Treatment programs. It would take years to rebuild what would be lost with such a massive cut.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration of these important issues.

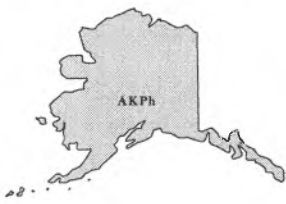
Respectfully,

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Alaska Pharmacists Association

March 5, 2014

To Representative Members of House Finance Committee
RE: HB 266 Operating Budget/Loans/Funds

The Alaska Pharmacists Association respectfully requests that \$1.2 million be reinstated into the SHARP II Loan Repayment and Direct Incentives Program to recruit and retain health care professionals in the State of Alaska. It would be unfortunate to "pull the plug" on the professionals that have in good faith committed to working in remote and hard to fill positions in the state, with the expectation of receiving 3 years of loan repayment and/ or direct incentive from state and employer matched contributions.

Currently, with no Schools of Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy in the state, it is important to continue to recruit graduates from professional health care professions, particularly into the rural and hard to fill areas of the State.

Pharmacists (7) benefiting from SHARP II are located in the following communities across the state:

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel - 3 Very Hard to Fill (VHTF) positions
SE Alaska Regional Health Corporation, Juneau- 1
South Central Foundation, Anchorage- 1
Norton Sound Health Corporation, Nome- 1
Annette Island Service Unit, Metlakatla- 1 Very Hard to Fill position

Respectfully,

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Helen Phillips

From: Welk, Rachel <RWelk@peacehealth.org>
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Subject: trauma fund

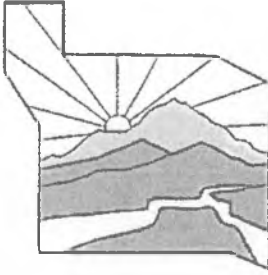
To whom it may concern,

As an Emergency Room nurse, I cannot stress the importance of these funds enough. These monies are utilized for trauma personnel, equipment, education, prevention and data systems that allow emergency facilities to be prepared to take care of trauma patients. Unintentional injury IS the leading cause of death for those aged 1 to 44 in Alaska. In 2009, trauma admissions generated \$121 million in hospital costs alone. Designated trauma facilities can decrease the death rate by 25%. Without continued financial support from the Trauma Care Fund, Alaska's trauma system will fail to remain intact, expand, or strengthen resulting in increased suffering, death, and disability due to injuries. This can certainly cost all communities in Alaska financially, emotionally, physically and have a devastating impact on health and well-being.

Thank you for your time,

Rachel Welk BSN, CEN, TNCC

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March 5, 2014

Honorable Representative Alan Austerman, and
Honorable Representative Bill Stoltze
State of Alaska House Finance Committee
Sent Via E-mail
LegFinancc@legis.state.ak.us

Re: Proposed Cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS)
Grants Program Budget

Honorable Representative Alan Austerman and Representative Bill Stoltze:

I write you on behalf of **Copper River Native Association**, for which I serve as the **Chief Executive Officer**, regarding the proposed cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) grants program budget. We are acutely aware of the budget shortfalls that we face in Alaska and the current economic climate. Thank you for allowing us to share our comments and concerns on the proposed cuts.

Our immediate concern is to ask that you protect the funding for the CHATS program. This program is critical to reducing emergency and inpatient workloads while preventing long-term chronic health problems and disruptions to families and communities. Stable funding for this grant is critical to ensuring cost-savings to the Alaska Tribal Health System (a critical component of the Alaska Public Health System) and the State's General Fund.

The Mission of the CHATS program is to provide training and supervision of primary community health aides who provide health care services in rural communities throughout the State. Community health aides and practitioners (CHA/Ps) are critical to the delivery of health care in the state of Alaska. They are the first responders and often the only providers of care in most of rural Alaska. The CHAP program is globally recognized as a model of care in underserved communities. Their value is demonstrated in the improved health and greater capacity in rural communities to address health. The design of the training and utilization of CHA/Ps employed vision and foresight. Additionally, CHA/Ps are able to generate revenue to support the delivery of care through

third party billing; without the CHATS program, the need for these critical, life-saving, and potentially self-funding positions cannot be met.

The CHAP program is already under great pressure in that the training program has long been chronically underfunded. The training centers have sought and implemented innovative methods (including distance and online/virtual training sessions) to maximize resources to increase the number of CHA/Ps receiving training. However, certification requirements (wisely so) require direct oversight with a preceptor and student and supervised direct interaction with patients. Any "cost-savings" realized from these methods, have been directed toward an attempt to increase the number of CHA/Ps trained. At present there are only 198 training slots available annually for an estimated 324 slots needed for CHAs to progress through training. To add to the challenges, CHA training centers already faced difficulties with one training center closing its doors. The proposed cuts puts at-risk the remaining training centers and will translate into more costly expenditures and poorer health outcomes which will adversely impact Alaska's health.

The Alaska Tribal Health System has developed many innovative methods for providing health care across the state. New and exciting tools, such as telemedicine will not eliminate the need for CHA/Ps. In fact, CHA/Ps are also critical to the use of telemedicine, extending the reach of advanced medical personnel in a sustainable manner through the benefits of third-party billing. CHA/Ps are partners and facilitators of using telemedicine in rural Alaska.

I cannot overstate our deep concern about the current consideration to cut this critical program where other resources are not able to supplement or offset the losses to Alaska's capacity to meet this critical need. Please consider the long-term impacts and the resulting adverse impacts to the State of Alaska. Please keep the funding levels whole for the CHATS program.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Ottone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a stylized "Ottone".

Robert Ottone, CEO

Thandi Carros

From: Susan Phipps <susanhippsanchorage@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2014 10:38 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Susan Phipps
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March 12, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Please fully fund Substance use related programs that exist. Please be aware of the need to assist communities with funding to start up reentry programs for Alaskans exiting jail and prisons.

Sincerely,
Susan Phipps

Thandi Carros

From: John Cannon <john.cannon@mssca.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:41 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Complex Behavioral Collaborative

Representative Austerman,

I heard earlier today that the house finance committee approved a \$525,000 amendment to the House budget for the Complex Behavioral Collaborative. Your support of the CBC will be long remembered by the Alaskan disabilities community. Thank you so much.

Gratefully,

John Cannon

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'Jesus said to Simon, "There is nothing to fear. From now on you'll be fishing for men and women." They pulled their boats up on the beach, left them, nets and all, and followed Him'. (Luke 5:10b-11, MSG)

May we be compelled by His Spirit to do the same!

Thandi Carros

From: Angie Gorn <agorn@nshcorp.org>
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To: Rep. Alan Austerman
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Angie Gorn
Norton Sound Health Corporation
Nome, AK 99762

March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Dear Senators:

Please reconsider your proposed cuts to Behavioral Health Services funding.

The Norton Sound Health Corporation's service area has been among the top three regions with the highest rates of suicide in the State of Alaska since 1993. In turn Alaska's suicide rate is double that of the Nation. Suicide attempts are the leading cause of injury hospitalizations and are the fourth leading cause of death in the region. One Behavioral Health Aide does not adequately cover all prevention and counseling needs in most of our fifteen villages, particularly those with high suicide rates

Alcohol and substance abuse is also a health disparity in the Bering Strait Region. Substance abuse is directly linked to suicide, domestic abuse, and sexual assault in the region.

Too much funding is spent to sustain and maintain the prison system; funding would be more productive in support of mental health treatment facilities. Behavioral Health Programs that will keep people out of prison save the state money right away because they cost much less than the state spends to lock people up.

Please reconsider your proposed cuts to behavioral health. There is already a need for more treatment facilities within the State of Alaska. The waiting list for treatment averages 6 to 9 months and there is often no other place to refer people. Currently, patients are held on the inpatient unit of our 18-bed critical access hospital waiting for placement. This exceeds the recommended length of stay per the Critical Access Hospital guidelines. Our facility does not have many options to keep patients safe.

Please do not cut funding and find alternatives to strengthen the systems we already have.

Sincerely,

Angie Gorn, President/CEO Norton Sound Health Corporation

**Sincerely,
Angie Gorn**

Thandi Carros

From: Teri Hansen <thansen@voaak.org>
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To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

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Teri Hansen
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March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Please do not support the reduced funding to residential substance treatment programs here in Alaska. At the current level we at least can make it work. With a cut to this program the court systems will be even more backed up, and the communities, families, and our youth of Alaska will pay a price of an even higher death, criminal, and sexual assault rate. I would invite you to visit our Treatment Center it is called ARCH a place that not only holds youth accountable and teaches them life skills, it also aids in the teaching to these youth that they are worth something and that something is not substance's. To spend an hour at ARCH you would change your mind about cutting the budget. The employees that work there do it for more than a pay check, as you may already know it is not a profession that you get financially rich in, you do get enrich in seeing the good in people and the happiness that a clean life brings to these young people. I ask you to please see this through the eyes of those in need. Addiction has no income levels and affects anyone at any age, what the ARCH treatment center has done in the past 32 years would amaze most and bring the best of them to tears. To listen and really hear what we do, I believe you must hear it from the voices of the youth and their families that have experienced ARCH. During their treatment and the months and years after it is quite humbling and so moving to hear what they say. The one occurring statement that really sticks out to me is what I have heard from several of the youth and parents is "If it were not for ARCH and the help I received there I would be in prison or dead" My first year I worked for Volunteers of America Alaska I received a letter at Christmas that said here is \$250.00 for a donation. I was at ARCH 10 years ago and because of the treatment I received I am a productive and substance free citizen with a very promising life ahead of me.

Representatives; please don't reduce the funding, please don't close your eyes to the needs of this State and of our youth, and please educate yourself and others for the need to continue to fund these programs, for the good of our State. We Volunteers of America Alaska (ARCH) are held accountable for every penny we receive and take great pride in our stewardship, and in our ability to do so much to assist in the recovery to a better cleaner successful life for the youth and the communities we serve.

Thank you, we are counting on your support to not cut the funds that assist our youth, their families, and communities, so we all may look forward to live in a better Alaska. Since that first letter I received I have several, and the words that were written will forever be in my mind, and heart.

Thank you, we are counting on your support to not cut the funds that assist our youth, their families, and communities, so we all may look forward to live in a better Alaska.

We do what we do, so please do what you do and help us help keep Alaskans healthy!

Sincerely,

Teri L. Hansen

Sincerely,

Teri Hansen

Thandi Carros

From: Nicki Shinnors <ak2fish@gci.net>
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To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

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Nicki Shinnors
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March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Exposure to the community as both a volunteer and as someone that works in the nonprofit sector, I have seen firsthand what substance abuse can do to a person, a family and the community we live in. Seeking treatment can save a life time of other problems, DUI, domestic violence, jail. No access to treatment or long waiting lists can deter a person seeking treatment.

The U.S. Department of Justice found that 61% of domestic violence offenders also have substance abuse problems. Alaska continues to have a suicide rate twice the national average. People in both the mental health and substance abuse fields have likely had experiences that would demonstrate the connection, but I think that probably few appreciate the magnitude of the relationship between substance abuse and suicide.

Please we need more access to treatment not less.

Sincerely,
Nicki Shinnors

Thandi Carros

From: Eula Crippen <eula@jamhi.org>
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To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Pam Watts; Cathy.Munoz@akleg.gov
Subject: Reinstatement of SHARP-II Loan Repayment

Representatives Austerman and Stoltze, Chair, and Members of the House Finance Committee of the Alaska State Legislature:

I was recently awarded the SHARP II Loan Repayment. It was an amazing, life-changing experience. I have hundreds of thousands of dollars of student loan debt. It was an arduous journey to my PhD in Clinical Psychology as I was raising children and maintaining employment while I worked toward my degree. Along the way I encountered health problems that affected the pace at which I could work. I was accruing significant student loan debt and had to make a decision about whether or not to continue. I recall having a discussion with my husband about the pros and cons of pushing through and whether in the end the PhD was worth the debt. My teenage daughter interrupted to say: "Mom, I don't understand why you have to borrow so much money and pay the government back for your education. You've spent your whole life taking care of people – the poorest, most troubled, most broken people. It's not like you're making a bunch of money. Why doesn't the government pay YOU to go to school to learn how to take better care of these people? Doesn't it help society?" I was touched by her innocent perspective but also appreciated the wisdom.

With the SHARP II award it seemed as though Alaska understood the vital importance of supporting health professionals in their pursuit to help society's neediest people. Please help reinstate the \$1.2 million dollars to Alaska's Share II Loan Repayment Program. At 45 years of age, I have spent my life supporting people. I have also accrued an amount of student loan debt that is crippling. I don't make a great deal of money. I struggle to pay my rent, buy my groceries, support my kids and repay my debt. The loan repayment program allows me to continue my mission of providing psychological support for the mentally ill citizens of Alaska without the burden of the student loan weighing on me at every turn.

I know from a very personal perspective that the Sharp II program is vitally important to the recruitment and retention of medical providers for high need and underserved people of Alaska. Thank you for considering my request to continue funding the SHARP II Loan Repayment Program.

Sincerely,

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Lucy Apatiki
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Gambell, AK 99742

March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Please consider very carefully the decision that you are about to make about decreasing Behavioral Health Substance Abuse funding. I am sure you are aware of the great need for these types of services, especially among Alaska Natives. Until we can find other solutions for this endemic, I urge you to reconsider and continue to fully fund programs that support these efforts.

Thank you,

Lucy Apatiki

Sincerely,
Lucy Apatiki

Thandi Carros

From: Miriam A. Jensen <mjensen@bartlethospital.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 10:55 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Please keep or increased substance abuse treatment center funding.

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March 11, 2014

Dear Representative:

Please! Maintain or increase existing funding for residential substance abuse treatment within the State of Alaska!

Here is why:

1. Cutting funding for residential substance abuse treatment when Alaska continues to have high rates of alcoholism and substance abuse disorders is not appropriate.
2. Residential substance abuse treatment helps cut the costs of incarceration/corrections budgets. Do you want to spend more on prisons?
3. Substance abuse is a public safety matter – substance abuse is a major contributing factor in the State’s high rate of DUIs, domestic violence and other crimes. Increased access to residential treatment is needed, not less.
4. By serving people early or when they are ready, the State of Alaska SAVES spending for more costly services down the road (or immediately!!!!) in corrections, Juvenile Justice, Office of Children’s Services and emergency room care.
5. Residential substance abuse treatment I designed not only to treat or resolve a person’s addiction, but also to address the underlying conditions and circumstances that contribute to addiction.
6. Entire families, communities benefit from their members receiving substance abuse treatment.

I can attest that when I served six villages in “the bush” alcoholism and drug dependence, ran rampant. It took a lot of funds in law enforcement, and local treatment to address these problems. I attended 8 – count them 8! (alcohol related deaths) funerals in 6 weeks. That was 10 years ago. Treatment was not available to those

begging for it, and it is worse now. You want to vote to cut funding for already underfunded substance abuse? Please call me for more information, comments.

Miriam A. Jensen

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Thandi Carros

From: Sara Godinez <saramgodinez@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 9:10 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

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Sara Godinez
P.O. Box 211395
Auke Bay, AK 99821

March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

To my elected officials,

Most people in our state are keenly aware of our high rates of substance abuse and the need for substance abuse treatment. Cutting funds toward these services would be acutely detrimental to our state and to the people who you serve. Substance abuse treatment gives those struggling with substance abuse the opportunity to save and better their lives, free from their addictions. I understand, of course, that the budgets are tight and that it is your job to "start somewhere" in regards to finding a way to balance said budget. However, removing funds from substance abuse treatment and/or mental health treatment seems counter productive given our current political climate regarding both.

Also, as stated above, a large number of your constituents will most likely need substance abuse treatment at some point in their lives. Why remove the opportunity to obtain that treatment when it is so desperately needed? The short answer is that you shouldn't, and I hope you don't. Millions are depending on these treatments to move forward with their lives.

Thank you,
Sara Godinez

Thandi Carros

From: Constance Markis <conniem@anhc.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 9:10 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Constance Markis
7661 E. 17th Ave.
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March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Please maintain existing funding for substance abuse treatment in Alaska! It would be fiscally irresponsible to do otherwise. If you want to improve DUI, DV & recidivism rates, you must invest in the people that need the help. If you don't, costs will increase down the line. It plays out that you either pay now, or pay more later. Alaskans who have extraordinarily high rates of alcohol & drug use need help & education about their addictions. One example I just learned about in Florida charges 5 cents per drink in every bar that raised millions of dollars to offset needed treatment there. Treatment does cost money, but it also has positive returns that decrease costs (including personal costs) in the long run. Cutting funding is not a helpful or fiscally smart move. As a nurse who has worked in Healthcare for the Homeless care for over 25 years, I have seen the value of treatment such as the Pathways program, outreach workers, available detox and supportive counseling. Let's not go backward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Constance Markis

Thandi Carros

From: Thomas G. Wekenman <twekenman@bartlethospital.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:44 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: substance abuse funding

I want to register my disagreement with the proposed cuts to substance abuse treatment funding. Abuse of alcohol and drugs is an unfortunate common theme in Alaska, and contributes to many expensive problems, such as safety, health and domestic violence. These problems can be viewed as just the tip of the iceberg, with the issue of addiction under the surface, but always there. Please consider maintaining or increasing the level of funding in order to work on the underlying issue of addiction. Thanks, Dr. Thomas Wekenman

Thandi Carros

From: Douglas Harris <dough@jamhi.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 8:40 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Douglas Harris
3406 Glacier Hwy
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March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

As a former teacher across the spectrum of grades, school counselor, children's mental health specialist and now provider of adult behavioral health services, I have seen the need for funding of mental health and chemical dependency treatment from a variety of perspectives. I implore you continue funding these critical services AT LEAST at the level it has been at.

In addition to the continuation of funding these services, it is critical as well to continue the SHARP II Loan repayment program in order to recruit and maintain quality providers in a difficult field.

I appreciate your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Douglas Harris

Thandi Carros

From: Barbara Franks <gfeld4@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:59 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Barbara Franks
6025 More Lane
Anchorage, AK 99504

March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

First of all, thank you for the work you do. I am asking that you maintain existing funding for substance abuse treatment in Alaska!

I work with suicide prevention in Alaska, we've come a long way, even in the last five years from being afraid to say the word to having a national record-breaker of 1,130,192 calls answered with our National Suicide Prevention Lifeline partners.

Why is this so important? Because people are looking under the issues that might cause a person to die by suicide. The "mental illness" name in itself has been over-powered by the stigma and taboo as suicide. It might take a while for this to peel away all that lies in such hurt and turmoil but I believe if we keep our funding, we can see there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

For so long, people walked around with a nametag like outcasts, when others are no different, because they can handle it better. I humbly ask for your consideration to keep the funding.

Respectfully submitted, from a mother of a child who died by suicide.
Barbara Franks

Thandi Carros

From: David Kuiper <dave@crosspointcommunity.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 7:49 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

David Kuiper
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March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

The House Finance Committee has recommended that Behavioral Health Grants, which fund substance abuse treatment services, be reduced by \$2,043,000 – \$1,043,000 from residential substance abuse treatment grants and \$1,000,000 from total substance abuse treatment grants.

Please, AT THE VERY LEAST, maintain existing funding for substance abuse treatment in Alaska!

Sincerely,
David Kuiper

Thandi Carros

From: Meg Loomis <meg@agnewbeck.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 11, 2014 6:48 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Meg Loomis
500 W. 88th Avenue
Anchorage, AK 99515-1766

March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

The State of Alaska can't afford to reduce treatment options for adults, youth and families when the issue is barely addressed by existing funding. Please do not reduce the budget for behavioral health grants.

Sincerely,
Meg Loomis

Thandi Carros

From: Sherri Harvey <sherri.harvey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 11:17 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Sherri Harvey
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Fairbanks, AK 99512

March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Greetings to all members of the House Finance Committee:

What do you think when you read a statistic like this found on State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services web page: "Alaska has one of the highest per capita alcohol consumption rates in the nation and the prevalence of alcohol dependence and alcohol abuse, at 14%, [and] is twice the national average of 7% (Gallup Corp. Telephone survey for DHSS, ADA).

Hmmm... do you think well, that's because Alaska's population is comprised of a higher percentage of indigenous peoples and, as they are being acculturated into the dominant culture their risk of developing a substance abuse problem increases due to their grief and identity loss issues. Sound like a liberal thing to say?

Well then, consider that a large percentage of Alaska's population are service veterans, active military, military dependents or have served or are serving in the National Guard and a great deal of them have seen a lot of combat in the last 10-12 years—and a certain percentage of these warriors may develop unhealthy coping methods to try to deal with their combat stress by using alcohol or other substances.

And finally, consider the statement that children who are raised in families of alcoholics have a greater chance of becoming an alcoholic as an adult. I haven't even raised the issues of increased rates of domestic violence and suicide in Alaska and how alcohol is often a factor in these tragic events.

Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in our schools and communities can help our children, and by increasing our focus on promoting activities that support wellness and sobriety. Those measures can reduce our numbers, too. But, what do we do for the person who is addicted to alcohol and/or other drugs?

We could just take their kids away and invest more in foster care allotments, or we could ignore them until they break the law and place them in jail and increase our correctional budget spending again.

Or, we could do the right thing by investing in someone's future by really listening to them talk about their lives and listen when they talk about their substance use was used as a way to either numb themselves or escape from life. We can offer hope for a future through proactive residential and outpatient treatment programs. We can invest in their future by educating them when they are motivated to stop using substances and provide comprehensive and supportive services to start them on their road to recovery, and not their current road of destruction.

In conclusion, I would like to ask all of the esteemed members of the finance committee to reconsider your decision to radically cut the Behavioral Health Grants that support residential and outpatient treatment programs. Please look at the statistics again, please consider the children of the families whose parent or parents must successfully complete a treatment program in order to meet their safety plan requirements to begin a healthy lifestyle change and be a family again. Consider the first time offender who can't seem to quit on their own without a comprehensive support system in place. There are so many scenarios when substance abuse is the subject—a lack of treatment resources for all of our people should not be one of them.

Respectfully yours,
Sherri Harvey

Thandi Carros

From: Cynthia Bolivar <bolivar@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 9:07 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Cynthia Bolivar
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March 11, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Honorable Senators and Representatives:

I urge you to fully fund Substance Abuse Treatment programs in Alaska. As you are well aware, there is a burgeoning heroin addiction problem across the state, in addition to the already colossal problems Alaska has with all other substances. Alaska ranks near the top in the U.S. in "bad" statistics, for rates of addiction, child abuse, domestic violence, rape, fetal alcohol syndrome, etc., and the majority of crimes committed in Alaska are associated with substance abuse. Almost all treatment programs employ some form of 12-step facilitation, which has been shown to be highly effective, in addition to best practices recommended by SAMHSA; in spite of which many clients will need more than one course of treatment in order to maintain sobriety/abstinence. That is the nature of addiction. Too many of us have lost friends and family to this terrible disease. It is a health problem that must be addressed! Rather than cutting funding, these programs should have their funding increased. I have witnessed many people turning their lives around through obtaining treatment for their addictions. Please consider your fellow Alaskans and their families when you make your budget decisions.

Thank you for your service to our communities.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Bolivar

Thandi Carros

From: Patricia Cooley <pccooley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:57 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Patricia Cooley
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March 10, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

As the parent of a son with a severe TBI i plead with you to maintain the substance abuse treatment funds. My son is not an abuser bu with out the love of his family and support of programs he could be. I have seen several others with this situation, not nearly as bad as my sons, with this severe problem. if the funds were to be cut the problem could be get out of control for these citizens. the mental health of these citizens is also at stake should these programs be eliminated. What will happen to what help is available to these patience. Please consider the impact on society should these citizens not have the available help . Thank you Patricia C Cooley

Sincerely,
Patricia Cooley

Thandi Carros

From: Karen Henriksen <woodringrd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:57 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Karen Henriksen
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Haines, AK 99827-9605

March 10, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Please consider the revolving psycho-social impacts to the community when people plagued by uncontrollable substance misuse inflicts.

Theft, abuse, prostitution-some forced into it under age by addicted parents, assault etc. The more addiction the more crime.

Many people did not go out and choose to become addicts. Circumstances in life which shouldn't exist in the first place like child molestions, 1 in 4, start the addiction cycle . They start to numb the pain a motional and physical imposed upon them, by the same users or not . Drugs are easy to get. Treatment facilities offer alernatives once they peal back the layers of etiology.

Please see the revolving , increase in our psycho-social issues , and the costs in lives of these very needful human beings. They need support to find their way thru many of them endured in the first place.

Secondly support mental health services for after care and for those who misuse drugs and alcohol as they search for inappropriate ways to medicate their severe mental illnesses.

Thankyou for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Karen Henriksen

Thandi Carros

From: Cathy Kincaid <ckincaid47@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 7:17 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

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Cathy Kincaid
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March 10, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Dear Legislators: The House Finance Committee has recommended that Behavioral Health Grants, which fund substance abuse treatment services, be reduced by \$2,043,000 – \$1,043,000 from residential substance abuse treatment grants and \$1,000,000 from total substance abuse treatment grants. I believe that this is a huge mistake. Substance abuse is the number one band aid used by the mentally and physically ill who are too poor to afford proper treatment and are uninsured. Please keep this from happening,

Sincerely,
Cathy Kincaid

Thandi Carros

From: Joan O'Keefe <jokeefe@sailinc.org>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 5:56 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Joan O'Keefe
3225 Hospital Drive
Juneau, AK 99801

March 10, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Dear Legislator,

Please maintain existing funding for substance abuse treatment in Alaska.

My agency, Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL) serve some 1200 seniors and people with disabilities residing in 19 communities scattered throughout the SE region of the state. Many of these individuals have in the past or currently struggle with substance abuse. Residential treatment costs less than prison and saves money down the road. We also know that substance abuse is a major contributing factor in Alaska's high rates of DUI, domestic violence, and other crimes. If anything, access to residential substance treatment should be increased~ not decreased.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Joan O'Keefe

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March 11, 2014

Representative Alan Austerman
Representative Bill Stoltze
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801



RE: Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Budget

Dear Representatives Austerman and Stoltze,

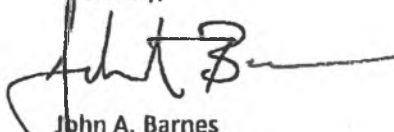
I am writing to confirm my support of the Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (AOGCC) and the important role it plays in Alaska's resource development. Without question, the AOGCC's role is critical in a state that relies on the revenue generated from oil and gas production.

Over the last two years, Hilcorp's investments in Alaska have resulted in increased production in the Cook Inlet Basin. The increased activity reflected by these investments not only creates new jobs, but also a greater regulatory and oversight requirement for the AOGCC. Hilcorp's success relies heavily on the guidance and permissions provided solely by the AOGCC. The Commission oversees oil and gas drilling, development and production, reservoir depletion and metering operations on all lands subject to the state's police powers. All are key elements in our day-to-day operations.

On behalf of Hilcorp, I am asking for you to support the AOGCC and approve its budget as submitted for fiscal year 2015, including the full amount for contract services. The fees that our company and others pay to AOGCC for its services certainly minimize the financial impact to the State. The quality and timeliness of AOGCC's oversight is critical to ensure the long-term success of the oil and gas industry in Alaska.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



John A. Barnes
Senior Vice President



March 5, 2014

Hon. Alan Austerman
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
Room 505
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Dear Sir,

I'm shocked and saddened to hear that the General Funds for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) have been completely removed from the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's most recent budget. As I understand, these cuts will lead to closure of KBNERR, resulting in the catastrophic loss of jobs and critical research and education programs.

I appreciate the difficult choices that all in government finance must make. However, this decision makes little sense to me, even from a financial standpoint. These funds aren't just state outlays, they're state investments that attract additional funds, not only the matching federal funds that come on an annual basis, but also the additional federal funds that researchers like my colleagues and I are able to leverage using the vast physical and intellectual infrastructure of KBNERR. These leveraged resources help us to provide direct economic benefits to the state – those funds largely come to and stay in Alaska – and direct intellectual benefits to the state – in my case, better enabling the state to manage their world-class salmon resources.

In writing this letter, I'm hopeful that you and your colleagues can revisit this matter and find a way to restore the General Funds for the KBNERR. Please endeavor to find a way to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Rains", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mark Rains

Associate Professor and Long-Time Researcher and Occasional Resident in Alaska

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February 28, 2014

The Honorable Alan Austerman
House Finance Committee Co-Chair
State Capitol
Room 505
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Austerman,

On behalf of people in Alaska living with cystic fibrosis (CF), we urge you to protect Medicaid, Children with Special Health Care Needs programs, and other state health care programs as your state continues budget negotiations. These programs promote access to the high quality, specialized care and treatments that people with cystic fibrosis rely on for optimal health. We also offer the expertise and support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation as you undertake the challenge of developing the state's priorities for health care funding and operations in the upcoming term.

Cystic fibrosis is a life-threatening genetic disease that affects 30,000 children and adults in the United States. CF causes the body to produce thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and digestive system, which can lead to serious, life-threatening infections. Cystic fibrosis is both serious and progressive; lung damage caused by infection is irreversible and can have a lasting impact on length and quality of life. For this reason, it is vitally important that all people with CF are able to access appropriate CF treatments and care by cystic fibrosis experts at accredited care centers.

In order to help people with the disease retain access to the care and coverage needed to live longer, healthier lives, the CF Foundation urges you to consider the following policies in the coming year.

Protect Vital CF Care Programs in the FY 2015 Budget

Although real progress has been made, the lives of young people with cystic fibrosis are still cut far too short; half of young adults with this disease still die before age 26. Nationwide statistics show that while 98% of people with CF have some type of health insurance coverage, nearly a quarter of CF patients delay necessary medical care or skip prescribed treatments due to cost concerns. This number rises to one in three patients among low-income households.

For people with cystic fibrosis, adequate coverage is not a luxury, it is a necessity. Without access to expert CF care and treatments, the risk of lung exacerbations, costly hospitalizations, irreversible lung damage, and decreased quality of life increases dramatically. Medicaid, Children with Special Health Needs and other state health care programs help people living with cystic fibrosis better afford increasing out-of-pocket costs for lifesaving treatments and care. Often, these programs serve to bridge coverage gaps left by other types of health care insurance. We strongly urge that you provide the same level of funding, or better, for these crucial health care programs.

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Ensure Access to High Quality, Specialized Care

Maintaining lung function and nutritional status as well as preventing lung infections and treating them when such prevention fails requires access to a number of different therapies delivered according to evidence-based standards of care. Availability of FDA-approved treatments and high quality CF care is critical to management of this disease and the achievement of the best possible health status.

It is vital that people with CF are able to access all FDA-approved treatments and receive care from providers at an accredited cystic fibrosis care center. The clinicians at CF care centers are experts in the evidence-based, peer-reviewed clinical practice guidelines that form the standard of care for people with this rare disease. The state should take all necessary steps to ensure that people with CF have the ability to receive the high quality, specialized care available in at accredited CF care centers.

The specialized medications that form the core of cystic fibrosis treatment must remain accessible to CF patients. Barriers to these orphan drugs, such as high co-payments, excessive co-insurance rates and exceedingly burdensome prior authorization requirements, should not hinder a patient's ability to receive a treatment given a clear medical need.

The CF Foundation stands ready to assist you as you prepare for the upcoming fiscal year. Thank you for considering the needs of people with cystic fibrosis, we look forward to working with you to continue to *add tomorrows* for all people living with this disease.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary B. Dwight". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "D".

Mary B. Dwight
Vice President for Government Affairs



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March 6, 2014

Representative Alan Austerman
State Capitol Room 505
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Austerman:

RE: Letter of Support for the Governor's Budget – Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment and Direct Incentive Program (SHARP)

This letter is written to you on behalf of the members of the SHARP Advisory Council in support of full funding of the SHARP Programs and specifically to ask that you rescind the \$1.2 million decrement to the SHARP – II Program Budget.

Impact of Budget Reduction in FY2015

- Vulnerable Alaskans currently receiving health care may lose their provider/s
- 39 recently selected and recommended provider service agreements by the SHARP Advisory Council cannot be made.
- Some or all of the 62 providers with current service agreements may lose funding on the entire or a portion of the support for their service agreements. This may also impact provider employers and their organizations.

Program Accomplishments

The SHARP Program provides healthcare provider loan repayment and direct incentives to ensure an adequate supply of healthcare providers will be available to meet the healthcare needs of Alaskans who have other substantial barriers to healthcare access (e.g. remote location in Rural Alaska), receive Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal health benefits or are uninsured.

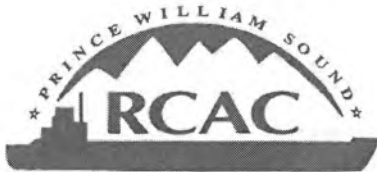
Since 2010, 136 SHARP clinicians have provided healthcare to 156,190 Alaskans and have been provided 305,522 patient visits in over 38 communities, spread across all 6 regions of Alaska. In the last reported quarter, October-December 2013, 89 clinicians served 25,972 patients with 61,819 visits.

We respectfully ask that you support the SHARP II program, and that you **do not** cut the funding of this vitally important program!

Thank you for your time and attention to this key component of safe guarding the health of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Judy C. Rathje, RN, MA, MBA
Executive Director/CEO



Regional Citizens' Advisory Council / "Citizens promoting environmentally safe operation of the Alyeska terminal and associated tankers."

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Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair
House Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 515
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City of Cordova

City of Homer

City of Kodiak

Re: Reinstatement of General Fund Appropriation for the Kachemak Bay
National Estuarine Research Reserve within Operating Budget HB 266

City of Seldovia

City of Seward

Gentlemen:

City of Valdez

While the state's fiscal condition requires budget cuts from all agencies, there needs to be a thoughtful distinction between program budget cuts and agency closure. The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (PWSRCAC) strongly urges the House and Senate Finance Committees to reinstate the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve (KBRR) funding for FY 2015 within the Department of Fish and Game portion of Operating Budget HB 266.

City of Whittier

Community of
Chenega Bay

Community of
Tatitlek

The PWSRCAC is an independent non-profit corporation whose mission is to promote environmentally safe operation of the Valdez Marine Terminal and associated tankers. Our work is guided by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, and our contract with Alyeska Pipeline Service Company. PWSRCAC's 19 member organizations are communities in the region affected by the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, as well as commercial fishing, aquaculture, Native, recreation, tourism and environmental groups.

Cordova District
Fishermen United

Kenai Peninsula
Borough

Kodiak Island
Borough

At the House Finance Fish and Game Subcommittee meeting on February 27 the General Funds for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, a state-federal-local partnership managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G), Sport Fish Division, in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and based at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center in Homer, were completely removed from ADF&G's budget. This cut constitutes the whole of the state funding match required for KBRR to secure larger federal funding awards from NOAA. Elimination of the \$175,000 in General Funds for FY 2015 will in turn eliminate access to more

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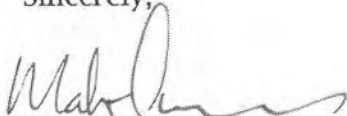
than four times that amount in multiplied matching federal grants, and in consequence close (not just trim) KBRR, which would result in the loss of jobs, research and education programs, and significantly impact operations at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center in Homer.

KBRR provides beneficial research and monitoring programs within Kachemak Bay watersheds and coastal areas, popular education programs such as the Discovery Labs as well as other outdoor programs that focus on coastal and estuarine ecology, and the informative Coastal Training Programs which sponsor workshops and training for resource managers, scientists, and the public. All of this will be lost if ADF&G's request is accepted, and PWSRCAC believes this loss will add to the burden of other agencies that incorporate and benefit from KBRR's science and educational services for the effective management of state natural resources.

The KBRR and the PWSRCAC have partnered on cooperative activities when the missions of both organizations were in alignment. PWSRCAC would lose a valuable partner with the closure of the reserve, but perhaps of much greater importance is the loss of the services and assets that the reserve brings to the local communities and Native interests of the Kachemak Bay region; local, state and federal resource managers and the scientific and educational communities of the state and nation.

We thank you for your careful consideration of reinstatement of General Fund Appropriation for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve within Operating Budget HB 266.

Sincerely,



Mark Swanson
Executive Director

cc: PWSRCAC Board of Directors
Representative Paul Seaton
Senator Peter Micciche

To: Alaska House of Representatives Finance Committee

From: Stephen K. Lewis, POB 241, Seldovia Ak 99508

Re: Reinstatement of General Fund Appropriation for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve within Operating Budget HB 266.

Date: March 5, 2014

This letter states my support for reinstatement of this budget item due to the profound importance of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve to the State of Alaska and the importance of state funding to its ability to continue to exist.

The Kachemak Bay Research Reserve (KBRR) is a state-federal-local partnership managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and based at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center (IOVC) in Homer, Alaska. For the past twelve years I have served as an appointed member of the reserve Community Council. During this time I have watched the reserve grow into a highly professional organization whose work is of great value to the scientific and educational communities of the state and nation; the local communities and Native interests of the Kachemak Bay region; and local, state and federal resource managers.

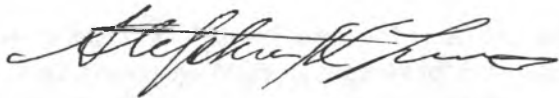
The fiscal cornerstone for KBRR is the General Fund (GF) appropriation it receives from the state. Last week ADF&G's Sport Fish Division (SFD), which "manages" KBRR, requested that the House Finance Fish and Game Subcommittee delete \$175,000 in General Funds from KBRR's FY 2015 budget — which the subcommittee agreed to. The disastrous significance of this action is that this funding would provide the match that KBRR requires to secure the much larger amount of funding from NOAA, which if not met will result in closure of the KBRR in July of this year.

What will end if the House and Senate Finance Committees accept ADF&G's requests are highly beneficial research and monitoring programs within Kachemak Bay watersheds and coastal areas, popular education programs such as the Discovery Labs as well as other outdoor programs that focus on coastal and estuarine ecology, and the informative Coastal Training Programs which sponsor workshops and training for both scientists and the public.

The loss of the programs and activities undertaken by the KBRR will add to the burden of other agencies that now incorporate and benefit from KBRR's science and educational services, and destroy an asset of the state of Alaska which has proven its value in facilitating the effective management of state natural resources.

While the state's fiscal condition requires budget cuts from all agencies, there needs to be a thoughtful distinction between program budget cuts and agency closure. The Prince William Sound Regional Citizens Advisory Council strongly urges the House and Senate Finance Committee to reinstate the KBRR funding for FY 2015 within the Department of Fish and Game portion of Operating Budget HB 266. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Stephen K. Lewis





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March 3, 2014

The Honorable Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
The Honorable Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair
House Finance Committee
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Subject: Support for Senior Home- and Community-Based Grant Program Funds, Public Assistance/Energy Assistance Program, & the Complex Behavior Collaborative (HB 267 & HB 266, Operating Budget)

Dear Chair Austerman and Chair Stoltze:

The Alaska Commission on Aging (ACoA) extends our sincere thanks and appreciation for your support of funding for programs serving older Alaskans, specifically the senior grant-funded services administered by the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services. During these times of fiscal constraint, we recognize the difficult budget decisions you are called upon to make. We want to take this opportunity to share with you how important these services are for older Alaskans and their family caregivers.

The National Family Caregiver Support Program and the Nutrition, Transportation and Support Services senior grant programs support family caregivers and help Alaskan seniors enjoy a higher quality of life at home and in their communities. These services reduce the need for higher cost care and promote greater efficiencies in public spending. We thank you for not reducing funding for these programs and appreciate your consideration of increased funding as described in the Mental Health Operating Budget, HB 267.

- **\$200,000 National Family Caregiver Support Program, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services, Senior Community Based Grants.** Family caregivers are the heart and soul of Alaska's long-term care system. They contribute significantly to the cost of care for vulnerable elderly Alaskans, including a growing number of older people with Alzheimer's disease and youth being raised by older caregivers, usually their grandparents. The proposed increment will serve an increased number of caregivers with respite, training, case management, counseling, and other support services. Caregiver support services help seniors remain in their homes and children out of foster care. Research indicates that caregivers of persons with dementia who are supported with respite, training, and counseling stayed home 18 months longer than caregivers receiving no supports (Mittelman 2008). According to the U.S. Administration on Aging (2011), 41% of caregivers surveyed reported that without family caregiver supports, the care recipient would not live in the same residence, with 32% of them stating that the care recipient would be in an assisted living or nursing home.
- **\$345,000 Nutrition, Transportation & Support Services, Division of Senior & Disabilities Services, Senior Community Based Grants.** These services provide a safety net for all older Alaskans age 60 and older, targeting those whose health and welfare are at highest risk including older persons who do not qualify for the Medicaid waiver because they do not meet level of care requirements but still need assistance; those recovering from a hospital stay due to a fall, illness or surgery; and older persons transitioning from

the assisted living home or skilled nursing facility back home. These services provide congregate meals served in senior centers, adult day programs, and other group settings; home-delivered meals and a welfare check; assisted transportation; and homemaker services. These services are low cost (\$436 annually per senior recipient) evidence-based strategies that help seniors sustain their health and independence and save money by delaying the need for higher cost care. Eighty-five percent of older adults surveyed by the U.S. Administration on Aging (2010) who receive these core services reported that this assistance helped them to remain at home. Research conducted by the Health Research and Educational Trust (2013) found that states which invest more in core senior services spend less on higher cost care for their elderly residents. Specifically, for every \$25 states spend on home-delivered meals, there is a 1% reduction in the number of new residents with low-care needs admitted to the nursing home.

ACoA is concerned about the impact of the proposed \$2 million reduction recommended by the House Finance HSS Subcommittee on the **State's Heating Assistance Program** administered by the Division of Public Assistance on the health and welfare of elderly Alaskans on a fixed income. In FY2013, the Alaska Heating Assistance Program served 13,678 households of which 4,179 (or 31%) had an elderly member. The tribal heating assistance programs served an additional 6,775 households, many of which include Native Elders (Division of Public Assistance 2014). During the winter, older people often spend much of their day at home with many living in older, poorly insulated, and drafty homes. In order to save money, some seniors turn down their thermostats way low, use their kitchen stoves for heat, and cut back on food and medication expenditures in order to afford energy to heat their homes. These cost-cutting measures often compromise the health and quality of life for Alaska's elderly citizens. We ask that you maintain funding levels for this program as proposed by the Governor's FY2015 budget.

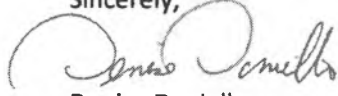
The Commission recommends annualized funding for the **Alaska Complex Behavior Collaborative**, Division of Behavioral Health which serves vulnerable Alaskans with complex behaviors, including those with Alzheimer's disease, mental illness and developmental disabilities by providing intensive consultation, caregiver training, and technical assistance. These services provide community-based services and prevent the need for institutional care outside of the state.

The Alaska Commission on Aging appreciates your thoughtful consideration of these budget items identified in HB 267 to improve services for older Alaskans and their family caregivers. We also thank you for your passage of the Alaska Senior Benefits Payment Program, HB 263. Please feel free to contact Denise Daniello, ACoA's Executive Director, by phone (465-4879) or email (denise.daniello@alaska.gov) for further information. Thank you for your commitment and dedication serving Alaskans.

Sincerely,


Mary E. Shields
Chair, Alaska Commission on Aging

Sincerely,


Denise Daniello
ACoA Executive Director

Cc: Representative Mark Neuman, Vice Chair
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Representative Les Gara
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Representative Scott Kawasaki (alternate)



House Finance Committee

Letter of Support for the Governor's Budget – Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment and Direct Incentive Program (SHARP)

Dear Representatives Austerman and Stoltze and Neuman:

This letter is written to you on behalf of the Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants.

The SHARP Program provides healthcare provider loan repayment and direct incentives to ensure an adequate supply of healthcare providers will be available to meet the healthcare needs of Alaskans in the areas of highest need. SHARP is designed to improve healthcare access for Alaskans who receive Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal health benefits, are uninsured, or have other substantial barriers to healthcare access (e.g. remote location).

Since 2009, 136 SHARP clinicians have provided healthcare in over 38 communities, spreading across all 6 regions of Alaska. SHARP clinicians work in a broad range of healthcare occupations, including:

- Behavioral Health (44): 9 Psychiatrists, 5 Psychologists, 12 Clinical Social Workers, 13 Professional Counselors, 3 Physician Assistants, Nurses (RN) and 1 Nurse Practitioner; and,
- Dental Health (24): 17 Dentists & 7 Dental Hygienists; and in
- Medical Care (68): 27 Physicians, 13 Nurse Practitioners, 10 Physician Assistants, 9 Pharmacists, 7 Nurses (RN), & 2 Physical Therapists. Participating healthcare agencies are now more than 43 statewide: tribal health, hospitals, Community Health Centers, Community mental health Cs, government & other clinics.

The Council recently recommended another 39 providers to the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner.

The SHARP Program

- Increases access to care for underserved populations
- Supports prevention and early treatment which contributes to better patient health outcomes
- Improves health care provider organizations stability and sustainability by reducing turnover
- Supports communities where hiring and retaining health care providers is a challenge
- Enables health care providers to stay in communities and contribute to local economies directly and by servicing as an anchor position for other health care support staff who also contribute to local economy.

The Alaska Academy of Physician Assistants (AKAPA) asks for your support in fully funding the Governor's budget for both the SHARP I and SHARP II programs as components of an Alaska Health Care System that provide access to health care for the most vulnerable in our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Bigelow PA".

Sarah Bigelow, PA-C

AKAPA President and Chief Representative for House of Delegates

Thandi Carros

From: Alexis Ross Miller <alexis_miller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 4:06 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Alexis Ross Miller
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March 10, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Please maintain existing funding for substance abuse treatment in Alaska!

I just participated in the Success Inside & Out Program that the Juneau Community hosts at the Lemon Creek Correctional Facility on Saturday (March 8) all day.

The majority of the people in the jail have substance abuse problems. Four recently released felons (3 women and 1 man) talked about their own struggles with substance abuse and with maintaining a clean and sober lifestyle and they know firsthand the importance of substance abuse treatment programs in our state.

Please do not cut this important program.

Sincerely,
Alexis Ross Miller

Thandi Carros

From: Hansen, Allen <Allen.Hansen@marsh.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 5:25 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Spending Cuts

Dear Representative Austerman,

I am writing to you in regard to the proposed 2.043 million in cuts to residential substance abuse treatment. As a member of the Board of Directors for Volunteers of America Alaska I have grave concerns about these cuts and the resulting negative impact on the youth of Alaska. Volunteers of America Alaska provides a full continuum of care, outpatient through residential, for adolescents ages 13 – 18 with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health disorders. We are one of the very limited number of youth residential substance treatment centers for youth. We serve youth statewide. VOA provides integrated care that addresses all major life issues and domains the individual presents with. In accordance to evidenced based practices treatment intensity and the level of care is matched to the needs of the individual in order to produce successful outcomes. Some individuals can get clean and sober in outpatient services and some require residential to get the help they need. The majority of the youth we serve in our residential program, ARCH, have been in multiple outpatient programs and have not been able to stay clean and sober. They also have severe mental health issues and may pose a threat to themselves and to others in the community. They often engage in illegal behaviors and show up in local emergency rooms due to their life threatening alcohol and drug use. For these youth outpatient services are not sufficient to meet their needs.

Residential treatment for these youth helps decrease their psychiatric symptoms to include suicidal ideation, eliminates their substance abuse, decreases their involvement in the legal system, and increases their ability to be safe, productive members of our communities. Residential substance abuse treatment helps people develop skills that support them to remain stable, employed, housed and contributing productively in the community. Residential substance abuse treatment such as the ARCH program supports people in developing successful skills for staying clean and sober and avoid costly juvenile justice, adult prison stays and emergency room visits. Substance abuse is a major contributing factor in the state's high rate of DUI, domestic violence and other crimes. Increased access to residential treatment is needed, not less.

Volunteers of America Alaska's residential program gets the privilege of seeing youth and families make positive changes in their lives and become contributing members of our community. Again, these are youth who have not been able to do so on their own or with a lower level of care such as outpatient services. I urge you to maintain the current level of funding for residential substance abuse treatment. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Regards,

Allen Hansen, Client Executive



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February 28, 2014

Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair
State of Alaska House of Representatives, House Finance Committee
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Status of funding to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to pursue primacy of the 404 Wetlands Permitting Program.

Dear Representative Austerman and Representative Stoltze:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the status of funding to the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to pursue assumption of the Clean Water Act Section 404 Wetlands Permitting Program.

The Alaska Miners Association (AMA) is a non-profit membership organization established in 1939 to represent the mining industry in Alaska. We are composed of more than 1,500 individual prospectors, geologists, engineers, vendors, suction dredge miners, small family mines, junior mining companies, and major mining companies. Our members look for and produce gold, silver, platinum, molybdenum, lead, zinc, copper, coal, limestone, sand and gravel, crushed stone, armor rock, and other materials.

AMA was pleased to see the introduction last year of SB27, a bill that allowed for the State to evaluate the primacy over wetlands permitting. At the time, we applauded the Governor for his efforts to streamline permitting and encouraged Legislators to pass the bill, and SB27 was signed into law June 24, 2013.

AMA strongly supports the intent of this legislation, and we must commend DEC on how quickly it has begun its efforts to evaluate 404 Primacy. Immediately, various state agencies began assigning personnel to evaluate a potential State-run 404 program and work with the existing regulators, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to build capacity and observe the program as it is run currently, and to investigate other benefits to wetlands permitting. These benefits are what AMA remains most concerned about losing, should the program and funding be eliminated.

Specifically, the original legislation did not intend to begin assumption of 404 Primacy, nor is AMA urging for such action now. More so, the legislation was intended for the State to evaluate if such a move is even right for Alaska - and in the meantime, explore other options to relieve Alaskan developers of onerous, and often inappropriate, regulation. Currently, wetlands mitigation requirements are crippling the small, family-run placer miners in the state, and as of late, the requirements are burdening the large-scale mines as well. Mitigation requirements are often set by regulators with little knowledge of Alaskan conditions and generally do not reflect the reality of the environment. Securing federal permits is a very lengthy process, costing miners great time and expense. Fees imposed for wetlands impacts are astronomical, to the point they can be project killers. To be clear, wetlands mitigation remains the single largest issue affecting Alaska's miners today.

AMA remains adamantly supportive, and subsequently, hopeful, that the State of Alaska can continue its evaluation of 404 Primacy and the pursuit of programs to improve permitting and wetlands mitigation. Taking the time to research the advantages and disadvantages of primacy is the right move for Alaska, and we urge you to reinstate DEC funding to continue the 404 Primacy evaluation.

Sincerely,

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FACT SHEET - SUPPORT FOR COMMERCIAL FISHING SAFETY TRAINING

PROBLEM: The state of Alaska is proposing to cut 25% of its support of AMSEA's work to provide opportunities for safety training for commercial fishermen, school children and other members of the public. They intend to cut another 25% every year until it ceases altogether. Balancing the state budget by eliminating this revenue neutral program would be careless.

CONSEQUENCES: AMSEA has already suffered a 42% (\$360,000) cut from other sources despite a growing demand for the training. Commercial Fishermen depend on AMSEA for port-based access for required and desired safety training. No other organization provides this training in Alaska. AMSEA training is affordable, high quality and has no cost for most. Loss of support will result in Alaskans having to leave the state for training lasting only a day or two. Young people entering fisheries and experienced fishermen will be unable to schedule training at a convenient time and location, as they are now able to do.

HISTORY: AMSEA is an Alaska based non-profit that, since 1985, has trained over 200,000 people in marine safety in over 100 communities throughout Alaska - from Barrow to Ketchikan and from Anchorage to St. Paul. Instructors are based throughout the state.

SUCCESSFUL STRATEGY: AMSEA provides train-the-trainer workshops so that communities have their own locally based marine safety instructors. AMSEA supplies instructors with Alaska-specific marine safety curriculum, training videos, training equipment, resources, course promotion and Coast Guard certification for relevant courses. AMSEA also partners with over 100 agencies and private businesses; which lowers program cost while providing the nation's highest quality training. AMSEA does not duplicate any other state program. AMSEA brings training to regions of the state that are underserved and are at high risk in a highly cost effective manner.

STATE FUNDING HISTORY: AMSEA has received funding from the state since the late 1990's. AMSEA is in the operating budget of the Dept. of Commerce, Community & Economic Development (DCCED) Division of Community & Regional Affairs for \$196,900. This program has been "revenue neutral" since it is drawn from the boating licensing receipts collected under the DMV. *Many commercial fishing vessels pay boating registration fees but will receive no safety training benefit under this proposal.* Many years ago this program was funded by interest from the Alaska Commercial Fisherman's Fund. Our current budget from the state has not increased in two years.

RECOGNITION: This unique, Alaska grown program has been recognized for its quality by over 17 state, regional and national awards. Most recently AMSEA was given the *Lifesaver Award* by National Fisherman magazine.

REQUEST: We are requesting the state preserve our base funding of \$196,900 and increase this by \$48,000 in the FY 2015 budget for a total of \$244,900 to help us partially make up for federal cuts and help meet required and desired training demands by commercial fishermen. In addition we are requesting that we be retained in the operating



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budget, and not be transferred to the capital budget as proposed.

Chenega Bay Clinic

January 15, 2014

Honorable Representative Alan Austerman, and
Honorable Representative Bill Stoltze
State of Alaska House Finance Committee
Sent Via E-mail
LegFinance@legis.state.ak.us

Re: Proposed Cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) Grants
Program Budget

Honorable Representatives Alan Austerman and Representative Bill Stoltze:

I write you on behalf of **Chugachmiut**, for which I serve as the Community Health Practitioner, regarding the proposed cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) grants program budget. We are acutely aware of the budget shortfalls that we face in Alaska and the current economic climate. Thank you for allowing us to share our comments and concerns on the proposed cuts.

Chugachmiut's CHA program involves five of the seven Chugachmiut Regional Native villages: Chenega Bay, Nanwalek, Port Graham, Seward and Tatitlek, Alaska. All are located within Southcentral Alaska. The Primary Network Spoke site is located at Chugachmiut Health Services in Seward. Each of the other four communities are considered secondary network spoke sites. Chugachmiut supports a standardized clinic model in each community to increase visiting provider quality of care. All medical providers and support staff regularly travel to each community, regardless of their home community.

Our immediate concern is to ask that you protect the funding for the CHATS program. This program is critical to reducing emergency and inpatient workloads while preventing long-term chronic health problems and disruptions to families and communities. Stable funding for this grant is critical to ensuring cost-savings to the Alaska Tribal Health System (a critical component of the Alaska Public Health System) and the State's General Fund.

The Mission of the CHATS program is to provide training and supervision of primary community health aides who provide health care services in rural communities throughout the State. Community health aides and practitioners (CHA/Ps) are critical to the delivery of health care in the state of Alaska. They are the first responders and often the only providers of care in most of rural Alaska. The CHAP program is globally recognized as a model of care in underserved communities. Their value is demonstrated in the improved health and greater capacity in rural communities to address health. The design of the training and utilization of CHA/Ps employed vision and foresight.

Additionally, CHA/Ps are able to generate revenue to support the delivery of care through third party billing; without the CHATS program, the need for these critical, life-saving, and potentially self-funding positions cannot be met.

The CHAP program is already under great pressure in that the training program has long been chronically underfunded. The training centers have sought and implemented innovative methods (including distance and online/virtual training sessions) to maximize resources to increase the number of CHA/Ps receiving training. However, certification requirements (wisely so) require direct oversight with a preceptor and student and supervised direct interaction with patients. Any "cost-savings" realized from these methods, have been directed toward an attempt to increase the number of CHA/Ps trained. At present there are only 198 training slots available annually for an estimated 324 slots needed for CHAs to progress through training.. To add to the challenges, CHA training centers already faced difficulties with one training center closing its doors. The proposed cuts puts at-risk the remaining training centers and will translate into more costly expenditures and poorer health outcomes which will adversely impact Alaska's health.

The Alaska Tribal Health System has developed many innovative methods for providing health care across the state. New and exciting tools, such as telemedicine will not eliminate the need for CHA/Ps. In fact, CHA/Ps are also critical to the use of telemedicine, extending the reach of advanced medical personnel in a sustainable manner through the benefits of third-party billing. CHA/Ps are partners and facilitators of using telemedicine in rural Alaska.

I cannot overstate our deep concern about the current consideration to cut this critical program where other resources are not able to supplement or offset the losses to Alaska's capacity to meet this critical need. Please consider the long-term impacts and the resulting adverse impacts to the State of Alaska. Please keep the funding levels whole for the CHATS program.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew T McLaughlin-
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From: Anne Wieland <agpacsu@xyz.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 9:48 AM
To: Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Alan Austerman
Cc: Sen. Peter Micciche; Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Save Kachemak Bay Research Reserve entire funding

Dear Rep. Stoltze and Rep. Austerman,

KBRR has provided a wide variety of programs including their popular Discovery Labs as well as produced much valuable research. Several members of my family from Outside and Canada have visited the KBRR Discovery Labs and considered KBRR and I and O visits two of the top activities here in Homer. My 14 year of granddaughter who visits yearly from NC has asked me to take her to the labs since they first were offered. Additionally I've attended several of the presentations of research projects in process which have been very interesting, valuable and well presented. The staff at KBRR consists of top notch personnel who are not only excellent scientists but very creative and accessible to the public.

As a grandmother who has sport fished since I was 7 and who continues to fish very successfully into my late 70's, I'd be willing to pay a modest fee to supplement my free Senior Fishing License and think that other seniors might be willing to pay say \$10. per year so that SFD could make up their deficit. Please do what you can to save KBRR's extremely valuable entire program!

Sincerely yours,
Anne Wieland
Fritz Creek, AK



4 March 2014

To: Legislative Finance Committee

RE: Economic and Social Dividends from one Alaska Youth First Program

As the finance committee looks at cutting Alaska Youth First funds for provision of “career guide services,” Access Alaska Youth Transition Program would like to ensure that you have clear and accurate information about the ways that our particular program uses relatively small amounts of money to help our neediest, high-risk youth to enter and retain employment. To cut our AYF program is to effectively cut the wrists of a working investment in our community’s economy.

Our youth transition program braids funding to help youths with disabilities to earn nationally recognized credentials and succeed in employment or postsecondary education/training. We are awarded small AYF amounts, \$20,000.00 in FY 14, but what we manage to do with those funds generates employment outcomes that currently save our community more than \$300,000.00 per year in benefits outlays. Youth who would otherwise be drawing Social Security Disability and Public Assistance are working and paying taxes. The figure of \$300,000.00 represents savings in benefits payments only. That is a significant return, but there are far greater costs we save our community.

We serve high risk youth with disabilities. Without supports into employment, these youth hit the streets and survive in ways that cost our communities millions of dollars over the course of a few years, in emergency responses, court costs, housing in correction systems, unpaid emergency room fees, as well as unpaid medical and substance abuse treatment bills. Those costs are followed by years full of the costs of support and foster care for the children they bear but are not prepared to raise, themselves.

We track our youth outcomes. AYF provides one year of funding to help them initiate career planning. Leveraging WIA funding, we follow our youth and provide supports to them, as needed, for years beyond that. We know when they earn diplomas and GED’s, when they enter and retain employment.

AYF funds allow us to serve an important group of youths with disabilities that our WIA funding does not, those between the ages of 21 and 24, who need credentials, education, training and employment. I will share two classic cases with you, after highlighting some of our strengths that help explain *how* we do it.

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We provide the services of AYP to youth during summer vacations, winter/spring breaks, and during many days that schools are closed for training or holidays that we do not observe. We develop mentoring relationships with the high risk youths we serve, which make the key difference in them successfully navigating systems to enter stable employment. We have on staff nationally certified employment specialists, a certified vocational rehabilitation counselor, a certified addictions counselor, and an English teacher. We developed VISTA projects which recruit then provide safe tutors and mentors for these youth. We work with more than 21 community partners who help us to address whole life needs for our youth and the families some of them create (regardless of how we advise them to wait).

Our schools currently graduate only 43% of students with disabilities. Access Alaska Youth Transition Program works with job centers, schools, shelters, counseling and corrections programs to connect with them, helping them to define and attain goals in education/training/employment.

Two recent cases are standard examples:

Case one: A young couple, both aged 23, have an infant and a toddler. Both of these parents were unemployed. The mother had not graduated high school, and she had a learning disability. We helped her with tutoring and incentives so that she was able to pass the math HSQE and earn her diploma. We're helping her to pursue her goal to become a certified nursing assistant. The father has a mental health disability, but he was highly motivated to work. He needed more encouragement and guidance than traditional job services could provide, yet his disability was not severe enough for DVR eligibility. So he had been applying for jobs endlessly without success. We helped him to develop application and interview skills, develop a resume, and prepare for testing at First Student. He is now working for First Student and keeping regular hours as a devoted employee. He continues to rely on his mentor for emotional support and effective guidance. The family would still be living on public benefits without the help AYP allowed us to provide. They were too old for our WIA program. It is in our community's interest to assist the many youths in that gap so that they can enjoy the employment successes for which they wish, but without AYP funds, training and connection to resources, we would not have means. We do a lot with a little, but we cannot operate on nothing.

Second case: A youth with autism graduated high school, but bouts of depression generated suicide attempts and ran up ER bills. Treatment on the mental health ward helped him, but he could not pay the bills. While we helped him with career guide services, job searches and development of employability skills, we also helped him to develop a personal support system and access counseling. He is managing life positively today, as an employed, insured, and happy worker. He is participating in a powerful workshop on Friendship & Dating which we are sponsoring. With our support, he is walking a sure path into a healthy, happy adulthood. He, too, relies on his mentoring relationship with Access Alaska to help him over rough spots and guide him effectively.

They can't go it alone, nor should they. Please find a way to provide our Youth Transition Program continued financial support in the economic interest of our entire community.

Respectfully,

Ann Oury Lefavor

Ann Oury Lefavor, MS, CRC
Youth Transition Program Coordinator
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From: Barney Norwick <barneynorwick@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 8:41 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Juneau Access Road

Representative Austerman:
Please exclude funding for the Juneau access road.

I just can't believe this idiotic project won't die!
The problem with the Juneau road is that it's not a road, it's just a long access road to another ferry terminal. Millions of dollars of construction just to get to another ferry terminal? All this trouble for me when I want to go to Petersburg? Ridiculous.

And maintenance costs? They mention the avalanche chutes, but they don't mention the likely landslides in our heavy fall rains along the road cuts. This is going to be a very expensive road to maintain. I don't see how these costs add up to support a population of 30,000 people. Nothing about this project makes sense.

I hate to be too pessimistic, but the only reason that seems to make sense for building this road is to support cronies that have mining interests around Berner's Bay. I hope I am wrong about that. Berner's Bay is pretty much hallowed ground in Juneau and mining interests are going to spend a lot of time in court before they accomplish anything there.

Please don't fund this project. It will be a financial burden on the state for years to come, continually tie the state in court in lawsuits and will never prove to be financially feasible for such a small community.

And what about the fast ferry? After all this expense for the road and another ferry terminal we will still have a fast ferry terminal here or are we supposed to try 50 miles to get the "fast ferry". Kinda defeats the purpose doesn't it?

Curtis "Barney" Norwick

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the Department of Public Safety's Budget and the retrofit of the P/V Woldstad.

We request that you include an additional \$1.3 - \$1.6 million in the Public Safety budget for increased operational and capital expenditures related to completing the retrofit of the P/V Woldstad. With Alaska's expanding role into the Arctic and anticipated pressure on our coastal villages and natural resources it is imperative that Alaska maintains its two high endurance patrol vessels.

Alaska with its more than 31,383 miles of coastline has some of the richest fishing grounds in the world... Patrolling these waters...are 16 Public Safety vessels that range in size from 25 feet to 156 feet along with numerous smaller skiffs....The Bering Sea alone encompasses 886,000 square miles of fishing grounds... Storms with gale and hurricane force winds 50 to 80 mph and seas in excess of 30 feet are not uncommon.¹ Public Safety only has two high endurance vessels over 100 feet: the 156 ft. P/V Stimson (stationed in Dutch Harbor patrolling the Bering Sea, Bristol Bay, and Aleutians), and the 121 ft. P/V Woldstad, (stationed in Kodiak patrolling the Gulf of Alaska, the Alaskan Peninsula, Bering Sea/Bering Straits, and Bristol Bay).

Our fisheries are tied to our very existence as a state. The Alaska statehood movement was first and foremost about attaining control of Alaska's natural resources.² Although ex-vessel prices for Alaska salmon fell in the 1990s they have rebounded dramatically since 2002³. In 2010, harvesting, processing, and retailing of Bristol Bay salmon and the multiplier effects of these activities created \$1.5 billion in output or sales value across the United States. The 2010 Bristol Bay salmon fishery supported 12,000 fishing and processing jobs.⁴ Although not a huge generator of revenues to our State's general fund, "the seafood industry is the largest private sector employer creating 56,600 direct and 22,000 indirect jobs annually, more jobs than oil and gas, and mining combined. If Alaska were an independent country, it would rank in the top 10 of seafood producing nations."⁵

Yes, Alaska's fisheries have been evolving and enforcement has changed but our fisheries will continue to evolve; we must be ready for any future enforcement needs. The Alaska Arctic Policy Commission's preliminary report was very clear on the need for our state to be ready to respond to search and rescue requests and future enforcement needs of new arctic fisheries. To be ready Alaska needs to maintain the 2 high endurance vessels under Public Safety.⁶

Public Safety currently receives approximately \$1 million per year through MOA's with NMFS and under Joint Agreements for patrols.⁷ With the expansion of marine traffic in the Bering Sea the State needs to continue to push for its full share of funding under the Magnuson/Stevens Act and Bering Sea Aleutian Island Ground Fishery BSAI. Public Safety also needs to look into obtaining a fair and equitable portion of the \$20 million in state commercial fisheries taxes to fund enforcement.

We need a clear vision of Alaska's future for the marine section's high endurance vessels. We need to be competitive and ready for Arctic Exploration. We need to be proactive not reactive. A 58 foot limited purse seiner, which has been proposed as a replacement for the P/V Woldstad is not a high endurance

¹ Dept of Public Safety webpage dps.alaska.gov/AWT/Marine.aspx

² Gerald McBeath and Thomas Morehouse, Alaska Politics and Government 1994

³ Trends in Alaska and World Salmon Markets prepared for House Fisheries Special Committee February 7, 2013 Gunnar Knapp

⁴ The Economic Importance of the Bristol Bay Salmon Industry ISER April 2013

⁵ The Seafood Industry in Alaska's Economy prepared by Northern Economics January 2009

⁶ Alaska Arctic Policy Commission Preliminary Report To The Alaska State Legislature Submitted January 30, 2014

⁷ Testimony House Finance Subcommittee Public Safety

vessel. Recognizing the importance of protecting our fisheries state residents in 1978 passed a state bond to build the 121 foot patrol vessel.⁸ The P/V Woldstad was specifically designed and built to provide public safety and fishery patrol to all Alaskan waters. The P/V Woldstad can work inside waters and offshore. Over its life the P/V Woldstad has patrolled in virtually all coastal and inside waters of Alaska including: Southeast, the Gulf of Alaska, the Bering Sea/Bering Straits, Norton Sound, and all the waters around Kodiak. With its two 24 ft. Naiads the P/V Woldstad is also fully capable as serving as a platform for inshore fishery patrols, search and rescue, firefighting and resource user contacts. The P/V Woldstad is the most versatile vessel Public Safety currently has.⁹

The P/V Woldstad has performed admirably over the past 30 years and will continue to do so for another 30 once retrofitted¹⁰. If the P/V Woldstad were sold¹¹, anticipated receipts are estimated to only be \$200,000¹². Current replacement cost for the Woldstad would be \$18 - \$20 million¹³. The Alaska Legislature has already appropriated \$2.4 million to retrofit the P/V Woldstad. Instead of spending \$3 million to purchase and retrofit a 58 ft seiner, we request that the House Finance Committee include the additional \$1.3 to \$1.6 needed to complete the retrofit and fund the captain position for the P/V Woldstad.

Both the P/V Woldstad and P/V Stimson serve as the State's presence in many coastal areas. During the winter months when ferry service is curtailed, these mobile platforms can be utilized for DMV, Health & Social Services, VPSO, and DEC support, and a number of other state functions. Hunter & boating safety courses, presentations from the Council on Domestic Violence regarding Choose Respect could also be conducted in villages during the school/winter months using these vessels as an educational platform. In the event of an emergency these would be the vessels that could respond in all weather conditions providing emergency supplies, power, water, personnel, fire fighting, etc. to the Aleutians, western and coastal areas of Alaska.

The Department of Public Safety I believe said it best:

The Department has expanded its role with the inclusion of the Federal Joint Enforcement Agreement, Homeland Security and Boating Safety enforcement concerns. This responsibility covers the largest coastline in the country. The division has arguably the widest patrol area and most complex responsibility of any single law enforcement agency in the nation. The safety of the troopers, the successful enforcement of the state regulations and wellbeing of the citizens of the state depend on this fleet. The fleet is critical to the State of Alaska and must be maintained in operational condition at all time.¹⁴

Alaska must recognize its fiduciary responsibility to our natural resources. We believe these high endurance vessels are part of the State's responsibility to ensure the protection of our ORIGINAL PERMANENT FUND – Alaska's fish & wildlife and natural resources.

Thank you,
Bonne' & Ken Woldstad

⁸ A Comparable Analysis of Fish & Wildlife Enforcement in Alaska From the Passage of the 1902 Alaska Game Law to 2011, Ken Woldstad

⁹ Memo from Doug Mecum, Director to Jim Clark, Chief of Staff September 15, 2003

¹⁰ Phone Conversation Nichols Brothers Boat Builders to Bonne' Woldstad February 7, 2014

¹¹ Letters to Representative Tammie Wilson & Senator Pete Kelley from Colonel Cockrell January 6, 2014

¹² Testimony during Senate Public Safety Finance Committee meeting February 2014

¹³ Email from Nichols Brothers Boat Builders to Bonne' Woldstad February 6, 2014

¹⁴ Aircraft and Vessel Repair and Maintenance FY 2005 Request pg. 2

Thandi Carros

From: Brenda Bogowith <Brbogo@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 12:50 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Community Support Services

Brenda Bogowith
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March 7, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Dear Representative,

Thank you for taking the time to read my correspondence. I'm asking that you please support and fund Alaskans in need of community support services. These services are cost effective for the state and benefit our communities and our citizens. Alaska has an epidemic of substance abuse, FASD, Traumatic Brain Injury, and behavioral/mental health issues. Without support services, they are left untreated or are institutionalized. The lack of supports lead to an increase in DUIs, assault, homelessness, domestic violence which drains our state's resources. Alaska has no choice but to incarcerate or institutionalize these people who are our neighbors, friends, co-workers or family members. With support services, those in need receive rehabilitation, which then reduces violence, reduces rates of recidivism, engages people to be productive and find jobs, and saves our state money. Lacking people away or sending them away is not a solution. Alaska can do better. Please think about our future, as people are our greatest resource. Thank you,

Sincerely,
Brenda Bogowith

Thandi Carros

From: Brenda Friend <bfriend@alaska.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 7:17 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Protect Care Programs for People with CF

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As a constituent and someone personally affected by cystic fibrosis (CF), I urge you to support funding in the fiscal year 2015 budget for health care programs that provide the high-quality, specialized care that people with CF need.

Nearly a quarter of people with cystic fibrosis report delaying necessary medical care or skipping prescribed treatments due to cost concerns. Programs that provide assistance to people who would otherwise be unable to afford medical care are vital to those with CF. These programs help ensure that people with cystic fibrosis can afford the treatments they need to live longer, healthier lives.

Access to appropriate health care makes a critical difference in improving health and quality of life for people with CF. Providing coverage for CF care and treatments can help people with CF to better manage their disease, reduce time spent in hospitals and support quality of life.

Once again, I respectfully urge you to support funding for our state health care programs and Medicaid in this budget year.

Brenda Friend
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Thandi Carros

From: Brie Drummond <badrummond@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 11:52 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Request for funding of Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) in the Operating Budget HB266

Representative Alan Austerman

Room no. 505

State Capital

Juneau, AK 99801

7 March 2014

Dear Representative Austerman,

I implore you to support the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) in the Operating Budget HB266. The Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is a vital part of our community here in Homer and the greater Kenai Peninsula. It conducts important research on the unique ecosystem of Kachemak Bay and works hard to educate the public, especially children through their labs and programs at the Islands and Ocean Visitor's Center. As a mother to a preschooler who has participated in the education programs, I can say from personal experience that the staff is engaging and effective in getting both children and adults interested in the science and conservation here in Homer.

Loss of the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will impact jobs, research and education in our community. Please do not cut it.

Sincerely,

Brie Drummond

PO Box 1268, Homer AK

Thandi Carros

From: bryanzak@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 5:06 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

At the House Finance Fish and Game Subcommittee meeting on February 27 the General Funds (GF) for KBNERR were completely removed from ADF&G's budget.

This cut constitutes the whole of the state funding match required for KBNERR to secure larger federal funding awards from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration. The impact will close (not just cut) KBNERR, which would in turn abolish access to more than \$750,000 of grant funds and result in the loss of jobs, research and education programs, and significantly impact operations at the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center in Homer.

I hope that you will find a way to reinstate funding for the KBNERR as I personally have witnessed the value added to the global scientific database from research conducted at the KBNERR.

I believe that cutting funding to valuable agencies such as the KBNERR without consideration to matching grant funds is the wrong approach when considering the importance in this case to the world and to the community in which the KBNERR is located.

Thank you,

Bryan Zak
Cell 907-223-6681

Thandi Carros

From: Cathy Bishop <c.bishop@nugensranchak.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 10:19 AM
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Subject: House Bill

March 5, 2014

Member of the Finance Committee;

I am writing in response to the cut that has been proposed to Behavioral Health, specifically residential treatment services. Residential treatment provides services to the chronic users of alcohol and drugs with or without a co-occurring disorder. This service is currently underfunded in this state when you consider the cost of not providing treatment to these individuals. Untreated chronic users cost the legal system, the health system, and the community they live in as a whole by breaking the law, needing emergency medical care, and by creating havoc in their living environment.

Residential treatment provides a safe environment for those users that are unable to utilize outpatient services for many different reasons (no driver's license, no automobile, homelessness, no insurance, no income, etc.) and for those that have tried outpatient services many times without success.

As the Clinical Supervisor at Nugen's Ranch, I receive a call at least once a week from a loved one of a chronic user that is desperately trying to find a treatment bed. Imagine yourself in this situation, your brother, sister, son, daughter, niece, etc. is addicted to alcohol or drugs. They are living on the streets, have overdosed numerous times, they are undernourished and they call you and ask for help. They want to get clean and sober and change their life. What would you do? Who would you call? I get weekly calls from people crying because they have been unable to get services for their loved one; or they are told the waiting list is long. I hope you are never in this situation, but you could be one day. I would be happy to forward these calls to you.

Chronic alcoholics and drug users come from many different places; they are young, old, Caucasian, Native Alaskans, Black, rich, poor, educated, uneducated, etc. Neither you nor I have the ability to know who will be struck with this devastating disease. No one asks for it. It does not discriminate – it could happen to you or me, at any age, at any time.

Nugen's Ranch provides not only beds for the chronic users; it gives them hope for a new life; as I'm sure the other treatment facilities in the state does. Alcoholism and drug addiction is not going to "go away". Please don't take away the needed funding for these facilities and the hope that we are able to give to not only the chronic user but their loved ones and community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I know that making budget decisions is not an easy task, but think about how this decision could affect the people that you love any day.

Sincerely,

Cathy L. Bishop, MAM, CDCS, ADM, ABHC

Clinical Supervisor

Nugen's Ranch

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From: Charlene Wilkinson <cwilkinson83@yahoo.com>
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Subject: Legislative Priorities

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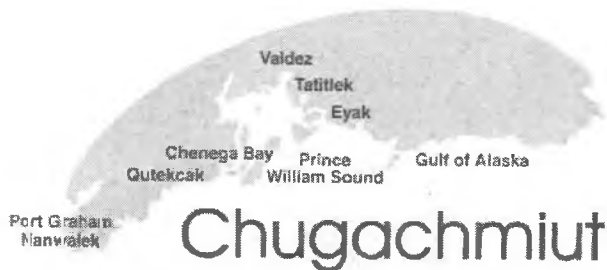
Dear Representative Austerman,

I am a voter in your district (I live in Cordova.) I am a retiree from the Alaska Department of Law and therefore my retirement benefit is of great concern to me.

The governor has included in his budget a "cash infusion" to contribute to the unfunded liability of the state retirement trusts. The legislature must pass this funding in order for it to happen, of course. What is your stance on this item? I urge you and your fellow representatives to pass this funding.

Sincerely,

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Chugachmiut

March 6, 2014

Honorable Representative Alan Austerman, and
Honorable Representative Bill Stoltze
State of Alaska House Finance Committee

Cc: Les Gara, Bryce Edgmon, Charles Chenault, Eric Feige, Alaska House of Representatives

Cc: Johnny Ellis, Gary Stevens, Cathy Giessel, Click Bishop, Alaska State Senate

Sent Via E-mail

LegFinance@legis.state.ak.us

Re: Proposed Cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) Grants
Program Budget

Honorable Representatives Alan Austerman and Representative Bill Stoltze:

On behalf of Chugachmiut, for which I serve as the Executive Director, I write regarding the proposed cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) grants program budget. While we are all acutely aware of the budget shortfalls that Alaska faces and the current economic climate, I'm appealing to you to safeguard the health and well-being of rural Alaskans by protecting a key component in the delivery of vital medical and emergency services.

Chugachmiut was organized in 1974 as a regional non-profit human service organization serving the Alaska Native People of the Chugach Region. The region stretches across Prince William Sound to the Kenai Peninsula, encompassing over 15,000 square miles. Included within its boundaries are five villages and three small heterogeneous cities with populations between 60 and 6,000. The four villages of Tatitlek, Chenega Bay, Nanwalek, and Port Graham are only accessible by boat or plane. Cordova, Seward and Valdez have emergency and primary medical care and social services systems, but much of the population has limited access to these resources due to economic constraints. The people who live in the villages rely on paraprofessional health providers since mid-level or higher health care professionals are based in urban areas and are only available by telephone or by infrequent visits to the villages. Chugachmiut supervises the Community Health Aides along with part-time paraprofessional social service workers and village public safety officers in each village. They make up the health and social service system of a typical village.

Our immediate concern is to ask that you protect the funding for the CHATS program. This program is critical to reducing emergency and inpatient workloads while preventing long-term chronic health problems and disruptions to families and communities. Stable funding for this



grant is critical to ensuring cost-savings to the Alaska Tribal Health System (a critical component of the Alaska Public Health System) and the State's General Fund.

The mission of the CHATS program is to provide training and supervision of primary community health aides who provide health care services in rural communities throughout the State. Community Health Aides and Practitioners (CHA/Ps) are critical to the delivery of health care in the state of Alaska. They are the first responders and often the only providers of care in most of rural Alaska. The CHAP program is globally recognized as a model of care in underserved communities. Their value is demonstrated in the improved health and greater capacity in rural communities to address health. The design of the training and utilization of CHA/Ps employed vision and foresight. Additionally, CHA/Ps are able to generate limited revenue to support the delivery of care through third party billing; without the CHATS program, the need for these critical, life-saving, and potentially self-funding positions cannot be met.

The CHAP program is already under great pressure in that the training program has long been chronically underfunded. The training centers have sought and implemented innovative methods (including distance and online/virtual training sessions) to maximize resources to increase the number of CHA/Ps receiving training. However, certification requirements (wisely so) require direct oversight with a preceptor and student and supervised direct interaction with patients. Any "cost-savings" realized from these methods, have been directed toward an attempt to increase the number of CHA/Ps trained. At present there are only 198 training slots available annually for an estimated 324 slots needed for CHAs to progress through training. To add to the challenges, CHA training centers already faced difficulties with one training center closing its doors. The proposed cuts puts at-risk the remaining training centers and will translate into more costly expenditures and poorer health outcomes which will adversely impact Alaska's health.

The Alaska Tribal Health System has developed many innovative methods for providing health care across the state. New and exciting tools, such as telemedicine will not eliminate the need for CHA/Ps. In fact, CHA/Ps are also critical to the use of telemedicine, extending the reach of advanced medical personnel in a sustainable manner through the benefits of third-party billing. CHA/Ps are partners and facilitators of using telemedicine in rural Alaska.

I cannot overstate our deep concern about the current consideration to cut this critical program where other resources are not able to supplement or offset the losses to Alaska's capacity to meet this critical need. Please consider the long-term impacts and the resulting adverse impacts to the State of Alaska. Please keep the funding levels whole for the CHATS program.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Angela J. Vanderpool, Executive Director
Chugachmiut

Thandi Carros

From: Christopher Clement <christopher.jc@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 12:32 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: A Students Testimony regarding the Budgeting Proposal

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Hello, my name is Christopher Clement. I am a 3rd year student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, and a lifelong Alaskan. My major is Molecular Biology, I am an active member of the UAF Honors Program, and I am also a Resident Assistant for the UAF Department of Residence Life. I am also the co-founder and Vice-President of the UAF Pre-Veterinarian Club, in addition to President and founder of the Humans vs. Zombies club and Vice-President of the Fencing club. My career goal is to become a veterinarian that focuses on rural Alaska and emergency treatment. This e-mail is in response to the recent budget allocations proposed by the legislative board towards UAF and the Veterinary Department.

As you might know, the University of Alaska Fairbanks recently established a Veterinary Department and a 2+2 Program with Colorado State University. I first heard about the proposal of this idea when I was a first-year student, back in 2011. That is when I met with my Resident Assistant and we established the Pre-Veterinarian club and found other students who were also interested in this program. I got excited for this program, because it allowed me two things: 1) A financially acceptable way for me to attend Veterinary school and likelihood of acceptance, and 2) the opportunity to study in Alaska and never have to leave. That winter break, right after hearing about the proposal, I started to gain hope. Hope that it was possible for me to become a Veterinarian, to save the lives of those who love us unconditionally as human beings. At that point, I started volunteering in animal clinics and at rehabilitation centers, as well as started conducting an undergraduate research project that focuses on rabies in foxes in Alaska. Why wouldn't I normally have hope to become a Veterinarian? Let me explain.

Alaska does NOT have a special deal with another state or veterinarian school, and all Alaskan applicants to veterinary school are considered "non-sponsored," which is the equivalent of being out of state. Let me use the Veterinary school of Washington State University as an example using 2011 statistics. They have 99 seats for a class of students. Of those 99 seats, 56 are devoted to Washington residents, 11 to Idaho residents, and 27 to WICHE residents. That leaves 5 seats open for "non-sponsored" students. Washington, Idaho, and WICHE had 384 applicants total, and of those 384, 94 were accepted. That means 24.479% of applicants from those areas were accepted if you group them together. Now, 556 students who applied were "non-sponsored." If only 5 "non-sponsored" students were accepted, that means only 0.9% of "non-sponsored" applicants were accepted. That is less than 1%! Being an Alaskan, I would be put in that pool of applicants. For those 5 students, tuition fees for them are \$47,968.00 a year, vs the \$19,066.00 that "sponsored" students pay.

Now, let me put the % of accepted applicants in "sponsored" vs. "non-sponsored" for the 28 american veterinary schools using 2011 data:

Auburn University: Sponsored (38.9%) vs. Non-Sponsored (2.37%)

Colorado State University: Sponsored (24.38%) vs. Non-Sponsored (2.5%)

Cornell University: Sponsored (24.12%) vs. Non-Sponsored (4.637)

Iowa State University: Sponsored (47.35%) vs. Non-Sponsored (5.26%)

Kansas State University: Sponsored (29.82%) vs. Non-Sponsored (5.93%)

Louisiana State University: Sponsored (45.3%) vs. Non-Sponsored (3.5%)

Michigan State University: Sponsored (31.58%) vs. Non-Sponsored (4.87%)

Mississippi State University: Sponsored (42.27%) vs. Non-Sponsored (5.5%)

North Carolina State University: Sponsored (28.18%) vs. Non-Sponsored (3.62%)

Ohio State University: Sponsored (32.74%) vs. Non-Sponsored (9.21%)

Oklahoma State University: Sponsored (48.3%) vs. Non-Sponsored (6.7%)

Oregon State University: Sponsored (19.9%) vs. Non-Sponsored (5.84%)

Purdue University: Sponsored (40.37%) vs. Non-Sponsored (49.26%)

Texas A & M University: Sponsored (34.76%) vs. Non-Sponsored (11.1%)

Tufts University: Total (14.43%)

Tuskegee University: N/A

University of California, Davis: Sponsored (20.51%) vs. Non-Sponsored (1.129%)

University of Florida: Sponsored (29.9%) vs. Non-Sponsored (2.04%)

University of Georgia: Sponsored (35.44%) vs. Non-Sponsored (0.36%)

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign: Sponsored (41.3%) vs. Non-Sponsored (5.04%)

University of Minnesota: Sponsored (24.67%) vs. Non-Sponsored (5.459%)

University of Missouri: Sponsored (41.67%) vs. Non-Sponsored (9.06%)

University of Pennsylvania: Sponsored (20.17%) vs. Non-Sponsored (7.4%)

University of Tennessee: Sponsored (40.13%) vs. Non-Sponsored (3.395%)

University of Wisconsin-Madison: Sponsored (29.27%) vs. Non-Sponsored (2.375%)

Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine: Sponsored (29.9%) vs. Non-Sponsored (2.5%)

Washington State University: Sponsored (24.479%) vs. Non-Sponsored (0.9%)

Western University of Health Sciences: Sponsored (18.596%) vs. Non-Sponsored (10.04%)

Average: Sponsored (33.02%) vs. Non-Sponsored (6.538%)

These are solely acceptance rates. Another thing to consider is that the costs for non-sponsored students are roughly \$20,000-\$30,000 more than those of sponsored students. Now, let me compare this to all AAVMC (Association of American Veterinary Colleges) affiliated international schools, with the % being from the acceptance rates of in-nation students vs. international students.

University College Dublin: In-Nation (10.57%) vs. International (16.42%)

University of Edinburgh: In-Nation (9.77%) vs. International (22.19%)

University of Glasgow: In-Nation (6.545%) vs. International (14.29%)

University of Guelph: In-Nation (39.326) vs. International (7.14%)

National Autonomous University of Mexico: Total (6.2%)

Massey University: In-Nation(24.83%) vs. International (16.2%)

University of Melbourne: N/A

Murdoch University: N/A

University of Prince Edward Island: In-Nation (39.6%) vs. International (7.8%)

Ross University: International (27.46%)

Royal Veterinary College: In-Nation (13.69%) vs. International (9.97%)

University of Calgary: N/A

University of Saskatchewan-Western: In-Nation (27.6%) vs. International (100%) [Only 2 international students. Not counted in average.]

University of Sydney: N/A

Urecht University: N/A

St. Georges's University: N/A

St. Matthew's University: N/A

University Copenhagen: N/A

Average: In-Nation (21.49%) vs. International (15.18%)

Being an Alaskan, I am put in one of two categories. I am either a non-sponsored student, or an international student. Each have their respective average acceptance rates of 15.18% for international vs. 6.538% for non-sponsored. Being a non-sponsored student is nearly twice that much in costs for tuition alone than sponsored students. Not only is the acceptance rate low, but I am competing against applicants from every other non-sponsored state (which could be 49 other states!) just for that low 6.538%. The lowest tuition cost for international students is \$7,716.82 (Canadian) at University of Saskatchewan, while the highest international tuition cost for students is \$51,980.80 (Canadian) for University of Guelph.

It is better for me to apply internationally than out of state in terms of both acceptance rates and cost. Without a Veterinary program in the state of Alaska, my original option was to either go international, or gain residency out of state and then apply for that respective states veterinary program. The likely-hood of me returning to Alaska after establishing my career roots in another place is unlikely, and I know many other prospective pre-veterinarian students also share this belief with me. This is a very unfortunate position to be in, but this is the reality of it. I, and other Alaskan students, hope to be able to learn and practice veterinary medicine in Alaska. The establishment of a veterinary program at UAF gives us the opportunity to be a part of that average sponsor acceptance rate of 33.02%. Not only would it allow us to study veterinary medicine, but it would allow us to do so in our home state. It allows us to establish our connections and knowledge of northern veterinary medicine. It prevents us from having to traveling elsewhere or pay insane amounts of tuition costs, and gives us the top-rated veterinary experience through Colorado State's amazing veterinary program. Without this programs existence, our hopes of acceptance, of being in our beloved state, will be once again be dull and non-existent. This program is our opportunity to achieve our dreams. The birth of a 2+2 veterinary program in Alaska has rekindled the dreams of those who gave up on them because of these statistics. It will allows those who consider veterinary medicine to see it as an eligible and reasonable option. It gives us a chance to continue to be true Alaskans, while studying and becoming what we hope for.

It gives us hope. It gives us drive. It gives us a chance to succeed. All because it is possible.

Recently, the legislature lowered the expected budget allocations for the veterinary department, which impacts it in a negative way. Applications for the veterinary program open in July, but due to the recent cut in budgeting, there is a chance that this may be delayed, or become non-existent. It will hurt Alaskans like me, who chose to stay in Alaska and not travel out of state. I would hate to have to leave the state to gain residency, or become an international student, because I love Alaska and want to stay and practice medicine here. I want to be a rural veterinarian in Alaska, and nowhere else. Because of this, I encourage and support an increase in the allocation for the UAF Veterinary Program.

I welcome any questions or comments you may have. I would like to thank you for your time and taking my e-mail into consideration.

Sincerely,

~Christopher James Clement

Christopher.jc@hotmail.com

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1 CITY OF HOMER
2 HOMER, ALASKA

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4 RESOLUTION 14-030
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6 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF HOMER, ALASKA,
7 EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE KACHEMAK BAY RESEARCH
8 RESERVE AND REQUESTING CONTINUED FINANCIAL AND
9 ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FROM THE STATE OF ALASKA.
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11 WHEREAS, The Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR), also
12 known locally as the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve (KBRR), or "Reserve", is a federal-state
13 collaborative partnership between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
14 (NOAA) Coastal Office and the State of Alaska, Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)
15 Division of Sport Fish; and
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17 WHEREAS, KBRR was established in 1999 with strong support from the community;
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19 WHEREAS, The mission of KBRR is to enhance the understanding of the Kachemak Bay
20 estuary and adjacent waters to ensure that these ecosystems remain healthy and productive;
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22 WHEREAS, KBRR has a local advisory council which stimulates a dialogue about local
23 coastal issues of concern and provides a voice for the community on coastal matters; and
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25 WHEREAS, The "Reserve" has an annual operating budget of approximately \$2 Million,
26 is a significant local employer, and attracts visiting professionals, grants, and related revenues
27 and expenditures which circulate through the local economy; and
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29 WHEREAS, KBRR "partners" with local NGOs, universities, and state and federal
30 agencies and these partnerships bring highly skilled professionals and cutting edge research to
31 the community; and
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33 WHEREAS, KBRR has provided relevant research which has applied applications to the
34 City of Homer including studies on coastal bluff erosion, sea level rise, and coastal uplift; and
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36 WHEREAS, KBRR is well positioned and has the resources to be a leader in climate
37 change research; and

38 WHEREAS, The "Reserve" has an education program which reaches 3,500 people per
39 year through public and K-13 programming and needs based training for decision makers; and
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41 WHEREAS, ADF&G is experiencing a period of sustained budget constraints associated
42 with General Fund cuts, declining license revenues, and decreased federal grant funding at a
43 time when operating costs continue to rise; and
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45 WHEREAS, ADF&G contributes 40% of the cost of the "Reserve", a non-federal match
46 is required, and anticipated shortfalls in state funding will necessitate a reduction in the
47 KBNERR budget; and
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49 WHEREAS, The state rental agreement and associated funding was a key component in
50 securing the funding for construction of the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center and
51 continued state funding is crucial for continued operation of a facility that hosts 75,000 visitors
52 each year; and
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54 WHEREAS, The KBRR mission is much broader than the Division of Sport Fish's mission
55 which is to "protect and improve the state's recreational fisheries resources"; and
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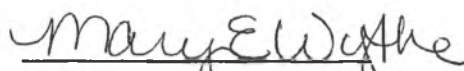
57 WHEREAS, For the reasons stated above, it is ADF&G's intent to seek a new state
58 partner for the "Reserve" with a mission more closely related to coastal and estuarine
59 stewardship.
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61 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Homer City Council finds that the
62 Kachemak Bay Research Reserve is an important component of the local economy and that it
63 provides research and educational programs that are important to the community.
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65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council hereby requests that the State of Alaska
66 proceed with its stated intent to find a new state partner for KBRR and further, that it provide
67 adequate and stable funding necessary to sustain the operations of the "Reserve" so that it can
68 continue to carry out its mission.
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70 PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Homer City Council this 10th day of February, 2014.
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75 MARY E. WYTHE, MAYOR


76 ATTEST:

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JOHNSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

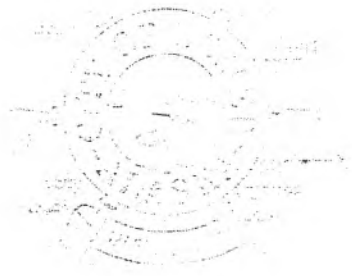
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Thandi Carros

From: Cliff Pananen <candjpananen@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2014 4:13 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Cliff Pananen
8379 Richardson Hwy
Salcha, AK 99714

March 9, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Please do not decrease the funding for substance abuse treatment. This treatment is vital in our state to reduce the number of auto accidents, domestic violence incidents, public drunkenness and other incidents that cause injury, death and end up costing the state money housing folks in jail rather than receiving treatment that could benefit the community as well as the individual.

Sincerely,
Cliff & Jackie Pananen

Thandi Carros

From: Daniel Pratschner <dpratschner@starband.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 10:59 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: A.M.H.S.

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Mr. Austerman; As an employee of the A.M.H.S. for 15 years I'd like to comment on what appears to be an all out attack on the people that work on the boats. I was actually shocked to see your name on a letter to the Governor promoting that mindset.

Employee passes are NOT a cost issue. We do not get on the boat unless there is room. Expecting us to take almost a five dollar an hour pay cut; 'in light of approaching tough fiscal times' is unbelievable.

How long have people working in the system been saying the Tusty needs to be replaced? Where in the western world can public ferrys this old be found? I would venture to say that unsound upper management decisions have cost more in past years than crew wages.

There are some very dedicated and talented people working these boats. The wages we get are not out of line with industry standards. There are other ways to make this system work better than running off good help.

Respectfully yours, Dan Pratschner

697-2265

Thandi Carros

From: David Nielson <dnielson@akdental.org>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 4:00 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: SHARP II

Dear Representative Austerman,

I hear your committee is considering cutting \$1.2 million from the SHARP II budget presented by the governor. The Alaska Dental Society feels it would be a mistake to cut this important incentive to get much needed dental professionals to state designated very hard to fill areas. With dental students coming out of school with upwards of \$400K in debt, the SHARP II program is a powerful incentive to come and work in Alaska where distribution of dental professionals is a constant problem. The remoteness of Alaskan communities makes a program like this essential. We already have placed dentists and hygienists in very hard to fill positions that we do not want to lose funding for either.

Thank you for your consideration.

David L Nielson DDS

Alaska Dental Society, Executive Director

Ph: 907-563-3003 fax: 907-563-3009

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email: dnielson@akdental.org

website: <http://www.akdental.org>

Thandi Carros

From: Deb Lowney <dlowney@acsalaska.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 8:21 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: KBRR Funding

To: House Finance Committee

Senate Finance Committee

From: Ralph Broshes DVM Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Community Council

Re: KBRR General Funding

Dated: March 4, 2014

The Kachemak Bay Research Reserve (KBRR) based in Homer, Alaska is a state-federal-local partnership managed by Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sports Fish Division in partnership with National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with input from a Community Council made-up of nine community members and state and federal agency partners. KBRR occupies about half of the office space in the Islands and Oceans Visitors Center, a popular tourist destination.

The work done by KBRR provides informed coastal decision-making and stewardship through integrated research, monitoring, education, and professional training. Research staff and visiting scientists conduct research and monitoring within Kachemak Bay watershed which has proved vital to understanding fisheries, infrastructure maintenance, and public safety. The education team hosts well-attended public discovery labs and outdoor programs that focus on coastal and estuarine ecology. The Coastal Training Program provides workshops and trainings targeting coastal management professional and topics of concern to local communities

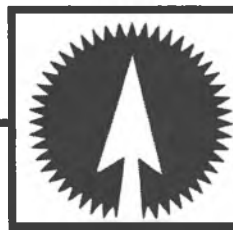
Funding for KBRR is federal money from NOAA, matching state funds coming through ADFGSFD, and grants. The state matching fund are required to receive the federal funds. The amount SFD budgeted for KBRR for 2014 was about \$175,000. The planned budget cut for this amount will prevent KBRR from receiving the federal match and would require closure of KBRR. It would no longer be able to continue any of its programs.

While the state's fiscal condition requires budget cuts from all agencies, there needs to be some distinction between program budget cuts and agency closure. I urge the House and Senate Finance Committee to reconsider the KBRR cut included in the House Fish and Game Subcommittee.

Sincerely

Ralph Broshes DVM

Alaska Forest Association



111 Stedman Street
Ketchikan, AK 99901
Phone: 907-225-6114
Fax: 907-225-5920

March 3, 2014

Representative Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
Representative Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair
State of Alaska House of Representatives
House Finance Committee
State Capitol Building
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representatives Austerman and Stoltze,

We urge you to fund the Department of Environmental Conservation effort to have Alaska manage the Clean Water Act 404 Wetlands Permitting Program (Primacy).

Our timber industry has been crushed by the withholding of timber by an indifferent federal bureaucracy (the USDA Forest Service), but we are working hard to restore a timber supply either through the federal land management process or through the creation of a State Forest in the Southeast Alaska region. Regardless of who manages the future timber sale program, 404 permits will be needed and State management of the program is much preferable to federal management.

State management of the program will minimize the opportunity for frivolous lawsuits, it will ensure that permits are not delayed or held hostage because of national political issues and State management of the program will allow more flexibility than management by a federal bureaucracy.

The DEC has pointed out several other benefits that I agree with, particularly the issue of "mitigation". The federal mitigation program has become a fundraiser for conservation groups that want to lock up land. Enabling federal agencies and/or ENGOs to create non-development conservation units is not a good practice. A legislative process for identifying and setting aside conservation areas is better because we have an opportunity to comment on the merits of the various proposals.

The Pebble Mine issue is an example of the abuse of regulatory authority by unaccountable federal agencies. Working with the State, we can insure responsible resource management of all our public resources with minimal unnecessary costs and delays.

I know the State must reduce its operating budget and I support that effort, but we need to also look to the future and try to insure our development projects are managed by State employees who are working with State policies and procedures, not national mandates and policies.

Sincerely,

Owen Graham
Executive Director
Alaska Forest Association
111 Stedman Street
Ketchikan, AK 99901

cc: Senator Pete Kelly
Senator Kevin Meyer

Thandi Carros

From: Derek Bynagle <dbynagle@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 4:24 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Les Gara
Cc: dbynagle@kpbsd.k12.ak.us
Subject: HB 266 Funding for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve

To: House Finance Committee

From: Derek Bynagle, Member, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Community Council

Teacher for Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

Re: KBRR General Funding

Date: March 4, 2014

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The science done by KBRR on water chemistry, ocean currents, juvenile salmon habitat supports informed coastal decision-making and stewardship through integrated research, monitoring, education, and professional training.

As a local educator I became involved in the KBRR Community Council after observing how big an impact KBRR has on the education of students and visitors. As a new teacher out in the Aluutiq village of Nanwalek, KBRR helped me personally to understand and teach salmon ecology and management to the students. Moving to Homer several years later, I was able to see the huge impact the education department had; bringing in school groups, supporting educators, educating the local community, and connecting with the many visitors to our area.

These opportunities are not just about absorbing a little bit of knowledge, but encourage further participation, engagement, and collaboration in the sciences and management issues surrounding our marine resources. One example is involving students in water sampling to understand some of the work that ADF&G does and how our decisions in anadromous streams effect fish stocks. I currently work with several students that have been inspired to work with KBRR to a further extent, including a current high school senior who has been inspired by the experiences he has had to pursue a degree in Wildlife Management next year.

None of these amazing opportunities will happen if KBRR receives no GF funding in the FY 2015 budget. The \$175,000 budget cut adopted by the House Fish and Game Subcommittee is not just a budget cut for KBRR, but closure. The fiscal cornerstone for KBRR is its State General Fund appropriation. This serves as a match for a significantly larger amount of NOAA funding, without it all other funding dries up.

I encourage you to reconsider the KBRR cut included in the House Fish and Game Subcommittee. It would have a very negative effect on the educational opportunities ADF&G has to reach students, the broader local population, and visitors.

Thandi Carros

From: Dermot Cole <dermot@alaskadispatch.com>
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2014 2:50 PM
To: Rep. Bill Stoltze; Sen. Pete Kelly; Rep. Alan Austerman; Sen. Kevin Meyer
Subject: CAPSIS access issues

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Pete, Bill, Kevin and Alan:

I hope you can help me with a column I am writing on the CAPSIS system for the Alaska Dispatch.

It seems to me the obvious thing to do is to create a "view only" approach that allows all Alaskans the ability to see public requests for public dollars.

The assertion that tradition justifies secrecy is not convincing.

Please let me know if you are willing to make that improvement in the system. In addition, please let me know if you are willing to allow lawmakers from one area of the state to see CAPSIS requests from other areas. I was informed today that legislators do not have access to those requests, a policy that strikes me as a bad one.

Regards,
Dermot

Thandi Carros

From: Devon Cioffi <dcioffi1021@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 4:25 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Cc: rep.bill.stolze@akleg.gov; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg
Subject: OUTPATIENT BUDGET CUTS

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Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 12:47 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg
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From: Devon Cioffi <dcioffi1021@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, 4 Mar 2014 16:24:45 -0900
Subject: OUTPATIENT BUDGET CUTS
To: rep.alan.austerman@akleg.gov
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Thandi Carros

From: Dolma family <dolma@ptialaska.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 8:17 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Protect KBBR

KBBR is a meaningful resource for the community of Homer. Many educators from around the state use the facility, the relevant research about Kachemak Bay critical habit is of interest to youth and adults. The agency provides valuable information based on research. Public education based on best science research and good monitoring provides critical information to keep the resources in balance. KBBR is an important resource for Homer's economy.

The benefits of preserving this small amount of funding to support KBBR is far outweighed by the benefits the research has on fisheries, habitat and resource management which can provide millions in future fisheries.

Thandi Carros

From: Rep. Bill Stoltze
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 6:38 PM
To: Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Steve Thompson
Subject: FW: HB 267

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From: Craig Williamson [<mailto:CWilliamson@SEAVIEWSEWARD.ORG>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 6:33 PM
To: Rep. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: HB 267

Honorable Representatives,

I was called away while waiting to testify telephonically, this afternoon, regarding spending cuts to HB267. I am an Alaska Licensed Psychologist (#470), and this is the twentieth year I have been employed in behavioral health in Alaska. I am presently employed by SeaView Community Services in Seward, and have worked here as a director and supervising clinician for five years. Our agency is non-profit and provides mental health services to anyone on the Eastern Kenai Peninsula who requests it. The availability of Alaska Psychiatric Institute (API) services are a vital part of our crisis intervention and emergency services. API admissions are often necessary for our clients and community members experiencing serious mental health emergencies. Our rural community usually has no local option than to send our patients and clients to API for acute care. Over the years we have witnessed the variability in service delivery from API due to lack of availability and retention of professional staff, most notably psychiatrists. Small communities like Seward need and rely on the availability of highly trained psychiatrists that are familiar with the problems of psychiatric patients found in these communities. Our agency has been affected in the quality of patient care when API has had staff shortages in the past; and relied on locum tenens staff instead of attracting and retaining permanent professional staff. Programs like SHARP have given API an edge in attracting and retaining these qualified professionals.

In conclusion, I urge you not to consider cuts to HB267 appropriations which are so vital to mental health delivery in our State of Alaska. Thank you for your consideration in this matter for constituents that often have no voice nor anyone to advocate for their interests.

Regards,

Dr. J. Craig Williamson,

Alaska Psychologist

Thandi Carros

From: Duncan Wanamaker <dewanamaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 12:03 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Cc: Rep. Paul Seaton; Sen. Peter Micciche
Subject: Fund the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve

Rep. Austerman,

I am writing to urge you to support funding for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve through HB 266. Absent state funding the Reserve will close. This will result in the loss of an extremely valuable research and education institution. While I recognize the need for budget cuts, there is no need to close an agency that returns \$3.00 for every dollar of General Fund support it receives. The Reserve is important to the Kenai Peninsula's and particularly to Homer's economy, tourism, and education programs.

Thank you,

Duncan Wanamaker
38800 Rea Drive
Homer, AK 99603

Thandi Carros

From: Ed Sasser <capt.ed.sasser@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 10:07 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Re: Proposed FY15 Operating Budget

Re: Proposed FY15 Operating Budget

BY EMAIL ONLY

Chairmen Austerman and Stoltze:

You've heard a lot about ASAM and how important the process is for finding correct placements for people experiencing substance use disorders. Residential treatment is a critical option for many people and often prevents the need for incarceration.

I've had the good fortune to work with clients with the disease of addiction for 40 years. The first clients were funded during the Nixon administration. Many of these programs were dismantled during the Reagan administration. I moved from social services to corrections--became a superintendent. Guess what? I was working with the same clients but at a much higher daily rate.

During those years we went from viewing addiction as a choice to a disease. "Just Say No" is not a very good option for dealing with diabetes, cancer or addiction. Also during those years, the RAND corporation published their seminal study regarding how public policy can best handle the disease in a cost effective way.

In brief, the RAND study shows that treatment is 7 times more cost effective than the domestic law enforcement method, 10 times more effective than interdiction, and 23 times more effective than the "source control" method.

Do we really need more prison beds? Maybe we could stop locking up folks who have a disease and add treatment beds instead.

V/R

Sent from my iPhone
Ed Sasser

Thandi Carros

From: sivuguq apatiki <esapatiki@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 4:27 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Cathy Munoz
Cc: Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara
Subject: Proposed FY15 Operating Budget

Dear my elected representatives:

We desperately are in need of Substance use programs in rural Alaska. The S.U. programs need to continue as it is a crucial program serving our communities. Please consider not cutting our very important Substance use programs. It's essential and answer to our many social problems in rural Alaska.

Sincerely,

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Thandi Carros

From: Edward Berg <edwardberg100@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 10:06 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Funding for Kachemak Bay Research Reserve

To Members of the Finance Committee, Alaska House of Representatives
Dear Representative Austerman,

3/7/2014

I am writing to ask you to restore State funding for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve in Homer. Since its inception in 1999 KBRR has become a cornerstone of scientific research in Kachemak Bay, as well as the most important vehicle for conveying the results of scientific research to the general public of all ages. It has spearheaded studies of relative sea level change (uplift and sea level rise), coastal erosion and sediment transport, and juvenile salmon habitat, among others. It has initiated ocean water quality monitoring at various sites around the Bay and operates two weather stations. Its citizen science program monitors salt marsh vegetation, invasive green crabs and toxic algal blooms that can infect shellfish. Its public outreach mechanisms include publications, discovery labs at the I&O Visitor Center, and public seminars where scientists present their work to local citizens. It maintains an active website where users can download natural history guides, research papers, and classroom material for local teachers.

KBRR is able to do all this and much more because it partners effectively with many other organizations in addition to its being part of ADF&G and NOAA. It shares the I&O visitor center in Homer with the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, and works collaboratively with US Fish & Wildlife Service, Pratt Museum, Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies and Kachemak Bay Branch of the Kenai Peninsula College, and more distantly with University of Alaska – Fairbanks.

I am presently mapping the geology of the beaches in Kachemak Bay and lower Cook Inlet. GIS specialist Steve Baird at KBRR provided me with high-resolution coastal aerial photography that will be an excellent photographic base for my mapping. I also monitor the bluff collapse that threatens the Sterling Highway at MP 153.3 north of Anchor Point. Steve provided digitized bluff lines on historical aerial photography that allowed me to estimate the rate of bluff recession since 1952. I have used this information to lobby AK DOT&PF to speed up its remediation effort for this site before the Highway collapses.

The financing of the KBRR is an amazing bargain, with Federal funding providing 70% and State funding 30%; the State's current contribution is \$175,000. The State gets an immediate multiplier of $70/30 = 2.3x$ of its money, plus community-wide multipliers of KBRR-sponsored programs for fisheries, construction and tourism. KBRR also pulls in money from grants and other out-of-state sources, so that the State contribution is effectively only 10% of the KBRR annual budget. Unfortunately the State funding is necessary to trigger the Federal funding through NOAA. Without the State funding, the 70% Federal contribution vanishes.

KBRR is presently administered though ADF&G's Sport Fish Division (SFD), which can rightly argue that much of KBRR's work is not directly aimed at sport fish management. This is an unfortunate mismatch of agency agendas that needs to be corrected but not at the cost of extinguishing KBRR. With some study the Legislature should be able to find a better home for KBRR, outside of SFD, and perhaps within DNR or University of Alaska.

In any case I strongly urge the House Finance Committee to restore this year's funding of \$175,000 in order to buy time to find a new administrative home for KBRR and to retain its professional staff and services.

Ed Berg, PhD

Ecologist, US Fish & Wildlife Service (Ret'd)

Instructor, Kenai Peninsula College

Thandi Carros

From: Ernie Meloche <ernie.meloche@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 6:31 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Support Trauma System Funding (HB168; AS 18.08.085)

Dear Representative Austerman,

Failing to fund the Trauma Care Fund would be a tremendous default of your duty to the people of Alaska. I am a board certified Emergency Physician and have dedicated the last twenty-five years to the caring for the people you represent.

I have seen the results of wise use of the trauma care fund in the training of the health care team, the community and the pre-hospital care teams that take care of you and your families, and those of the people you represent. These trauma care fund are critical in maintaining the excellent system that exists today.

Through use of these funds we do everything possible to make the trauma care in this state better. Any true Alaskan can testify at length how prevalent trauma is in our daily lives and how critical it is for those who represent us in the government to make sure we have the tools needed to maintain our trauma care at the highest levels possible.

Please do whatever you must to ensure that the Trauma Care Fund is fully funded in the coming years. You, your family and the people you represent will be the very ones who will benefit from such efforts, and the ones who are hurt by you if your actions fail in this regard.

Please vote to support the Trauma Care Fund (HB168; AS 18.08.085)

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf. Feel free to contact me if you need any further information to support your fight for these bills.

Sincerely,

Ernest B. Meloche, MD
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Ketchikan Medical Center Emergency Department
EMS sponsor for North Tongass Fire Department
EMS sponsor for the Alaska Marine Highway EMS department
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To: House Finance Committee
From: George Matz, Chair, Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Community Council
Re: KBRR General Funding
Date: March 4, 2014

The Kachemak Bay Research Reserve (KBRR) based in Homer, Alaska is a state-federal-local partnership managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) with input from a Community Council made-up of nine community members and state and federal agency partners. KBRR occupies about half of the office space in the Islands and Oceans Visitor Center, a popular tourist destination.

The work done by KBRR provides informed coastal decision-making and stewardship through integrated research, monitoring, education, and professional training;

- Research staff and visiting scientists conduct research and monitoring within the Kachemak Bay watershed which has proved vital to understanding fisheries, infrastructure maintenance, and public safety.
- The education team hosts well-attended public discovery labs and outdoor programs that focus on coastal and estuarine ecology.
- The Coastal Training Program provides workshops and trainings targeting coastal management professionals and topics of concern to local communities like algal blooms.

The fiscal cornerstone for KBRR is the General Fund (GF) appropriation it receives from the state. This serves as a match for a significantly larger amount of NOAA funding. And, as Figure 1 illustrates, the combination of these two sources of funding has been used to secure additional funding which have expanded KBRR's research and education programs. **KBRR's GF funding has had a multiplier effect with diverse economic benefits locally.**

Figure 1: KBRR Funding Sources

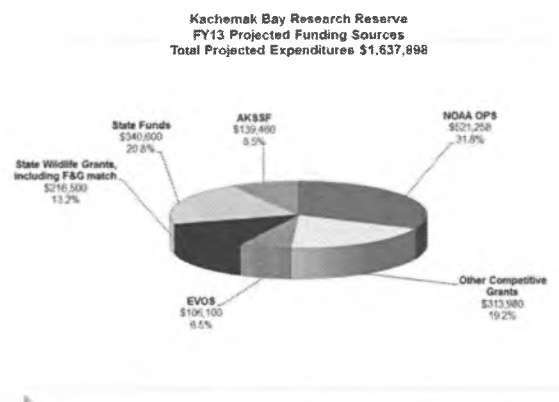


Figure 2 illustrates that in FY 2014, the \$172,300 which KBRR received in GF brought in \$820,000 in federal funding. That's a pretty healthy return for the state. In addition, SFD

applies a 14% overhead charge for administering these funds. In fact, the overhead fees returned to SFD repays a substantial amount of the GF that SFD allocated to KBRR.

Figure 2: FY 2014 Budget-General Overview

TYPE	AMOUNT	SOURCE
Federal	\$ 820,000.00	NOAA Operations, Science Collaborative, NPS and FWS
State	\$ 785,000.00	GF, DJ, SWG, DEC, CIAP, AKSSF
Special Projects	\$ 155,000.00	EVOS, PWSRCAC, Modular Rental
TOTAL	\$ 1,760,000.00	

Because KBRR has been strategic in initiating its research and education programs they have good potential for growth. Besides benefitting those who use these respective programs, growth will;

1. Increase overhead fees to SFD.
2. Increase expenditures for equipment, charters, etc. which will further benefit the local economy.

However, none of this will happen if KBRR receives no GF funding in its FY 2015 budget. As previously stated, this funding is the cornerstone for all other KBRR funding. Without it all other funding dries up.

In essence, the \$175,000 budget cut adopted by the House Fish and Game Subcommittee is not just a budget cut for KBRR, but closure. It will no longer be able to continue any of its programs. Furthermore, the loss of these programs will add to the burden of other agencies that now enjoy KBRR's science and educational services.

While the state's fiscal condition requires budget cuts from all agencies, there needs to be some distinction between program budget cuts and agency closure. **The KBRR Community Council strongly urges the House and Senate Finance Committee to reconsider the KBRR cut included in the House Fish and Game Subcommittee.** The closure of KBRR would have consequences which we don't think were intended when elimination of its GF funding was hastily recommended by ADF&G.

Thandi Carros

From: Ginger Sharrow <ginger.sharrow@maniilaq.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 4:34 PM
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Subject: Support for Trauma Care Fund (HB168; AW 18.08.085)

Maniilaq Health Center wants to make sure that you are aware that we support HB 168, to reinstate and add back into the FY 2015 budget, the funding for Trauma Care.

We are 550 flight miles from our nearest Trauma Center. This money allows us the support we need for trauma personnel, equipment, data reporting, and training. We are looking at designation for Trauma Level 4 this year and without that money in the budget, it will be impossible for us to afford to meet the requirements.

Thank you for your time and commitment.

Ginger Sharrow RN

Director of Nursing Services

Maniilaq Health Center

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"Ethical behaviour is not the display of one's moral rectitude in times of crisis, it is the day-to-day expression of one's commitment to other persons and the ways in which human beings relate to one another in their daily interactions." - Levine, Myra (1972)

Thandi Carros

From: mossy2@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 6:25 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Hon. Alan Austerman Co-Chair, House Finance Committee re KBNERR

March 7, 2014

Hon. Alan Austerman

Co-Chair, House Finance Committee

Room 505

State Capitol

Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve

Dear Sir,

I have just heard of the impending closing of KBNERR. due to the deletion of their funding from the State Government. I am horrified and saddened that Alaska, which has up until now, a stellar reputation of protecting the environment and the fishing industry though their research agencies is now planning to delete their funding. Not only has the Reserve contributed some outstanding scientific studies of the Bay but the funding from the state funding, brings in more than three times as much in federal grants, most of which stays in-state, and well over \$100,000 goes directly to the state for overhead on Federally funded projects, which means the State's actual outlay is under \$150,000.

When I am in Homer the Museum seems to be a major tourist attraction, adding additional tourist dollars. The educational aspects that the Museum provides include the researchers working there, since it is exciting to the public to see science in action and meet the people who make it happen.

The loss of State funding will, of course, cause many if not all of the researchers and support staff to look for jobs elsewhere and their knowledge of the Bay will probably be lost to the State and will also affect the management of the salmon, since some of their scientific inquiry has been devoted specifically to salmon. Any on-going research will be halted, and such studies can be difficult or impossible to restart, resulting in more dollars lost.

Money is scarce, but it seems to me that by investing in the Reserve Alaska will receive back more than the dollars it will spend, and the result will be a better understanding of Alaskan salmon and the Bay.

As a fan of Alaska please would you and your colleagues review this decision and find a way to restore the General Funds for the KBNERR? I feel it would be of great benefit both to the Reserve and to Alaska.

Graydon H. Moss
Annual Visitor and sometime Volunteer Research Assistant.
Silver Spring MD



Alaska Pharmacists Association

March 5, 2014

To Representative Members of House Finance Committee
RE: HB 266 Operating Budget/Loans/Funds

The Alaska Pharmacists Association respectfully requests that \$1.2 million be reinstated into the SHARP II Loan Repayment and Direct Incentives Program to recruit and retain health care professionals in the State of Alaska. It would be unfortunate to "pull the plug" on the professionals that have in good faith committed to working in remote and hard to fill positions in the state, with the expectation of receiving 3 years of loan repayment and/ or direct incentive from state and employer matched contributions.

Currently, with no Schools of Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy in the state, it is important to continue to recruit graduates from professional health care professions, particularly into the rural and hard to fill areas of the State.

Pharmacists (7) benefiting from SHARP II are located in the following communities across the state:

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel - 3 Very Hard to Fill (VHTF) positions
SE Alaska Regional Health Corporation, Juneau- 1
South Central Foundation, Anchorage- 1
Norton Sound Health Corporation, Nome- 1
Annette Island Service Unit, Metlakatla- 1 Very Hard to Fill position

Respectfully,

Nancy Davis
Executive Director

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Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

I am submitting this testimony on the State's operating budget, HB 266, in lieu of testifying at today's committee hearing. I urge the Committee to make public education one of the very top priorities in this budget, and to appropriate enough funds for public education to allow for an increase to the base student allocation (BSA) of at least \$400. As a parent of two children – one a public school second grader and one who will be entering kindergarten soon – I believe strongly that our children are our greatest resource. Investing in our children by keeping our public schools strong is the smartest investment we can make in our state's future. They are our future leaders, so let's give them the best education we possibly can.

The BSA is the school districts' principal source of funding for teachers and other day-to-day operating needs. The BSA has not been increased since 2011, so while costs and inflation have risen, school funding has remained flat. The result is that school districts around the state are preparing for a fourth year of budget cuts, and this year the cuts are reaching into the classroom where they will hurt. In Anchorage alone, the school district plans to cut 159 teaching positions and over 200 positions overall.

When teachers are cut, class sizes grow, and teachers are forced to devote more time to classroom management and less time to teaching. With larger classes, teachers cannot give each student as much attention. When our schools are adequately funded, third grade reading levels rise, graduation rates rise, and school dropout rates decline. When we allow public school funding to fall behind inflation and rising costs – as we have done in Alaska for the last three years – all of those trends begin to reverse and go in the wrong direction.

We have a very good public education system in Alaska. Let's keep it that way. Please make public education a top priority and include enough funds in the operating budget for at least a \$400 increase in the BSA.

Thank you for considering my views,

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Letter of Support for the Governor's Budget – Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment and Direct Incentive Program (SHARP)

Dear House Finance Co-Chair Austerman, Co-Chair Stoltze and Vice Chair Neuman

This letter is written to you on behalf of the members of the SHARP Advisory Council in support of full funding of the SHARP Programs and specifically to ask that you rescind the \$1.2 million decrement to the SHARP-II Program budget.

SHARP SFY'15	
	State GF
Current SHARP-II Provider Contract Budget	\$2,036,300
Proposed Reduction Amt	\$1,200,000
Proposed Percent Reduction	59%
Amount Remaining after Cut	\$836,300
Current SHARP-II Contracts	\$1,408,800
Proposed Shortfall on Current SHARP-II Contracts	(\$572,500)
Percent Underfunded on Current SHARP-II Contracts	-41%

Impact of Budget Reduction in FY2015

- Vulnerable Alaskans currently receiving health care may lose their provider
- 39 recently selected and recommended provider service agreements by the SHARP Advisory Council cannot be made.
- Some or all of the 62 providers with current service agreements may lose funding on the entire or a portion of the support for their service agreements. This may also impact provider employers and their organizations.

Program Accomplishments

The SHARP Programs provides healthcare provider loan repayment and direct incentives to ensure an adequate supply of healthcare providers will be available to meet the healthcare needs of Alaskans in the areas of highest need. SHARP is designed to improve healthcare access for Alaskans who have other substantial barriers to healthcare access (e.g. remote location in Rural Alaska), receive Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal health benefits or are uninsured.

Since 2010, **136 SHARP clinicians** have provided healthcare to **156,190 Alaskans** and have been provided **305,522 patient visits** in over 38 communities, spread across all 6 regions of Alaska. In the last reported quarter, October-December, 2013, **89 clinicians** served **25,972 patients** with **61,819 visits**.

SHARP clinicians work in a broad range of healthcare occupations, including:

- Behavioral Health (44): 9 Psychiatrists, 5 Psychologists, 12 Clinical Social Workers, 13 Professional Counselors, 3 Physician Assistants, Nurses (RN) & 1 Nurse Practitioner; and,
- Dental Health (24): 17 Dentists, & 7 Dental Hygienists; and in

- Medical Care (68): 27 Physicians, 13 Nurse Practitioners, 10 Physician Assistants, 9 Pharmacists, 7 Nurses (RN), & 2 Physical Therapists.

Participating healthcare agencies are now more than 43 statewide: tribal health, hospitals, Community Health Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, government & other clinics.

The Council recently recommended another 39 providers to the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner.


The SHARP Program

- Increases access to care for underserved populations
- Supports prevention and early treatment which contributes to better patient health outcomes
- Improves health care provider organizations stability and sustainability by reducing turnover
- Supports communities where hiring and retaining health care providers is a challenge – 33 or 53% of SHARP-II Program Providers Very Hard to Fill (VHTF) positions are currently being supported
- Enables health care providers to stay in communities and contribute to local economies directly and by serving as an anchor position for other health care support staff who also contribute to local economy.

Council members support and ask for your full funding support of the Governor's budget for both the SHARP Programs in the amount of **\$2,236,300 for the SHARP provider contracts, I (SHARP GF \$200,000) and SHARP II (\$2,036,300)** programs as components of an Alaska Health Care System that provide access to health care for the most vulnerable in our state.

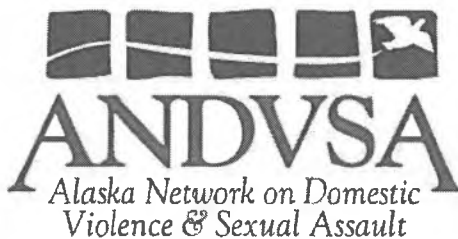
Sincerely

Randi Sweet,
Chair, SHARP Advisory Council


Attachments:

Alaska SHARP Program Clinician Census by Region, Town and Discipline

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March 6, 2014

Honorable Alan Austerman, Operating Budget Chair
House Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 519
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: HB 266 - Operating Budget Testimony

Dear Representative Austerman:

On behalf of our 23 member programs and affiliates that provide emergency transportation, intervention, sexual assault response, safety planning, legal advocacy, rural outreach, education and prevention to victims of crimes involving domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, we are writing to thank you for your support of the Governor's requested increments of \$287,500 for basic operating costs, and \$250,000 to provide services to children exposed to violence. We know that these are tough budget times and difficult decisions had to be made and we are very grateful for your support.

Many of our programs had planned on attending the House Finance public testimony session in person; however, after two days of meeting with their legislators, program representatives had an opportunity to personally thank legislators for their support. Given the hundreds of Alaskans signed up to testify, we wanted to be respectful and mindful of the committee's time. Please allow this letter to serve as our official comments.

Again, I thank the committee for supporting our programs that are an integral part of public safety in communities throughout Alaska.

Sincerely,

Peggy Brown, Executive Director

Member Programs

Anchorage AWAIC, STAR Barrow AWIC Bethel TWC Cordova CFRC Dillingham SAFE
Fairbanks IAC Homer SPHH Juneau AWARE Kenai LeeShore Center Ketchikan WISH Kodiak KWRCC
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March 4, 2014

Representative Mark Neuman
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol Room 513
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Chair Neuman and members of the House HSS Finance Subcommittee,

Catholic Social Services is gravely concerned about two budget reductions that the subcommittee is recommending. Considering reducing funding to residential substance abuse treatment programs by \$2 million is simply egregious in a state that ranks so high and struggles so desperately with alcoholism and substance abuse. I urge you to maintain the current level of funding for residential substance abuse treatment. For over thirty years we have witnessed the destructive power of substance abuse and alcoholism in people's lives, our community and in this state at Brother Francis Shelter. Residential substance abuse treatment helps struggling people develop skills that support them to remain sober, stable, employed and housed.

Please thoughtfully reconsider your support for the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC). The CBC has had a strong track record of helping individuals & families maintain stable lives. Ending funding now will reduce the number of people with complex behaviors who receive services and will result in increased rates of homelessness for people who suffer from mental illness. We are currently full beyond capacity at Brother Francis Shelter and are unable to accommodate homeless individuals with such complex behavioral health needs.

Thank you for your giving me this opportunity to share my concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 222-7351/sbomalaski@cssalaska.org to discuss these harmful budget reductions.

Sincerely,

Susan Bomalaski, Ph.D, LPC
Executive Director

CC: Archbishop Roger Schwietz
Commissioner Bill Streur

Thandi Carros

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To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: KBERR

Representative Austerman,

I am writing you out of concern for the cut in funding for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve. This organization provides incredible educational and research options for the Homer area as well as the state of Alaska. Without ties to a state organization and funding it loses all of its national funding. This would be an incredible loss of the only research reserve in the state.

Sincerely

Janet Fink

Jared Cohen
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March 6, 2014

Rep Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
Rep Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair and
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Re: Support for Alaska AHEC's inclusion in University of Alaska budget

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

I am the recipient of direct support from Alaska AHEC for two cycles. The first time was during high school for a special medical seminar. The second time, I needed to travel to clinical rotations to finish my nursing degree. Without the funding provided for me from AHEC, I would not be able to pursue my medical degree as far as I have.

The medical seminar I attended in Anchorage was what furthered my desire to go to medical school. The opportunities provided to me by AHEC have made it so I can be more well rounded in searching for a medical degree and it has made it able for me, someone who is not financially able to do something like this, expand my knowledge base.

Now, I am working at PeaceHealth as an RN until I earn enough money for medical school and have enough experience.

Thank you to AHEC.

I urge you to maintain funding for AHEC within the University of Alaska budget. Because of AHEC providing funding to financially impoverished students, people who are not otherwise able to do school, can do so. I do plan on practicing in Ketchikan.

Sincerely,


Jared Cohen, RN

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Thandi Carros

From: Jeanette Grasto <jmgrasto@mosquitonet.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2014 4:14 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Jeanette Grasto
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March 9, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Substance abuse is the largest single contributor to many social problems that Alaska experiences such as domestic violence, high suicide rates and other crimes. Adequate availability of substance abuse treatment will result in lower costs for agencies such as Corrections, Office of Children's Services, Juvenile Justice and emergency care. NAMI of Fairbanks, Alaska supports adequate funding for mental health and substance abuse treatments. It costs less to support people in their own communities with community based supports than institutional services. Right now Fairbanks has no supported housing for mental health clients. I just met a young lady last week that cannot live safely on her own in our community and requires assisted living. She has to move to Anchorage and cannot remain here in Fairbanks even though this is her home. This is not acceptable to our community.
Jeanette Grasto President NAMI of Fairbanks, Alaska

Sincerely,
Jeanette Grasto

Thandi Carros

From: Jenny Martin <jenny.martin@bbbsak.org>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 10:21 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Scott Kawasaki
Subject: Please continue funding for KBRR

Dear House Finance Committee members,

I am writing to request that you reinstate funding for our Kachemak Bay Research Reserve in HB266 - to allow them more time to find a new suitable and sustainable partner - and continue the vital education and research programs in our Kachamak Bay Area.

I know very little about science but several of the staff at KBRR are Big Sisters in our Big Brothers Big Sisters program - and through that connection, I have learned about all the wonderful educational opportunities that are provided to our local Homer area children & families as well as school groups and families that visit from outside our area. Discovery Labs, educational displays and tours at the visitor center and outdoor educational hikes down by our beach and slough - have opened the eyes of many young child to the wonders and delights of our beautiful Kachemak Bay. KBRR has also organized many "Kids Fishing Days" and "Family Ice Fishing" adventures - that have created many new enthusiastic fishermen and fisherwomen! One of our 11 yr old Little Sisters went on an ice fishing trip last month - and reported to me "I LOVE ICE FISHING NOW! It is my new favorite thing!!" Because of KBRR, many children now hold a new respect and appreciation for their environment and even more now dream of becoming scientists and biologists themselves.

Please reinstate KBRR's \$175,000 in HB266 to allow them time to continue their important educational and research programs as well as provide them the time they need to find a new partner that will sustain their program into the future. Our children deserve this program.

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Sincerely,
Jenny

Jenny Martin
Community Director, Homer office

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Subject: Finance Committee

March 5, 2014

Honorable Representative Alan Austerman, and

Honorable Representative Bill Stoltze

State of Alaska House Finance Committee

Re: Proposed Cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) Grants Program Budget

Honorable Representatives Alan Austerman and Representative Bill Stoltze:

I write you on behalf of myself as an active Family Nurse Practitioner in Alaska, for which I serve as a Primary Care Provider for rural Alaskans, regarding the proposed cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) grants program budget. I am acutely aware of the budget shortfalls that we face as Alaskans in the current economic climate. Thank you for allowing me to share my comments and concerns on the proposed cuts.

My immediate concern is to ask that you protect the funding for the CHATS program. This program is critical to reducing emergency and inpatient workloads while preventing long-term chronic health problems and

disruptions to families and communities. Stable funding for this grant is critical to ensuring cost-savings to the Alaska Tribal Health System (a critical component of the Alaska Public Health System) and the State's General Fund. However, with protecting this funding the state should also look to make better use of these monies and require more long term commitments from the trainees. To many times I see people who are just looking for a job take on the duties of a CHA and quit within several months, not realizing the dedication this job requires. This high level of attrition and turnover is a waste of public funds.

The Mission of the CHATS program is to provide training and supervision of primary community health aides who provide health care services in rural communities throughout the State. Community health aides (CHA/Ps) are integral to the delivery of health care in the state of Alaska. They can be the first responders and often the only providers of care in small rural Alaskan villages/towns. The CHA/P program is globally recognized as a model of care in underserved communities. Their value is demonstrated in the improved health and greater capacity in rural communities to address health. The design of the training and utilization of CHA/Ps employed vision and foresight. Additionally, CHA/Ps are able to generate revenue to support the delivery of care through third party billing but only when they reach their third training session. This is a major hurdle for most CHA. Each training session is one month away from their families/friends. Making the third trip away from home is a major hurdle and makes most CHA stumble and fail to complete the full training program. In my opinion the CHA should never completely self-fund. I don't understand how someone with 3 months of training can bill 85% of a visit reimbursement. This is similar to Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants who committed to years of schooling and lifelong learning.

CHA/P training centers already faced difficulties with one training center closing its doors. I believe SEARHC has foresight and is changing their current healthcare delivery model to a more stable patient environment. This includes reducing the CHA personnel and implementing more practitioners (Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant).

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Thandi Carros

From: Jeremiah Paskewitz <paskewitz23@gmail.com>
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Hello,

My name is Jeremiah Paskewitz I am 32 years old. I lived a criminal lifestyle for ten years. I came from a good up bringing I chose to take the wrong path. I had a drug addiction that had put me in and out of jail numerous times. With the use of meth I had done some stupid things. I was put on felony SIS probation in 2011 with in one month I violated my probation and got a dui while on meth. When I got out of jail three days later you are suppose to report to your probation officer within 24 hours I did that but I was high on meth. I admitted to being high he gave me a choice to go to jail or treatment. I chose to go to treatment. Treatment was the best thing that ever happened in my life. I had reached rock bottom. I took full advantage of the State of Alaska funded treatment program I was in. I learned tools how to cope with my addiction and how to live a normal life. If it was not for the State funded program the likely hood of me ending back in my old life style was very high. Today I am a respected person of society I have a great job. I have been off drugs now for over **two half years**. I have also **completed** my probation. I am still involved in treatment program today, I am **Mentor** and help others with there own recovery. I have been to almost all the treatment programs in Anchorage and spoke to them about recovery and how successful it was for me. So I am asking you to not cut funding for our recovery programs.

Thank you for your time

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Thandi Carros

From: Jerrol Friend <jfriend@alaska.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2014 7:37 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Protect Care Programs for People with CF

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Categories: Constituent

As a constituent and someone personally affected by cystic fibrosis (CF), I urge you to support funding in the fiscal year 2015 budget for health care programs that provide the high-quality, specialized care that people with CF need.

Nearly a quarter of people with cystic fibrosis report delaying necessary medical care or skipping prescribed treatments due to cost concerns. Programs that provide assistance to people who would otherwise be unable to afford medical care are vital to those with CF. These programs help ensure that people with cystic fibrosis can afford the treatments they need to live longer, healthier lives.

Access to appropriate health care makes a critical difference in improving health and quality of life for people with CF. Providing coverage for CF care and treatments can help people with CF to better manage their disease, reduce time spent in hospitals and support quality of life.

Once again, I respectfully urge you to support funding for our state health care programs and Medicaid in this budget year.

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Thandi Carros

From: Jenkins, Jerry <JJenkins@acmhs.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 12:59 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Comments on Residential Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health Grants

Hello Representative Austerman. I appreciate the ability to communicate my opinion to you. I met several members of the Finance Committee at a presentation I did for them back in October 2013 when they met in Fairbanks. Also, I have heard a rumor that you may be acquainted with one Don Roberts, Jr. of Kodiak. If so, we have something in common knowing that character. Mr. Roberts has a way of expressing himself.

I am writing about funding for treatment of substance use disorders. It is my understanding that reductions are being proposed approximating 8%.

Comments:

First, I am an addictions counselor with over 30-years of experience. Sometimes outpatient does not work particularly for the more chronic substance users including alcohol and narcotics.

Second, substance use treatment is based on something called the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) Patient Placement Criteria. (<http://www.asam.org/publications/the-asam-criteria>) This criteria has been adopted by regulation for services funded by the Division of Behavioral Health. (7AAC70.120(d)(1); 7AAC70.910)

The criteria are objective and measurable. Treatment settings, known as level of care, are based on a multi-dimensional assessment. There are four levels of care. They are:

Level I – Outpatient

Level II – Intensive Outpatient/Partial Hospitalization

Level III – Residential/Inpatient Services

Level IV – Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient Services

The proposed cuts target Residential/Inpatient Treatment, known as Level III. The defining characteristic of all Level III programs is they serve individuals who need safe and stable living environments in order to develop their recovery skills. Again, persons referred to residential treatment have been formally assessed and the assessment indicates this is the most appropriate level of treatment/care. Further, the State of Alaska adds that "All residential substance use treatment services must be medically necessary, [and] clinically appropriate. . ." 7AAC70.120.(d)

Recommendations:

Knowing that there is limited or no access to substance abuse residential treatment, I recommend and request residential treatment funding not be cut. I have personal knowledge of persons (some who work for me) whose life totally changed as a result of having access to a continuum of treatment that started with detox, followed by residential, outpatient and then to natural supports in the community like AA and church.

Key was the ability to access residential. It is my understanding that there are days in Alaska when a pregnant woman cannot access residential treatment.

This is why I recommend not reducing this funding. One alternative could be Medicaid expansion where there is the potential for offsetting costs which are now almost totally funded by the State of Alaska.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

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Our Mission is to promote recovery and wellness by providing consumer-driven behavioral healthcare services.

Thandi Carros

From: Jenkins, Jerry <JJenkins@acmhs.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 1:55 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Support Restoring \$1.2m to SHARP II

Dear Representative Austerman.

Please consider restoring \$1.2m to SHARP II.

SHARP II is a valuable resource/tool for recruiting and retaining medical professionals in Alaska. Please consider reinstating the proposed \$1.2m decrement. SHARP II helps Alaska by providing a unique edge to what other states can offer. I have been able to recruit a Licensed Clinical Social Worker from Colorado to work with severely emotionally disturbed children due to SHARP II. We hope to use SHARP II in recruiting psychiatric providers to Fairbanks.

Thank you for your considerations.

Sincerely,

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From: Jill Lush <jlush@sproutalaska.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 10:14 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Parents as Teachers Testimony

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March 5, 2013

Re: Legislative Testimony

From: Jillian Lush

To Rep. Austerman,

My name is Jillian Lush and I am the Executive Director of Sprout Family Services in Homer, Alaska. We serve over 300 children living in the Southern Kenai Peninsula and the Aleutian Islands. I am speaking today in part in this role, but also as a life-long Alaskan.

I am asking this Committee to support the governor's budget as written to include fully funding Parents as Teachers. I am one of many Alaskans who support investing in children in order to strengthen our state. Approving the Governor's budget with support for Parents as Teachers means that our state is strengthened with increased partnerships through connecting parents to supports and fostering parent engagement and leadership in schools and community organizations.

Parents as Teachers is a great service delivery model that aligns well with the Governor's recent initiative about education. Parents are a child's **FIRST** and **MOST IMPORTANT** teacher. But research tells us that this important teaching doesn't happen when a child goes to school, or even pre-school. It starts from birth.

Additionally, support for Parents as Teachers make financial sense. Parents as Teachers has proven outcomes in supporting a child to be ready for school and ready for life. Investing in our state's youngest citizens will lead to major return on investment. Research from James Heckman out of the University of Chicago claims that doing so can produce a 7-10% return on investment! Please invest now, so we don't have to pay later.

Again, please support the Governor's budget as written to include fully funding Parents as Teachers.

Thank you for your support and time.

Jill Lush

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Thandi Carros

From: JJ Harrier <jj_harrier@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 10:05 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

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JJ Harrier
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March 10, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Good morning!

I am writing in desperation in hopes that the proposed \$2 million+ reduction to behavioral health grants will not be approved.

I am a board member with Nugen's Ranch, the Mat-Su Valley's sole in-patient long-term treatment facility for drug and alcohol clients. I am also a previous graduate of their program and former client.

In 2006, I checked into Nugen's Ranch after a long battle with alcohol. I had lost my family, home, job and was spending most of my days drinking and sleeping on friends' couches until my options ran out.

My drinking had reached proportions beyond my personal aid and I needed assistance.

I checked into Nugen's Ranch and began a vigorous nine-month treatment program to treat my alcoholism. The staff and counselors at the facility gave me the tools I needed to get back on my feet and back into the world.

What a relief!

As a result, I have my family back, an amazing career and now help other alcoholics get admitted into Nugen's Ranch and get back on their feet to be successful, happy Alaskans once again.

As you may know, in-patient treatment facilities in Alaska are becoming scarce.

The Mat-Su Valley, and most of Alaska, has a growing number of alcoholic and drug afflicted youth looking for help each day. Cutting funding to these valuable assets is sending a message of "You're on your own."

Can we really afford to stop helping our state's young adults and substance dependant citizens?

I urge you to halt this cut in funding and continue to support valuable facilities like Nugen's Ranch.

As a board member, I now get to see more than 30 clients graduate this facility each year. Some have gone on to make their mark in Alaska in a positive light, passing on what was learned to them to others.

It would be a shame to see this service end abruptly and add more alcoholics and drug dependant people to our streets. Please help and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
JJ Harrier

Thandi Carros

From: John Yates <jyates@fairbanksnative.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 2:56 PM
To: Rep. Doug Isaacson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Pete Higgins; Rep. Eric Feige; Rep. Wes Keller; Rep. Shelley Hughes; Rep. Lynn Gattis; Rep. Mark Neuman; 'Representative.Bill.Stolze@akleg.gov'; Rep. Dan Saddler; Rep. Gabrielle LeDoux; Rep. Max Gruenberg; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Harriet Drummond; Rep. Geran Tarr; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Chris Tuck; Rep. Bob Lynn; Rep. Charisse Millett; Rep. Lance Pruitt; Rep. Lora Reinbold; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Mike Chenault; Rep. Kurt Olson; Rep. Paul Seaton; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Beth Kerttula; Rep. Peggy Wilson; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins; Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Bob Herron; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Benjamin Nageak
Subject: Testimony on HB 266 and HB 267

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I am a substance abuse counselor employed by Fairbanks Native Association at Ralph Perdue Center, and I live in North Pole. I am writing to ask that you reconsider the proposed cut of \$2 million in funding for residential substance abuse treatment programs in Alaska and maintain funding at existing levels.

Many of our consumers are unable to remain abstinent/sober in their current environments and require the stabilization and skills training only available in a residential treatment setting. The decision to place a consumer in residential treatment is a complex and clinical one arrived at by a treatment team using specific criteria. Our consumer placement decisions are guided and bound by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) treatment criteria for addictive, substance-related and co-occurring disorders, a national standard created and compiled by medical professionals. Level of care placement decisions are not random but rather carefully developed to best meet the needs of the consumer and promote the best possible outcome. Adherence to ASAM standards is required by accreditation entities, in our case CARF. Further, accreditation of our facility is required by the state; any cuts in state funding for residential treatment would result in our inability to comply with state mandates in other areas, an irony that was perhaps not foreseen when the funding cuts were proposed.

Alcoholism and addiction are unlike any other illnesses. They are multifaceted health issues that very often require the multifaceted medical and mental health care available only in a residential treatment setting. Many consumers will only achieve wellness and recovery with the aid of residential treatment.

In 2009, the National Survey on Drug Abuse and Health estimated that 9.5 percent of Alaska's population age 12 and older (55,700 residents) were dependent on or abusing alcohol or drugs. Costs to the economy in 2010 totaled \$1.2 billion. Costs by category include:

- \$673.2 million in productivity losses,
- \$50.5 million in traffic crash costs,
- \$217.7 million in criminal justice and protective services,
- \$237.3 million in health care, and
- \$13.2 million in public assistance and social services.

In 2014 it is reasonable to assume these numbers and costs have increased. The cost of placing consumers in residential substance abuse treatment pales in comparison to the overall cost to the state of Alaska and its citizens. If funding is cut for residential treatment services the Legislature should be prepared to increase funding for corrections, public assistance, Office of Children's Services, etc. In this light, the cost of maintaining existing funding for residential treatment seems reasonable and prudent.

A legitimate question for you to ask would be, "Where should I get the money?" There has been much debate and discussion of late about oil tax reform and repeal of that reform, and it seems most of this debate is of a very factional, all or nothing nature. Can we compromise? Can we meet in the middle? Oil ultimately pays for just about everything in Alaska, so can we decrease the amount or percentage of the tax reform without total repeal? Everyone may not walk away completely happy or satisfied, but the result would be increased revenue to fund needed programs such as residential substance abuse treatment.

Finally, let us examine the personal costs of addiction in Alaska. Alcoholism and addiction are deadly illnesses, and people are literally dying to get into residential treatment. To be able to serve these people early, when they present for treatment, would not only save money but also save lives, not to mention the anguish of their families over the needless waste of humanity. What if it was your family, someone you love? Perhaps you could choose to send them to a private, for-profit residential treatment center Outside. Though many of our consumers are indigent and have few resources, shouldn't they also have a choice to seek and participate in residential treatment? While someone would no more choose to suffer from addiction than they would cancer, the fact is that neither one is a choice. The days of viewing addicts as second-class citizens unworthy of the treatment available to those with other illnesses needs to end. What if it was someone you love?

Sincerely,

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Thandi Carros

From: Jon Bolling <jbolling@aptalaska.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 9:41 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Sen. Bert Stedman; Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins
Subject: HB 266

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Dear Rep. Austerman & Rep. Stoltze, and Finance Committee members:

The City of Craig supports efforts by Gov. Parnell to include a \$3 billion transfer from the budget reserve fund to the defined benefit plan accounts for PERS and TERS.

As you are aware, the combined unfunded liability of Alaska's Public Employee's Retirement System (PERS) and the Teacher's Retirement System (TRS) is \$11.8 billion as of June 30, 2012. Sixty-two percent (62%) of the annual State Assistance is directly for the State's own unfunded liability. The State's unfunded pension liability is one of Alaska's biggest budget drivers, as annual State Assistance payments are expected to exceed \$1 billion per year by 2016, if some sort of cash infusion does not occur directly into the retirement trust funds. The transfer proposed in SB 266 caps the annual state assistance payment at \$500 million per year, and in doing so creates predictable, sustainable, and affordable payments for the State of Alaska and its municipalities.

In addition, the proposed transfer strengthens state and local credit ratings by reducing the unfunded liability and demonstrating a responsible and realistic plan for resolving the unfunded liability over a predictable period. The problem posed by the unfunded liability must be addressed now, rather than delaying action to some uncertain point in the future, when the state may or may not have the resources to properly address the matter. Failing to make the cash transfer in the coming fiscal year only increases the cost to the state later on.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Jon Bolling

Craig City Administrator

Thandi Carros

From: Karen Wood <kadu00@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 2:43 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Paying down the debt/shortfall

I strongly support the three billion dollar (\$3b) capital infusion into the retiree trust fund. This action will reduce future operating budgets for the State of Alaska. The obligation to fund the retiree trust funds is similar to the requirement to re-pay bond holders. To help protect the State of Alaska bond rating and demonstrate good fiscal stewardship, please prioritize restoring the three billion dollar funding. This is a prudent move.

Duane T. Moran
Active and concerned citizen - Alaskan resident of over 3 decades

Thandi Carros

From: Karin Schaff <kschaff@voaak.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 2:16 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: behavioral health funding

Representative Austerman,

I am writing to you in regard to the proposed 1.043 million in cuts to residential substance abuse treatment and the 1 million in cuts to the behavioral health grants. I'm concerned about these cuts and the resulting negative impact on Alaskans. I am the Vice President of Treatment Services for Volunteers of America Alaska. Volunteers of America Alaska provides a full continuum of care, outpatient through residential, for adolescents ages 13 – 18 with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health disorders. We are one of the very limited number of youth residential substance treatment centers for youth that would be negatively impacted by these cuts. VOA provides integrated care that addresses all major life issues and domains the individual presents with.

In accordance to evidenced based practices treatment intensity and the level of care is matched to the needs of the individual in order to produce successful outcomes. Decisions regarding which program and level of care whether it be residential or an outpatient program is done by using the industry standard, State mandated American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) placement criteria. This criteria is mandated in regulation. This criteria provides a framework to determine the severity and risk level for each individual and match them to the appropriate level of services in order to ensure positive outcomes. The least restrictive environment without putting the individual in harm's way is part of the criteria framework. Community supports (to include the presence of safe housing) or lack thereof, detox needs etc., are also taken into consideration. Placement into residential care is not a random decision rather a very careful process based on research and evidenced based practice.

The reduction of residential substance abuse treatment services will not increase the amount of individuals who can be successfully treated in an outpatient setting as these residential programs are treated adults and youth that have needs beyond this level of care. The majority of the youth we serve in our residential program, ARCH, have been in multiple outpatient programs and have not been able to stay clean and sober. They also have severe mental health issues and may pose a threat to themselves and to others in the community. They often engage in illegal behaviors and show up in local emergency rooms due to their life threatening alcohol and drug use. For these youth outpatient services are not sufficient to meet their needs.

Residential treatment for these youth helps decrease their psychiatric symptoms to include suicidal ideation, eliminates their substance abuse, decreases their involvement in the legal system, and increases their ability to be safe, productive members of our communities. Residential substance abuse treatment helps people develop skills that support them to remain stable, employed, housed and contributing productively in the community.

Residential substance abuse treatment such as the ARCH program supports people in developing successful skills for staying clean and sober and avoid costly juvenile justice, adult prison stays and emergency room visits.

I urge you to maintain the current level of funding for residential substance abuse treatment and to the behavioral health grants. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Karin Schaff, MS, LMFT, CDC II

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Thandi Carros

From: Kate McLaughlin <mclenvironmental@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 1:53 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Gary Stevens
Subject: KBNERR in the Operating Budget HB266

Dear Representative Austerman, Senator Pete Kelly, and Senator Gary Stevens;

I ask that you support fully funding the Kachemak Bay Reserve in Homer, AK. This area is hugely important, not only for its research and conservation efforts that ensure the continued ecological productivity of this incredible estuary, but also for the hundreds of jobs that directly and indirectly benefit from the Reserve and its associated facilities. \$175,000 is an insignificant amount of savings when compared to the economic losses that would be realized otherwise.

The KBNERR, the only sub-arctic preserve in the United States is world famous. From scientists, educators and researchers who travel from all points of the globe to study and learn here; to the tourists who travel each year to partake in the Kachemak Bay Shorebird Festival, high lighting of one of the largest and most important, shorebird migration resting and feeding areas on the N. Gulf coast; to the people participating in the Homer Halibut Derby, and to all the people who live in Homer and work to support the park and reserve facilities directly; and all the hotels, restaurants, charter boat and plane services, rental car agencies, grocery stores, art galleries, boat yards, fuel services, etc. who all depend upon this area for their economic livelihoods and for an environment that contains and supports a healthy renewable resource.

Please restore a bit of sanity to the House budget proposal and vote to fully fund KBNERR in the Operating Budget HB266.

Thank you,

Kate McLaughlin

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From: katelynnsortino@gmail.com on behalf of Katelynn Sortino
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Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 9:54 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Appeal to Not Cut Substance Treatment Funding

To Whom It May Concern:

As an Alaskan, I have seen the positive and beneficial impact that outpatient and inpatient substance abuse treatment has on our young people. I've seen young, addicted people turn their lives around with the assistance of these programs. Too many of our youth fall prey to a drug addicted lifestyle, especially in Alaska, and I believe that taking away these necessary resources from our kids will not only negatively impact the children, but also the community at large. It is a known fact that drug use and criminal activity have a close correlation (source: <http://www.ncadd.org/index.php/learn-about-drugs/drugs-and-crime>). It is my strongly-held belief that the whole community suffers when drug and alcohol addicted people are not given the support and resources they desperately need. I'm asking that you maintain the current level of funding, because I wholeheartedly believe this is crucial to the wellbeing of our community, our young people, and our strong future as Alaskans.

Thank you,

Katelynn Sortino



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6 March 2014

State of Alaska House Finance Standing Committee

Dear Co-Chairs Representatives Austerman and Stoltze:

Alaska's vast and largely inhospitable coastal zone is not easily accessible to most residents. Kachemak Bay is an exception and was wisely graced with a splendid resource, Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Reserve. In support of continued and sustained funding for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Reserve let me tell you of the value of this program.

The Reserve staff provides public access to and acts as stewards for a significant Alaskan coastal resource. The educational, outreach and research activities of the Reserve are well integrated and serve a diverse segment of the Alaskan population. A recent KBay workshop hosted commercial, recreational and subsistence harvesters, including native community representatives, as well as students, educators, resource managers and public health officials from both the State and the Centers for Disease Controls. The Reserve's staff has significant standing in their respective fields and are able to draw national and international collaborators who contribute their expertise to Alaska's resource issues.

The Reserve's extensive education outreach not only educates youngsters and their families but is building the next generation of ecologically conscious citizens who will foster the sustainability of Alaskan fisheries. The educational activities are informed by the Reserve's research projects. These projects are largely funded by highly competitive, external grants bringing resources to KBay for KBay. The success of the research program also speaks to the quality and scientific credentials of the Reserve staff.

Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Reserve needs and deserves your continue and sustained support for its exceptional programs in service to the citizens of Alaska.

Sincerely,

Pat Tester

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House Finance Committee,

Dear Members,
Thank you for your service.

The Kachemak Bay Conservation Society (KBCS) has been a non-profit organization for 35+ years. It has supported many organizations through education and grassroots efforts. KBCS is an all-volunteer organization involving many in the Kachemak Bay area.

KBCS would like to take this opportunity to express our disappointment in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division and the ADF&G, in general, for the lack of support for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve. (KBRR). We realize there is a general belt tightening within all state agencies, however we feel the KBRR is certainly an entity worth supporting for the following reasons:

1. The Kachemak Bay Research Reserve was organized under the National Estuarine Research Reserve System, which is a state, federal and local partnership. State funding serves as a match for larger funding amounts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other grant organizations. KBRR also seeks other funding for projects, which meets its mission, and these funds have been significant. This type of funding is still available and helps support an entity that employs Alaskans and supports the local economy.
2. KBRR supports a research team that conducts studies, which helps to understand the health of anadromous systems and the watershed of Kachemak Bay, which is beneficial to fisheries, other state agencies, and the general public.
3. KBRR conducts symposiums of national importance, which brings many people to Alaska for better understanding of oceans and oceanic issues.
4. KBRR is a major marine educator for the local community through its Coastal Training Program, Public Discovery Lab, and outdoor programs, which focus on coastal and estuarine ecology. These programs are very important for the youth of the area and have the potential to inspire career choices.
5. KBRR is located in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. The NOAA Kasitsna Bay Laboratory is located on the south side of Kachemak Bay. The close proximity of these three organizations makes collaboration much easier and will help to bring research projects to the Homer area.
6. KBRR benefits the youth and general public through education and collaboration. The Reserve is in place and serves the State of Alaska by bringing together leaders in Marine Science.
7. Without this state funding, the NOAA matching funding will end **and KBRR will cease to exist.** KBRR has a staff of approximately 11 personnel. These people and their families are residents of the Homer area and support the local economy. Not only would we be losing an important learning and educational organization, we would experience a brain drain of very well educated people.



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KBCS believes diversification of the states economy is very important. KBRR represents a perfect example. It is our hope that the legislature can find a source of funding that will allow the continued important work of this highly prestigious organization.

Sincerely

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The Kachemak Bay Society's mission is to protect the environment of the Kachemak Bay region and encourage sustainable use and stewardship of local natural resources through advocacy, education, information, and collaboration.

To: Alan Austerman,
Room No. 505,
State Capitol,
Juneau, AK 99801.

From: Michael Opheim
Kachemak Bay Research Reserve Community Council Member

Re: KBRR General Funding

Date: March 4, 2014

Dear Representative Austerman:

My name is Michael Opheim and I sit on the Kachemak Bay Research Reserves (KBRR) Community Council. I have been on this council now for several years and this budget deficit has been the biggest hurdle we have had. The possibility of losing something as important as the KBRR here in the Kachemak Bay, Cook Inlet area would be a huge hit to the scientific community as well as the educators who have relied upon the KBRR to bring the marine and estuarine ecosystems to reality for many children and adults who have never experienced them before. The Tribes, schools, and tourism business rely heavily on the reserve for education and help with projects that relate to their back yard of Kachemak Bay.

The funding that is received through the Sport Fish Division is not a little part of the big picture. It is a very vital part of keeping the KBRR running and providing their services. Without this funding here are some of the things we all will be missing out on.

- Research staff and visiting scientists conduct research and monitoring within the Kachemak Bay watershed that has proved vital to understanding fisheries, infrastructure maintenance, and public safety.
- The education team hosts well-attended public discovery labs and outdoor programs that focus on coastal and estuarine ecology. The team also works within the villages around Kachemak Bay to educate kids and get them interested in the marine sciences as a career.
- The Coastal Training Program provides workshops and trainings targeting coastal management professionals and topics of concern to local communities like algal blooms.

The work done by KBRR provides informed coastal decision-making and stewardship through integrated research, monitoring, education, and professional training. Sport Fish gains much information with this collaboration. It would be a shame to lose out on this for all involved not just a financial loss to the staff and the community but to the children and adults who are touched by the work the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve does.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share my thought on this issue and I hope you will give the Research Reserve a second look even if only for another year till another funding source is found that will pick up where SFD leaves off.

Sincerely,

Michael Opheim
Community Council Member

Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
Facts for letter of support

- The Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) based in Homer, Alaska is a state-federal-local partnership managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division in partnership with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - National Estuarine Research Reserve System.
- The National Estuarine Research Reserve System is a network of 28 reserves throughout the nation that are designated to study and protect vital coastal and estuarine resources.
- Founded in 1999, KBNERR conducts innovative and collaborative research and monitoring within and around Kachemak Bay. KBNERR was the 22nd reserve designated and, at 370,000 acres, is the largest and only sub-arctic reserve in the nation.
- KBNERR is an economic driver in the community and results in a significant number of local jobs, visiting professionals, and related expenditures within the community. KBNERR has diverse partnerships bridging local NGOs, universities, and state and federal agencies who contribute to research and education programs. These partnerships bring highly-skilled professionals to Homer, who contribute to our understanding of Kachemak Bay and the surrounding landscape and waters by sharing cutting-edge research methods.
- Research staff and visiting scientists conduct research and monitoring within the Kachemak Bay watershed which has proved vital to understanding fisheries, infrastructure maintenance, and public safety.
- The education program at KBNERR is important to our youth and school systems, and reaches 3,500 people per year through highly successful public and K-12 programming. The Coastal Training Program provides targeted, needs-based trainings on topics of concern to hundreds of coastal management professionals annually.
- KBNERR's partnership with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge was critical when constructing the Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. The shared responsibility for this the facility, which is a great asset to the community and hosts 75,000 visitors each year, is crucial for its continued operation.
- The fiscal cornerstone for KBNERR is the General Fund (GF) appropriation it receives from the State of Alaska. The proposed \$175,000 budget cut adopted by the House Fish and Game Subcommittee serves as a match for a significantly larger amount of NOAA funding. These funds have a multiplier effect for additional program funding with diverse economic benefits served locally.
- Without these State funds, KBRR will be facing closure and associated loss of jobs, research and education programs, and impact to the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center.
- The House and Senate Finance Committee is strongly urged to reconsider the KBRR cut included in the House Fish and Game Subcommittee, and to maintain these services for the sustained benefit of our community and its coastal resources.

- More information about the National Estuarine Research Reserve System can be found here: <http://www.nerrs.noaa.gov/> More information about the KBNERR Community Council can be found here: <http://kbaycouncil.wordpress.com/> If you are discussing this issue, please feel free to utilize the hashtag #savekbr. For questions and additional communications please contact the KBNERR Community Council chair, George Matz, at kbaycouncil@gmail.com.

To: House Finance Committee
Senate Finance Committee
Re: KBRR General Funding
March 5th, 2014

I am writing to encourage you to include KBRR's essential GF match in HBB 266. The community of Homer has benefited greatly from KBRR's research and educational programs. Although there is a need for budget cuts, there is no need to cut the budget on an agency that has continually shown their professionally acclaimed research, for the health of Kachemak Bay. Further more KBRR returns about three dollars for every dollar of GF support it receives. The trickle down effect on not only the community of Homer but that of Alaska and other Coastal waters and communities could prove devastating. Some programs that will be cut are the education programs, and the Coastal Training Program's and training for scientists and the public.

Continuation of KBRR's GF match will not only allow KBRR to keep its doors open, but will allow the time needed to arrange a more understanding partnership.

Sincerely
Sharon Baur
Homer, AK 99603

Thandi Carros

From: Keith Morrison <kmorrison@alaska.edu>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 5:14 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; re.cathy.munoz@akleg.gov; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg
Subject: Proposed FY15 Operating Budget

Dear Legislative Representatives,

My name is Keith Morrison. I am currently a student at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and am also a social worker in the Bering Straits Region. I am writing to you today in response to the proposed cuts for the FY15 operating budget. Although I do understand the importance of fiscal responsibility, I also know that being responsible means; having an obligation to do something, or having control over or care for someone, as part of one's job or role.

I imagine under the current legislative climate that it would seem to make good financial sense when deciding to make cuts to prevention and intervention dollars that don't seem to be showing statistically significant returns. However I must say that from my perspective, truly being in the trenches and operating with my boots on the ground, I do recognize a shift and growing consolidation and collaboration of resources that are currently funded. It is for this reason that I would request you representatives to maintain current funding levels for all behavioral health services through this transition period.

As a student I have an opportunity to hear from many other rural social workers throughout the state and the message is consistent. We require more substance abuse treatment facilities and substance use disorder treatment services.

It is our responsibility as representatives, decision makers and service providers to those least represented and least served in this state to do better and to create and support a model of hope and prosperity, not to further grow the institutionalized system of despair and confinement.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Keith Morrison
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Nome, AK 99762
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Thandi Carros

From: keni carey <kenicarey@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 3:05 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: in house long term treatment

I am wrighting a statement for long term treatment centers. My name is Keni Carey & have been in short term treatments & the day I got out was feeling better & a drink was in my hand the same day. I had no solid foundation to stand on, all I knew was I felt better. I've been in long term treatment now for almost 9 months & finally have a better understanding of my disease & feel like this was the only way for myself being a chronic alcoholic & almost dead chose this to save my life & to learn how to go about life in a healthy manor, without any reservations... I put myself here, I'm not mandated by the courts, my job or family, it was my last hope, I was dying. I feel like long term is the only solution for long term recovery. anything less is not enough for any alcoholic or addict to change thier thinking, behavours or way of life & I firmly believe this.. I'm at nugens ranch & would be dead without them & thier staff. I am truely grateful for a real chance for a life. sincerely yours,,,, Keni
Carey

Thandi Carros

From: Kevin Walker <homerkev@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 10:54 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Mike Hawker; Rep. Les Gara
Cc: Sen. Peter Micciche; Rep. Paul Seaton
Subject: Kachemak Bay Research Reserve (KBRR) funding

Please continue to fund the KBRR. This relatively small investment of 0.17 million dollars grows to 1.6 million dollars, mostly federal funding. That is a return of almost 10 times, or 1000%. Without the \$172,300 in matching funds, the entire program will dissolve.

The KBRR provides many services for the local population, including valuable data collection for understanding and managing Kachemak Bay. The \$1,600,000 put into the Homer economy will be sorely missed. About a dozen families of highly trained and skilled scientists may leave the community.

There aren't many opportunities in today's world to get 1000% return on investment.

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Kevin
Walker 907-235-5304

Thandi Carros

From: Kim Knudsen <kknudsen@NSHCORP.ORG>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 2:43 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; re.cathy.munoz@akleg.gov; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg
Subject: Proposed FY15 Operating Budget

Dear Chairmen Austerman and Stoltze;

I was recently informed that the House Finance Committee is considering over 3 million in cuts to the FY15 operating budget

--\$1.043 million cut to residential substance abuse treatment services
--\$1.0 million cut to behavioral health grants
--\$1.2 million cut to the SHARP loan repayment program

I am a resident of Nome, Alaska and was born and raised here. We have an outpatient Behavioral Health Services program but do not have a residential substance abuse program. Since there is not a residential substance abuse treatment facility in Nome a lot of people are sent out to other areas in Alaska for treatment. What concerns me is that if funding is cut for residential substance abuse services, behavioral health grants, and loan repayment then staffing and services will be cut as well. These cuts will be detrimental to the overall health of our people.

Please do not cut funding! Our people need these services!

Thank you for your consideration and you are welcome to contact me if you have further questions.

Kim Knudsen

PO Box 696

Nome, Alaska 99762

Thandi Carros

From: Lance E. Johnson <lejohnson@NSHCORP.ORG>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 3:22 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; re.cathy.munoz@akleg.gov; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg; Sen. Donny Olson; Rep. Neal Foster
Subject: Proposed FY15 Operating Budget Cuts

Good afternoon, Rep. Austerman and Rep. Stoltze.

As Director of Behavioral Health Services at Norton Sound Health Corporation, I am concerned to learn of proposed cuts to both Residential Treatment and Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services. These proposed cuts of over \$2,000,000.00 will further hinder a system already stressed by the alarmingly high rates of substance use and alcoholism in Alaska.

Nome does not have Residential Treatment, but because of this, it greatly depends on helping people get into residential programs with a higher level of care need than what Outpatient Services can offer. There is an already paucity of treatment beds available in the state and of those currently operating, waiting lists can be lengthy. While we wish everyone's substance use needs could be handled locally through Outpatient Services, the fact is many people are very sick. The level of care Outpatient can offer is a minimal treatment program that cannot always meet the needs of those with severely-chronic substance issues. By cutting funding to residential services, people in this region, as with many other areas throughout rural Alaska, will continue to deteriorate contributing to potential loss of life. And while it proves very difficult to enroll someone in a non-Alaska treatment facility, I do not believe we want to be in the routine of having our residents leaving the state far from any familial supports, traditional programming, and localized rehabilitative resources.

As difficult as it would be for our people to have reduced services in Residential Treatment, it would be just as detrimental to support reductions to Outpatient Services. By cutting substance use disorder services from the Behavioral Health grants line item, rural Alaska community health centers would have to scale-back personnel, resources, and programs in areas where Outpatient Services are vital to keeping many people sober, employed, and out of expensive correctional facilities. In Nome, 95% of the arrests leading to placement in the local Anvil Mountain Correctional Center are alcohol- and substance-related offenses. This is not anecdotal; this is fact. If greater emphasis and funding were put into or remained in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services, the revolving door that is the prison would spin a lot slower.

I would like to offer a few numbers for your consideration:

\$136.44

\$49,800.60

\$17,464.32

In Nome, Anvil Mountain Correctional Center houses up to 128 inmates per day; however, it is often over-capacity despite its approved census. One inmate costs the State of Alaska \$136.44 per day. Annualized, that is \$49,800.60 per inmate. At 128 inmates, the daily cost is \$17,464.32. Over the course of a year, the state spends \$6,374,476.80. At Anvil Mountain Correctional Center alone.

\$6,374,476.80.

Incarceration in place of treatment is a costly choice. Bottom line, Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services are an economical, rehabilitative, restorative, and life-affirming investment.

In closing, I understand the call for sustainability in the increasing world of shrinking grant funds, but I would impress upon you the need to help agencies remain effective until other sources of funding and billing mechanisms are approved. Allowing Behavioral Health Aides at the III and Practitioner levels through a Special Amendment to bill for clinical services, and passing the expansion of Medicaid coverage in the state would be two great steps to making that happen; until then, however, for the sake of our residents, we must continue to see the relationship between rural Behavioral Health providers and the State of Alaska as a necessary and collaborative partnership.

I appreciate your consideration of my correspondence, and I wish you the best in the important decisions you are charged with making.



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Thandi Carros

From: Lani Raymond <lani67@alaska.net>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 11:18 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Funding for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve

Representative Alan Austerman:

I would like to encourage you to continue funding for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve. I would ask that you continue this funding for another year so that other sources of funding could be found ensuring that KBRR can continue its important work. It is a wonderful state-federal-local partnership and is very important for several reasons, among them: research, education, and economics. With an additional year of funding, other sources for funding will be found.

KBRR does a wide range of cutting-edge research on estuarine and coastal areas, and this has ramifications and applications for the whole state and country. It is one of 28 reserves in the nation but is the only sub arctic one and, in addition, is the largest. We all want our environment to be healthy and protected to ensure the fisheries and tourist industries will thrive in the future. We also want our children and grandchildren to have a clean, healthy productive "home" also. Research is necessary for that all to happen.

KBRR is important for education on several levels. The school programs, which include bringing students to the facility for classes as well as staff going out to the schools, is a significant component in the local science education for children as well as children from other school districts. Nearly all visitors to Homer go to the Islands and Ocean Visitor Center which provides an exceptional educational experience. Programs and classes/workshops on many aspects of science and research are provided every month there.

KBRR is important economically to our area where nearly everyone in our area has some connection. They provide jobs, encourage visitors to the area, encourage research scientists to visit and work for periods of time, provide opportunities for volunteering for projects, encourage wildlife projects and appreciation. It is also important for accurate information in order to make decisions about the fishing industries. We feel it is important that our area stay clean and healthy-- for those of us who live here and for those who choose to come to visit. (And these visitors add economically because of housing, food, shopping, fuel, charters, etc.) We feel it is important to have good decisions made for new development and to continue developing the resources we have now.

Please continue funding for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve for another year.

Lani Raymond
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Thandi Carros

From: lklaar@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 12:36 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Kachemak Bay Research Reserve

We are writing to request that HB 266 include KBRR's essential GF match to keep this important organization funded to continue to support marine education and research in our community.

Thank you,
Leslie and Jens Klaar
High Tide Arts
Homer, Alaska

Sent from Windows Mail



Smithsonian Environmental Research Center

March 5, 2014

Hon. Alan Austerman
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee
Room 505, State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

Re: Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve funding in HB266

Dear Sir,

I was recently informed that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game has recommended the removal of all funding for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) and that the action would signal the closure of the organization in July. I was shocked by this news and encourage you and your fellow committee members to recommend restoration of KBNERR funding.

I am a Senior Botanist at the Smithsonian Institution's Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) and have been involved in research and education with KBNERR for more than a decade. Other colleagues of mine at SERC have been and are currently involved in KBNERR programs; especially citizen-scientist programs related to monitoring for invasive species in Kachemak Bay. The research that we are current doing on juvenile salmon in headwater streams of the Lower Kenai Peninsula is only one of the many activities based at KBNERR that are essential to the citizens of the State of Alaska.

I have worked in several of the NOAA estuarine research reserves around the county and have found KBNERR to be effectively organized and positioned to provide services to citizens and the local community through its committees and outreach programs. As an example, KBNERR provides most of the educational programs at the Islands and Oceans facility in Homer. As the northernmost estuarine reserve facility in the NOAA national network, the loss of KBNERR would a significant blow to the citizens of your state, including my family members who live and work in Homer.

I encourage you to support funding for KBNERR to assure that it will continue to be a valuable resource for the citizens of Alaska and the U.S. through its diverse and productive programs. I offer these comments as a concerned citizen and they do not reflect the views of the Smithsonian Institution.

Sincerely,

Dennis F. Whigham

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LETTER TO SUPPORT HEALTH CARE ACCESS THROUGH THE LOAN REPAYMENT AND DIRECT INCENTIVE PROGRAM (SHARP)

Dear House Finance Co-Chair Austerman, Co-Chair Stoltze, and Vice Chair Neuman,

This letter is written to you in support of full funding of the SHARP Programs and specifically to ask that you rescind \$1.2 million cut to the SHARP-II Program budget. A reduction of 59% will cripple the program. I have been the director of Petersburg Mental Help Services for over 20 years. I know well how difficult it is to recruit and keep good clinical social workers. It is a steady stressor for those of us trying to maintain services to vulnerable Alaskans.

in this year alone I have lost one clinician and two more are actively seeking employment in the Lower 48 where the environment is less isolated and the pay is better. Since I employ only four clinical social workers, this is a significant issue. Loan repayment is one of the few benefits with any significant impact we can offer our clinicians. Please help us continue with this valuable program.

Rural behavioral health is a tough sell for many. We are responsible for supporting our most vulnerable and the most ill members of our community with fewer resources than are necessary. The SHARP Program increases stability and sustainability of healthcare treatment organizations and increases access to care for our underserved populations.

I urge you to support full funding of the Sharp Program.

Sincerely,

Susan Ohmer, LCSW
Director
PMHS, Inc.

Dear Senators Kevin Meyer and Pete Kelly and Representative Alan Austerman and Bill Stoltze,

I just finished reading your letter dated 26 February 2014 to Governor Parnell, requesting the governor to “hold the line” as you continue talks with representatives from the Marine Highway system.

It is not surprising to me that you “steadily hear from constituents on the high cost of operation for the Alaska Marine Highway System, costs which need considerable effort to control.” Most of your constituents are outside the area of the marine highway systems areas of operation, and do not live in areas not connected by roads. Nor do most of your constituents understand how federal highway miles are calculated and how states receive federal highway funding. I would be surprised if many of your constituents knew the AMHS provides 50% of the states federal highway miles, and is therefore 50% of the federal funding source. A little information could go a long way in explaining to these constituents the necessity of a strong AMHS.

It is surprising that the legislators hear frequently about costs, but continue to underfund a shipping company that they and their former colleagues either funded or created. It is surprising legislators in this state continue to allow the operation of 50 year old vessels that are long past any efficient life. It is surprising that the State of Alaska Marine Highway System runs a fleet of 11 ships, many over fifty years old, and is only provided a budget for 6 or 7 ships. As a constituent I am shocked that my

elected representatives are attacking labor when so much of the costs of the system are generated by the ancient craft they provide to the public for transportation. As a constituent I am surprised the State of Alaska can not afford to run a system they set up and receive hundreds of millions in federal funds for over the years.

As far as comparing Commissioners appointed by the Governor, and federally licensed mariners, there is no comparison. Commissioners have no federal oversight, have no required licenses (other than what the State may request), don't have the same level of training or skills, and don't have any where near the legal exposure that licensed mariners have. Trying to decide on how much someone should be paid relative to another employee is absurd. The market usually dictates pay, and in the case of the US Merchant Marine, the market is paying higher wages than the State of Alaska is currently.

When you "encourage" the governor "to consider fiscally prudent monetary terms such as closing extravagant benefits like ferry passes and readdressing cost of living differentials", it speaks volumes to a complete and utter misunderstanding of both passes and the origin of both passes and COLD.

Passes are space available. This means a AMHS employee can only get a pass when all possible tickets have been sold, including reserved, stand by, walk on, etc. Everyone else comes first. Only if a space is left over can an employee get a vehicle and himself on the vessel. The cost of rooms and meals is still paid for by the employee. The AMHS claims there is a processing cost involved for the tickets, but this tiny cost is more than made up for by the amount spent by an employee and their

spouse traveling on pass.

As far as origin of the pass it was negotiated. This means something was given up in order to obtain it. Passes were not just some benevolent gesture of an over funded legislature. The passes were offered in the 60's by the state in lieu of a raise in pay/cost of living adjustment. These were "earned" by the AMHS employees just as much as any merit increase was "earned" by other state employees. There is absolutely nothing extravagant about it, in fact the State made out like bandits. Not everyone uses a pass, and it is no cost to the State. The 6% raise they gave up to accept the pass system would have cost the State of Alaska real money, money they never paid out.

As far as the history of COLD, there seems to be a great lack of understanding here as well. Again, COLD was not a benevolent gesture of an overfunded legislature. In fact, when the State of Alaska decreed there shall be a COLD, the MM&P union took them to court. This was due to the simple fact the legislature refused to fund COLD. Their plan was to have the cost of living adjustments that were negotiated by the state and the unions to be redirected to the "COLD" payment. During this period, those living out of state received no adjustments to wages, their wages were frozen for a decade. Only the in state members received the redirected cost of living wages as COLD. This was a way for the State to appear to favor Alaska residents, but in fact was a simple system to pay out of state employees less, while in state employees only received what they would have negotiated anyway. Again, COLD is not an extra payment the State of Alaska is benevolently paying to it's in state AMHS employees, it is the culmination of a decade of negotiated benefits. Any

discussion of taking back COLD needs be done with the knowledge that it isn't "yours" to take back, anymore than you would try to take back a decade of merit or step increases from another state employee.

Although I am an AMHS marine employee I am addressing this letter, as a constituent, to the elected officials who wrote this letter. It is my hope that the elected representatives of my state of residence, once hearing the facts, might actually rethink their line of attack on the working people of the state, specifically the Alaska Marine Highway employees addressed in your letter to Governor Parnell.

Matthew G Wilkens
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Homer, AK, 99603

Thandi Carros

From: Lita Lubitsh-White <beautysmistress@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2014 5:41 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Lita Lubitsh-White
1011 Hollywood dr#447
Anchorage, AK 99501

March 9, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Alaska has one of the highest rates of substance abuse and related mental health issues. Why would any sane person cut funding?. Instead More funding should be made available to start using newer methods that are showing higher records of success than methods currently being used in Alaska. Lets get some of the brilliant minds in Alaska the resouces to make us a cutting edge state in tratment. Lets cure our people. Not just bandage them.

Sincerely,
Lita Lubitsh-White

Thandi Carros

From: Lori DeStefano <loridestefano19@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 4:21 PM
To: Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bill Stoltze; Rep. Mia Costello
Subject: Funding for residential substance abuse treatment

I send this message asking that you vote to maintain the budget for residential substance abuse treatment rather than make cuts. I have had opportunity to come in contact with numerous young people who say they owe their lives to the fact that they went to residential treatment. I've watched these young people struggle to gain sobriety in outpatient treatment. It was clear their addiction was progressed to a point that they could not get clean unless they were removed from their community and homes and placed in residential treatment. They would've continued to abuse substances, break the law, be involved in high risk relationships and situations without the safety of a residential treatment. In treatment these kids learned to respect themselves, learned the harm of their use in their lives and learned skills to support long term life changes. Most of these kids didn't have the family support to make these changes from home, but through their treatment experience they motivated their families to make life changes as well. For some of them treatment was the first place they recognized they could have a different way of life. Across our state we recognize the effects of untreated substance abuse issues, with increased domestic violence, rape, suicide and higher risk of young people being taken in by sex trafficking groups as a result. Many of the young people I know are confronted not just with their own use issues but that of the adults in their family as well. The treatment service system is already lacking in resources; cuts to the system could be devastating and potentially close down needed services. I've seen numerous incidents of young people who did not receive the treatment they needed going on to be further burden to society through incarceration, ongoing criminal activity or being a drain on more costly social welfare systems rather than living a productive life. Please do not pass through the proposed cuts to residential substance abuse treatment.

Lori De Stefano

Sent from my iPhone

Thandi Carros

From: Maggie Nevin <mnevin@kodiakchc.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 12:31 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Cc: JC Rathje
Subject: Letter of Support for the Governor's Budget - Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment & Direct Incentive Program (SHARP)



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March 6, 2014

Representative Alan Austerman
State Capitol Room 505
Juneau AK, 99801

Dear Representative Austerman:

RE: Letter of Support for the Governor's Budget – Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment and Direct Incentive Program (SHARP)

This letter is written to you on behalf of the members of the SHARP Advisory Council in support of full funding of the SHARP Programs and specifically to ask that you rescind the \$1.2 million decrement to the SHARP – II Program Budget.

Impact of Budget Reduction in FY2015

- Vulnerable Alaskans currently receiving health care may lose their provider/s
- 39 recently selected and recommended provider service agreements by the SHARP Advisory Council cannot be made.
- Some or all of the 62 providers with current service agreements may lose funding on the entire or a portion of the support for their service agreements. This may also impact provider employers and their organizations.

Program Accomplishments

The SHARP Program provides healthcare provider loan repayment and direct incentives to ensure an adequate supply of healthcare providers will be available to meet the healthcare needs of Alaskans who have other substantial barriers to healthcare access (e.g. remote location in Rural Alaska), receive Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal health benefits or are uninsured.

Since 2010, 136 SHARP clinicians have provided healthcare to 156,190 Alaskans and have been provided 305,522 patient visits in over 38 communities, spread across all 6 regions of Alaska. In the last reported quarter, October-December 2013, 89 clinicians served 25,972 patients with 61,819 visits.

We respectfully ask that you support the SHARP II program, and that you **do not** cut the funding of this vitally important program!

Thank you for your time and attention to this key component of safe guarding the health of Alaskans.

Sincerely,

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January 15, 2014

Honorable Representative Alan Austerman, and
Honorable Representative Bill Stoltze
State of Alaska House Finance Committee
Sent Via E-mail
LegFinance@legis.state.ak.us

Re: Proposed Cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) Grants Program Budget

Honorable Representatives Alan Austerman and Representative Bill Stoltze:

I am writing to you on behalf of Maniilaq Association for which I serve as the President/CEO, regarding the proposed cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) grants program budget. We are acutely aware of the budget shortfalls that we face in Alaska and the current economic climate. Thank you for allowing us to share our comments and concerns on the proposed cuts.

The area that is served by the Maniilaq CHAP program will cover the Northwest Arctic Borough which includes the villages of Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noorvik, Noatak, Selawik, Shungnak, and Point Hope. There is a need for Primary Health Care in Alaska's Rural Villages and the Community Health Aide Program is the most appropriate and relevant program to provide that service. The Community Health Aide Program is funded by the Indian Health Services primarily for salaries, supplies and equipment in the Kotzebue Service Area Unit and the State of Alaska provides funding for the delivery of training for the CHAP Program. Without the two entities, it would not be possible to provide the services to the rural village residents who rely heavily on the program for most of their health care needs. Furthermore, without this vital community based program, the State of Alaska and I.H.S. would expend much of its resources on creating and maintaining another way to provide adequate health care to those in rural Alaska or spend even more funding on traveling people to out of region medical providers.

Maniilaq CHAP Program currently serves 8,197 residents in the Northwest Arctic Borough Region, including Point Hope, and in calendar year had 34,042 patient encounters. The Community Health Aide Training Program (CHAT) is a very necessary element in improving the outcome for the delivery of rural health services. Through the supervision, training, and evaluation of the Community Health Aide Trainees and Practitioners as well as coordination of all village health care delivery systems we will provide quality service to our customers and major health problems and disparities will be decreased.

Our immediate concern is to ask that you protect the funding for the CHATS program. This program is critical to reducing emergency and inpatient workloads while preventing long-term chronic health problems and disruptions to families and communities. Stable funding for this

Member Villages

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Ambler, Buckland, Deering, Kiana, Kivalina, Kobuk, Kotzebue, Noatak, Noorvik, Selawik, Shungnak, Pt. Hope*

grant is critical to ensuring cost-savings to the Alaska Tribal Health System (a critical component of the Alaska Public Health System) and the State's General Fund.

The Mission of the CHATS program is to provide training and supervision of primary community health aides who provide health care services in rural communities throughout the State. Community health aides and practioners (CHA/Ps) are critical to the delivery of health care in the state of Alaska. They are the first responders and often the only providers of care in most of rural Alaska. The CHA/P program is globally recognized as a model of care in underserved communities. Their value is demonstrated in the improved health and greater capacity in rural communities to address health. The design of the training and utilization of CHA/Ps employed vision and foresight. Additionally, CHA/Ps are able to generate revenue to support the delivery of care through third party billing; without the CHATS program, the need for these critical, life-saving, and potentially self-funding positions cannot be met.

The CHA/P program is already under great pressure in that the training program has long been chronically underfunded. The training centers have sought and implemented innovative methods (including distance and online/virtual training sessions) to maximize resources to increase the number of CHA/Ps receiving training. However, certification requirements (wisely so) require direct oversight with a preceptor and student and supervised direct interaction with patients. Any "cost-savings" realized from these methods, have been directed toward an attempt to increase the number of CHA/Ps trained.

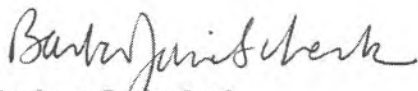
To add to the challenges, CHA/P training centers already faced difficulties with one training center closing its doors. The proposed cuts puts at-risk the remaining training centers and will translate into more costly expenditures and poorer health outcomes which will adversely impact Alaska's health.

The Alaska Tribal Health System has developed many innovative methods for providing health care across the state. New and exciting tools, such as telemedicine will not eliminate the need for CHA/Ps. In fact, CHA/Ps are also critical to the use of telemedicine, extending the reach of advanced medical personnel in a sustainable manner through the benefits of third-party billing. CHA/Ps are partners and facilitators of using telemedicine in rural Alaska.

I cannot overstate our deep concern about the current consideration to cut this critical program where other resources are not able to supplement or offset the losses to Alaska's capacity to meet this critical need. Please consider the long-term impacts and the resulting adverse impacts to the State of Alaska. Please keep the funding levels whole for the CHATS program.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Barbara Jasitscheck
Interim President/CEO
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MEMORANDUM

March 03, 2014

The Honorable Alan Austerman
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Request to consider the recommendations of the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study*

Dear Representative Austerman:

On February 19, 2013, the House Finance sub-committee on Health and Social Services discussed the recommendations from the 2012 *Office of Children Services (OCS) Statewide Workload Study*. The sub-committee agreed with the spirit of the report's recommendations. However, members of the sub-committee did not commit any additional resources that can enable OCS to implement these recommendations.

The Citizen Review Panel requests that the sub-committee reconsider the recommendations and enable OCS to implement them.

The Citizen Review Panel:

The Citizen Review Panel (CRP) is a federally mandated body constituted to examine and evaluate the policies and practices of the Office of Children Services. Similar panels exist in every state in the Country.

Alaska's CRP conducts its work through the year and releases an annual report in June every year. Recommendations from that report are presented to the House and Senate Committees on Health and Social Services during the following legislative session. Following are the recommendations from the Panel's most recent annual report released in June 2013:

- That OCS take aggressive action to reduce staff turn-over.
- That OCS establish deadlines that require non-emergency petitions to be filed allowing for supervision of the family by the continuum of legal parties without necessitating the removal of the child.

- OCS should provide Western Region with a full complement of supportive (e.g., adoption specialist, intake supervisor, etc.) positions identical to those offered in all other regions.
- We encourage OCS to enhance data compilation efforts to facilitate better understanding of child welfare issues in the state and promote evidence-based practice.

2006 and 2012 OCS Statewide Workload Study Reports

While each of the recommendations listed above is equally important in enhancing OCS' performance, lack of adequate staff is most crippling. During a presentation of the Panel's 2013 recommendations to the House Committee on Health and Social Services on February 11, 2014, we discussed the severe workload that many OCS frontline social workers carry, and the debilitating impact such workloads have on the quality of services they deliver and on their own quality of life. The Panel is concerned that many children and families in crises may not be receiving the type or level of service they need and the workers could provide, directly impacting the safety of some of the most vulnerable children in Alaska.

The 2006 *OCS Statewide Workload Study* conducted by Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc. documented the problem at that time and recommended increased staff on the frontlines. In response, the Legislature provided additional funding over several fiscal years to increase the number of frontline and supervisory positions. According to OCS, and from our own observations during site visits over the years since that study, this increased funding was very helpful in decreasing the work load of frontline workers and improved their working conditions. However, the agency is still faced with extreme caseloads in some of their field offices, and workers find it impossible to adequately serve the needs of children and families in crises.

OCS commissioned another workload study in 2012 that identified a need for 44 additional positions. While the 2006 study focused on increasing the number of frontline workers and supervisors, the 2012 study focused on identifying tasks currently performed by frontline social workers that can be transferred to support positions, allowing social workers more face-time with children and families. The study identified all the tasks that could be transferred and suggested 44 additional positions. Thirty one (31) of these suggested positions are support positions – social service assistants (SSAs) and office assistants (OAs). Thirteen (13) are community care licensing specialists (CCLS).

The Office of Children Services, in an executive summary of the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study* published on its website, expressed concerns with some of the methodology and findings. However, the agency agrees with the need for additional positions and notes that this need is more acute in some parts of the state than others.

The Citizen Review Panel agrees that adding positions, as recommended in the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study* can potentially help frontline workers to focus more on service provision that can shorten the length of foster care stay for children in out of home care, and increase safety of children in crisis situations. The additional specialized and dedicated positions, if added, will free frontline workers from spending inordinate amounts of time on case management, data input, or driving children between appointments. These additional positions

will potentially have a direct positive impact on safety of children and families in Alaska, and therefore, lead to improved outcomes for these children and families in the long run. Thus, the Panel requests that the study recommendations be considered for implementation.

However, the study's recommendations may need to be clarified, and we strongly urge the Office of Children Services to do so in time for this legislature to consider the recommendations.

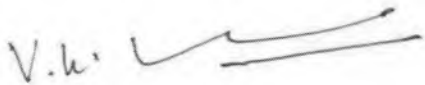
Specifically,

- The study identified additional positions based on a geographic classification of rural, medium rural, and urban. This classification needs to be translated to fit the OCS regional administrative boundaries.
- OCS disagreed with the number of suggested additional CCLS positions. OCS noted that this number appears inflated and may differ by region. This needs to be clarified and accurate numbers identified by region.

Despite the confusion in methodology, the Panel agrees with the study's recommendation of additional support positions. We hope the House Finance sub-committee on Health and Social Services reconsiders the recommendations of the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study* and enables the Office to implement those recommendations.

Thank you for your time and interest in ensuring the safety of Alaska's children and families. For more information on the Panel and its activities, please visit www.crpalaska.org.

Sincerely,



Diwakar Vadapalli, Ph.D.

Chair, Citizen Review Panel

CC:

Alaska House Committee on Health and Social Services
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Governor Sean Parnell
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Director Christy Lawton, Office of Children Services

Thandi Carros

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Subject: Testimony: Please support funding for public education

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Dear Members of the House Finance Committee:

I am writing to you today because I will not be able to testify this afternoon. I'm the parent of a freshman at West Anchorage High School and a school volunteer. (I have never been a teacher of a member of the NEA.)

I would like to ask you to support increased funding to the BSA. The BSA needs to be increased this year by at least \$400, just to get us on par with 2011 funding levels. We all understand that energy costs, health care costs, basically everything has increased over the past three years, and we all understand that the state is in a time of declining revenues. But we must not shortchange education. I would ask that education funding be prioritized—particularly classroom spending. I know that funding wise it might be easier to grant money for capital projects but as parents we would like to see investment in the classroom. Yes, there has been ongoing funding to education—but what we really need is classroom funding—money for teachers, counselors, books! I'm really not going to care in the end if my child's school has the latest and greatest technology and gadgets if her classes are overly large, class periods shorter, and teacher contact is limited. Did you know for example that to save money at West Anchorage High School that many textbooks are no longer issued to students—there is only a classroom set that remains in the classroom. Students are unable to take these books home to do homework and study. It's a cost savings to the Anchorage School District but it impacts a teacher's ability to teach and a student's ability to study.

It is a time of economic uncertainty for everyone but I am hopeful that whatever comes out of the current oil tax debate that production will be increasing. And it doesn't, all the more reason to invest in education so that we have the ability to diversify and attract other industries. Funding education is economic development—we need an educated work force to remain competitive in this ever changing world.

Finally, please keep public funds out of private schools. I find it amazing that we are even discussing a voucher system—and yes, let's call it what it is—a voucher system—that would potentially take even one dollar away from our public schools, the very foundation of our democracy.

Thank you for your service to our state—

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From: Myra Murphy <mmurphy@NSHCORP.ORG>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 12:35 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; Rep. Bill Stoltze
Cc: Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; re.cathy.munoz@akleg.gov; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg
Subject: Proposed FY15 Operating Budget

Dear Chairmen Austerman and Stoltze;

It is my understanding that the House Finance Committee is considering the following cuts to the FY15 operating budget:

- \$1.043 million cut to residential substance abuse treatment services
- \$1.0 million cut to behavioral health grants
- \$1.2 million cut to the SHARP loan repayment program

I am requesting that you remove the proposed cuts to the FY15 budget due to the unmet behavioral health and substance abuse treatment needs of rural Alaska. Your proposed cuts further limit the existing minimal behavioral health services for remote areas in the state.

At this time in the Nome region (Bering Straits Region) only outpatient behavioral health and substance abuse treatment services exist. Subsequently, as clients are assessed for services at behavioral health clinics, only outpatient substance abuse treatment can be accessed in the region. For clients who require a more intense level of treatment (per the standardized ASAM screening criteria), referrals must be made to the limited treatment programs in the urban areas and the few rural sites in the state. These clients must consider leaving their homes in the villages/Nome for treatment, wait for a treatment bed opening (which could be a lengthy wait), provide the funding for the treatment services (if there is no Medicaid eligibility) and then prepare to travel significant distances at a moment's notice. As you may suspect, clients fall by the wayside in this complex waiting process and treatment is not accessed.

This referral scenario has been in place for several decades in the Nome region. Subsequently (left untreated), substance abuse has dramatically grown in the region and the symptoms are significantly and negatively impacting the health of the region. The costs of not treating substance abuse will continue to require major funding by the State of Alaska in law enforcement, public assistance, medical costs, the court system, child welfare programs, domestic violence shelters/services, correction services (prisons and adult probation services), and public health. However, most importantly, untreated substance abuse continues to support the loss of life, livelihood and family for rural Alaskans as their young men and women commit suicide, cycle in and out of prison, are barred from employment from their criminal histories (95% of which involved substance use) and lose their children. Clearly, the costs of running the State of Alaska are substantial and require careful review of existing programs and functions. From my position, the state's fiscal responsibility must always maintain a prevention priority, a mandated understanding that prevention dollars provides a greater impact than after-the-fact responses. It falls to the House Finance Committee now to determine the cost of prevention; does prevention require funding at the initial FY15 level or must it be decreased. Moreover, to decrease the limited funding that exists currently today will only serve to further limit prevention efforts and increase the more expensive interventions/responses.

In Nome we are working diligently to build cost-effective and traditionally-based prevention efforts and services with a watchful eye on sustainability. In this agency we are taking the state's Behavioral Health funding and spreading it as far as possible, thereby extending both prevention efforts and service efforts on all fronts. By making these proposed cuts to the FY15 budget, you stagger an already-minimally funded resource.

Rather than make these cuts, please consider maintaining the FY15 budget and allow the agencies in the state to use the next 12 months to promote change in this scenario. In Nome, we are poised on the edge of improved and more comprehensive integrated services in the region/state with the existing budget. While it may be true that too much time has passed and funding provided, I request that you allow an additional year for readiness and change.

I appreciate your consideration and welcome any further questions or comments.

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Subject: Proposed FY15 Operating Budget

My name is Sherry Kulukhon

I am from this region. Nome Alaska. I suffered from disease called Alcoholism for years before I stopped drinking. My sisters died as a result of waiting lists and lack of proper level of services to our people. They too had this disease. There are far too many suicides (my relatives and friends) completed involving alcohol and other drugs. Rape, domestic violence, unplanned pregnancies, STD's, TB, HIV/AIDS, FASD, among other painful and preventable abuses. I have worked in this program for 16+ years and have seen my people suffer including myself, had there been money for services would have been prevented and most likely alive. I know that there are cuts everywhere and know that there is a high cost of travel to send people out for services where we here are properly trained for this service but there is nowhere to serve them if we had our own place for our people. There are facilities out there but they will work for them with their own healing value system. Ours is unique to us and is working on an outpatient level but there is a greater need for higher level of care.

Thank you.

Thandi Carros

From: Nancy J Shelby <njshelby@uaa.alaska.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 3:22 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: AHEC funding

Dear Budget Committee members:

Re: Alaska Center for Rural Health and Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Support

As you know the Alaska WWAMI program through its partnership with the University of Washington School of Medicine serves as the medical school for Alaska. Next year our 20 Alaskan first year medical students will be able to spend all four years in Alaska or if they choose the last two years in any of the WWAMI States (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, Idaho). This consortium has lasted for over 40 years and since the late 70's, we have been in partnership with our Statewide AHEC

They assist us in placing medical students in clinical experiences throughout our State- from Barrow to Ketchikan.

Clinical training is an essential part of medical education. Finding appropriate clinical training sites and placing students is a time consuming, logistical effort that our AHEC has provided to our students.

In addition we have intense interest is to having a pipeline for Alaska students to enter medical careers and even more broadly the healthcare industry.

The AHEC has developed various pipeline programs that reach down to the secondary school level and in some cases even to the primary grades.

This is essential! Alaska has very talented students who if they follow an appropriate pathway, are very competitive candidates for medical school here and elsewhere in the United States.

In addition, as you know, we have shortages for nursing, laboratory technicians, x-ray technicians, and physical therapy. All fall under the pathway umbrella of the efforts that our AHEC is making.

We fully support their continued funding. They work behind the scenes but are an integral part of the clinical training infrastructure of Alaska.

Sincerely,

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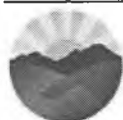
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Subject: SHARP Letter of Support from Alaska Primary Care Association
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Thandi Carros

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Sent: Saturday, March 01, 2014 7:27 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Cc: Senator_Peter_Micciche@legis.state.ak.us; Rep. Paul Seaton; Sen. Gary Stevens
Subject: Funding for Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR)

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P.O. Box 2994
Homer AK 99603

March 1, 2014

House Finance Committee
Juneau AK

Dear Committee Members:

As one of the original Homer community members who worked to have Kachemak Bay selected as the first National Estuarine Research Reserve in the state of Alaska, I strongly urge the Legislature to reinstate the \$175,000 in funding that was deleted from the budget for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). The rigorous selection and approval process to create this preserve is a feather in Alaska's cap. This Reserve is the largest in the national system of reserves, a designation that is given only to very special places. Beyond that, the state of Alaska, ADF&G entered a partnership to support this NERR financially because of its importance as a significant estuary system and the valuable research that would be done to help understand how to best manage this important area and its connection to the larger Cook Inlet system.

The Kachemak Bay NERR has become an important part of Homer's economy, tourism infrastructure, and educational system. Research grants are a big part of the NERR budget. These grants bring in money to the Homer community which is spent locally. The research being done is contributing to a greater understanding of how the currents work in the Bay, provides incredibly detailed coastal photographs that provide a way to visually understand erosion problems, helpful to residents and planners in making better land use decisions near coastal bluffs. New research is mapping the upper Bay's salmon nurseries in the system of very small streams and wetlands where salmon fry grow to maturity. This new knowledge comes with NERR research and would not be available without the work of the Research Reserve.

The Research Reserve's Discovery Labs provide local school children with hands on science learning not available in the schools. These labs have allowed kids to explore science by doing--learning about tidal creatures, birds, invasive plants, and much more. The Labs rely on partnerships with other local non-profits, like the Pratt Museum and Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. These labs are exactly the type of collaboration the community envisioned when the committee set up guidelines for the NERR.

The Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is not a superfluous government agency. It is a working Research Reserve, contributing to our knowledge base for scientific management of our resources, providing information for governmental agencies to make better management decisions, and teaching children, the community, and visitors about this important ecological system upon which we all depend for our fisheries, our recreation, and subsistence. This valuable partnership within the National Research Reserve system should be fully funded.

Sincerely,

Nina Faust

Thandi Carros

From: nolan bunting <nolanbunting@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 10:01 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Kachemak Bay Reserve Research

Dear Honorable Austerman:

My brother and I are writing this to ask your support for continuing the funding to the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve.

We are students at the Homer Middle School and the Homer High School. Throughout our school years we have been going to the Islands and Oceans Visitor Center to learn about marine biology; fisheries, tides, climate and our natural resources. This has been a valuable learning experience for both of us and has really made us both interested in pursuing science majors in college. So many of our friends are now more interested in science and marine biology because of their time at the discovery labs and interaction with the scientists who take their time to come to our classes and encourage science. We need these scientists to help us continue our learning and encourage us to pursue these studies in college. The more youth we can encourage now, the more help we will have in Alaska in the future.

My brother and I have started a youth birding group in Homer and we use the resources at the Reserve to help our group do shorebird monitoring, citizen science projects and learn more about our local environment. Students need to have this help to make good choices on how they want to spend their free time. The staff at the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve really is vital for our learning. The Islands and Ocean visitor center gives students a place to go to learn from scientists that are making a difference in our local area and the world.

I was just at the Ocean Science Bowl in Seward, Alaska for the second year. Our team came in fifth in the state and all of us were proud that we could go to Seward and have knowledge of ocean ecology. It was such a wonderful experience to be with all the scientists who helped our team write a research paper and present our results. All of this could not happen without the help of the staff at the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve. They encourage so many students to pursue research and they were so helpful in sharing their ideas and research with the science classes and teams so that we could write quality research papers.

Please don't cut the funding to this program. At least give them time to find additional funding so they don't lose their matching money from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The Kachemak Bay Research Reserve and all the programs associated with their research, including the education they give to the community are vital to all of us future scientists.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,

Nolan Bunting, Homer High School Student
Landon Bunting, Homer Middle School Student.

Alaska's SHARP Program

Clinician Census: Total To-Date (as of: 2/28/14)

Data sorted on: (a) Region, (b) then Town, & (c.) then Discipline

Site Characteristics					Occupation		Position	Service Dates		Record Identifiers
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Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center	Urban	Non-tribal	Dental	Dentist	n/a	9/15/11	9/14/13	SHARP-1
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Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation	Urban	Tribal	Dental	Dental Hygienist (RDH)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
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Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation	Urban	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation	Urban	Non-tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation	Urban	Tribal	Medical	Physician Assistant	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation, Fireweed Clinic	Urban	Tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	6/15/10	4/30/14	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation, Fireweed Clinic	Urban	Tribal	Behavioral	Psychologist (HSP)	n/a	8/15/10	2/28/14	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation, OB-GYN	Urban	Tribal	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	n/a	1/5/11	3/31/14	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation, OB-GYN	Urban	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	9/15/11	9/14/13	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation, Primary Care	Urban	Tribal	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	n/a	6/15/10	12/31/13	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation, Primary Care	Urban	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	8/4/10	11/10/12	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation, Primary Care	Urban	Tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	1/5/11	1/4/13	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Talkeetna	Sunshine Community Health Center	Rural	Non-tribal	Dental	Dentist	n/a	8/8/10	8/31/13	SHARP-1
Anch/Matsu	Talkeetna	Sunshine Community Health Center	Rural	Non-tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	12/1/12	1/31/15	SHARP-1
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Alaska Center for Pediatrics	Urban	Non-Tribal	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	Regular	7/1/13	9/30/16	SHARP-2

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Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	Urban	Tribal Hth	Medical	Physician	VHTF	2/1/14	1/31/17	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	Urban	Tribal Hth	Medical	Physician	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Urban	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Nurse (RN)	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Urban	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Physician	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Urban	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Physician	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Urban	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Physician	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Urban	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Physician	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Urban	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Physician Assistant	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Anchorage Community Mental Health Service	Urban	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Social Worker	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center	Urban	Non-Tribal	Dental	Dentist	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center	Urban	Non-Tribal	Medical	Physician Assistant	Regular	7/1/13	9/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Wasilla	Mat-Su Health Services	Rural	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Physician	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Providence Physicians Service Organization	Urban	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Psychologist	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation	Urban	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dental Hygienist (RDH)	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation	Urban	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dentist	Regular	7/22/13	7/21/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anchorage	Southcentral Foundation	Urban	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dentist	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Wasilla, McGrath, Ili.	Southcentral Foundation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anch & Wasilla	Southcentral Foundation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Pharmacist	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Anch-Mat-Su	Anch & McGrath	Southcentral Foundation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Behavioral	Physician Assistant	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Gulf Coast	Soldotna & Kenai	Central Peninsula Hospital, Behavioral Health	Rural	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Psychologist	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Gulf Coast	Cordova	Cordova Community Medical Center	Rural	Non-tribal	Medical	Nurse (RN)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Gulf Coast	Kodiak	Kodiak Community Health Center	Rural	Non-Tribal	Medical	Physician	Regular	8/1/13	7/30/16	SHARP-2
Gulf Coast	Kenai	Peninsula Community Health Services	Rural	Non-tribal	Dental	Dentist	n/a	7/19/10	7/18/12	SHARP-1
Gulf Coast	Soldotna	Peninsula Community Health Services	Rural	Non-tribal	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Gulf Coast	Soldotna	Peninsula Community Health Services	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	9/15/11	12/14/13	SHARP-1
Gulf Coast	Soldotna	Peninsula Community Health Services	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Gulf Coast	Valdez	Providence Valdez Medical Center, City of Val	Rural	Non-Tribal	Medical	Physical Therapist	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Gulf Coast	Homer	Seldovia Village Tribe	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	6/15/10	10/31/13	SHARP-1
Gulf Coast	Soldotna & Kenai	South Peninsula Hosp: Ninikchik Comm. Clinic	Rural	Non-Tribal	Medical	Physician	VHTF	2/1/14	1/31/17	SHARP-2
Gulf Coast	Soldotna & Kenai	South Peninsula Hospital	Rural	Non-Tribal	Medical	Physical Therapist	VHTF	2/1/14	1/31/17	SHARP-2
Gulf Coast	Soldotna & Kenai	South Peninsula Hospital	Rural	Non-Tribal	Medical	Physician	VHTF	2/1/14	4/30/17	SHARP-2
Interior	Glennallen	Cross Road Medical Center	Rural	Non-tribal	Medical	Physician Assistant	n/a	9/15/11	9/14/13	SHARP-1
Interior	Fairbanks	Interior Community Health Center	Urban	Non-tribal	Dental	Dental Hygienist (RDH)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1

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Interior	Healy	Railbelt Mental Health & Addictions	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Clinical Social Worker	n/a	1/5/11	1/4/13	SHARP-1
Interior	Fairbanks	Tanana Chiefs Conference	Urban	Tribal	Dental	Dentist	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Interior	Fairbanks	Tanana Chiefs Conference	Urban	Tribal Hth	Medical	Physician Assistant	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Interior	Fairbanks	Tanana Chiefs Conference, CAIHC	Urban	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	1/5/11	1/4/14	SHARP-1
Interior	Fairbanks	Tanana Chiefs Conference, CPJT	Urban	Tribal	Dental	Dentist	n/a	1/5/11	1/4/13	SHARP-1
Interior	Tok	Tok Area Counseling Center	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	6/15/10	11/23/10	SHARP-1
Interior	Tok	Tok Area Counseling Center	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	12/1/12	12/31/14	SHARP-1
Northern	Barrow	Arctic Slope Native Corp - SSMH	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Pharmacist	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Northern	Kotzebue	Maniilaq Association <i>(now departed)</i>	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	9/15/11	9/14/13	SHARP-1
Northern	Kotzebue	Maniilaq Association <i>(then left, states SEARH)</i>	Rural	Tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Northern	Barrow	North Slope Borough, Health Dept, IBH	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	9/15/11	9/14/13	SHARP-1
Northern	Nome	Norton Sound Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Pharmacist	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Northern	Nome	Norton Sound Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Physician	VHTF	2/1/14	1/31/17	SHARP-2
Northern	Nome	Norton Sound Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Physician Assistant	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southeast	Wrangell	Alaska Island Community Services	Rural	Non-Tribal	Dental	Dentist	VHTF	7/8/13	7/7/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Wrangell	Alaska Island Community Services, Tideline	Rural	Non-tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	6/15/10	6/14/12	SHARP-1
Southeast	Metlakatla	Annette Island Service Unit - Metlakatla	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Pharmacist	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Juneau	Bartlett Regional Hospital	Rural	Non-Tribal	Medical	Physician	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Juneau	Catholic Community Services	Rural	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Social Worker	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Juneau	Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc.	Rural	Non-Tribal	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	REGULAR	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Juneau	Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc.	Rural	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Psychologist	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Juneau	Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc.	Rural	Non-Tribal	Behavioral	Social Worker	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Ketchikan	Ketchikan Indian Clinic	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Nurse (RN)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southeast	Skagway	Lynn Canal Counseling Services	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Clinical Social Worker	n/a	1/5/11	1/4/13	SHARP-1
Southeast	Haines	Lynn Canal Counseling Services	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southeast	Haines	Lynn Canal Counseling Services	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Social Worker (LCSW)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southeast	POW & Ketchikan	PeaceHealth, Ketchikan Med Ctr, & POW/Klav	Rural	Non-Tribal	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Ketchikan	PeaceHealth, Ketchikan Medical Center	Rural	Non-Tribal	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Ketchikan	PeaceHealth, Ketchikan Medical Center	Rural	Non-Tribal	Medical	Pharmacist	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Ketchikan	PeaceHealth, Ketchikan Medical Center	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Physician	n/a	9/15/11	9/14/13	SHARP-1
Southeast	Craig	PeaceHealth, Prince of Wales Clinic	Rural	Non-tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	9/15/11	2/28/14	SHARP-1
Southeast	Petersburg	Petersburg Mental Health Services	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Clinical Social Worker	n/a	6/15/10	6/14/12	SHARP-1
Southeast	Juneau	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dental Hygienist (RDH)	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2

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Southeast	Klawock	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dental Hygienist (RDH)	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Klawock	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dentist	Regular	8/19/13	8/18/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Juneau	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Nurse (RN)	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Angoon	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Juneau	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Pharmacist	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Klawock	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Physician	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Juneau	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southeast	Sitka	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southeast	Sitka	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southeast	Keke	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Physician Assistant	n/a	12/1/12	6/30/15	SHARP-1
Southeast	Sitka	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Physician Assistant	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southeast	Juneau	South East Alaska Regional Health Consortiur	Rural	Tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southeast	Sitka	Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consort.	Rural	Tribal	Dental	Dentist	n/a	9/15/11	9/14/13	SHARP-1
Southeast	Juneau	Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consort.	Rural	Tribal	Behavioral	Physician	n/a	9/28/11	9/27/13	SHARP-1
Southeast	Sitka	Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consort.	Rural	Tribal	Behavioral	Physician Assistant (Psy)	n/a	9/15/11	12/31/13	SHARP-1
Southwest	Bethel	Bethel Family Services	Rural	Non-tribal	Medical	Physician Assistant	n/a	9/15/11	9/14/13	SHARP-1
Southwest	Bethel	Bethel Family Services	Rural	Non-tribal	Medical	Physician Assistant	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southwest	Dillingham	Bristol Bay Area Health Corp	Rural	Tribal	Dental	Dentist	n/a	9/15/11	9/14/13	SHARP-1
Southwest	Dillingham	Bristol Bay Area Health Corp	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	n/a	9/15/11	11/4/13	SHARP-1
Southwest	Dillingham	Bristol Bay Area Health Corp	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	8/2/10	8/1/12	SHARP-1
Southwest	Dillingham	Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Physician	Regular	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Dillingham	Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal	Behavioral	Social Worker (LCSW)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southwest	Bethel	Div of Juvenile Justice - Bethel Youth Facility	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southwest	King Cove	Eastern Aleutian Tribes	Rural	Tribal	Dental	Dentist	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southwest	Dutch Harbor	Ifiliuk Family & Health Services (then TBA)	Rural	Non-tribal	Behavioral	Social Worker (LCSW)	n/a	12/1/12	11/30/14	SHARP-1
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	6/15/10	6/14/12	SHARP-1
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Physician	n/a	6/15/10	8/3/14	SHARP-1
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp	Rural	Tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	1/5/11	1/4/13	SHARP-1
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp	Rural	Tribal	Behavioral	Prof Counselor (LPC)	n/a	1/5/11	1/4/13	SHARP-1
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp	Rural	Tribal	Behavioral	Psychologist (HSP)	n/a	1/5/11	1/4/14	SHARP-1
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dental Hygienist (RDH)	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dental Hygienist (RDH)	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dentist	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2

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Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dentist	VHTF	9/1/13	8/31/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dentist	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Dental	Dentist	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Nurse (RN)	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Nurse (RN)	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Nurse (RN)	VHTF	2/1/14	1/31/17	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Pharmacist	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Pharmacist	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Pharmacist	VHTF	1/1/14	12/31/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Medical	Physician	VHTF	10/1/13	9/30/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation	Rural	Tribal Hth	Behavioral	Social Worker	VHTF	7/1/13	6/30/16	SHARP-2
Southwest	Bethel	Yukon-Kustokwim Health Corporation (then le	Rural	Tribal	Medical	Nurse Practitioner	n/a	12/1/12	9/17/2015	SHARP-1

Hello, I am Pat Raeber, I am a Senior Ambassador at Wasilla Area Seniors.

I am acquainted with several people who are on the Heating Assistance Program and know how beneficial it is to them. It gives them assurance they will be able to stay warm and comfortable in their own homes.

Restoring funding on this program will be a true blessing.

Yours Truly

Pat Raeber

March 6, 2014

Thandi Carros

From: Paula Easley <peasley@gci.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 09, 2014 5:42 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Reduction to behavioral health grants

Dear Representative Austerman,

As the Mental Health Trust's planning committee chair, I can attest that the debate over choosing alcohol and substance abuse as a Trust focus area was not without controversy, to put it mildly. Research, meetings and discussions over a year finally brought agreement that, if we were to tackle the problem at all, it had to be comprehensively. Jeff Jessee has told you this means addressing it from prevention through treatment to recovery, at intervention points beginning even before a child is born.

An urgent need is improving the state's ability to provide both residential and outpatient treatment services; few would dispute this. A statewide assessment the Trust is spearheading should identify where the needs are greatest and where efficiencies can be gained over the longer term. In the meantime I urge you to do all you can to maintain existing dedicated funding levels.

Thank you,

Paula Easley, Chair

AMHTA Planning Committee

Thandi Carros

From: Reeg, Robert A. <Robert.Reeg@providence.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 10:22 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Seward Physician letter Re: HB 266/State Trauma Fund

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Dear Representative Austerman,

I am writing to request your consideration to reinstate the Trauma Care Fund to the State Budget for Fiscal Year 2015. I am a physician and the Trauma Medical Director at Providence Seward Medical Center, a Level IV Trauma Center. I have been practicing in Seward, Alaska for ten years and during that time I have seen lives saved and vast improvements in patient care as a direct result of the State Trauma Fund.

It is well documented that a small percentage of people live in rural areas, but approximately half of all traumatic injuries occur in small communities like Seward. Examples of life threatening injuries we encounter include car, motorcycle, and snow machine accidents, gunshot wounds, stabbings, and severe life threatening injuries from falls off Mount Marathon. We encounter the same types of injuries that are often seen in big cities, but we have multiple disadvantages. We do not have Trauma Surgeons or the equipment and other capabilities of larger hospitals. Severely injured patients are first cared for in our small hospital staffed mostly with Family Physicians and Nurses when they sustain a life threatening injury. The State Trauma Fund has allowed us to develop the infrastructure, training, and continuous program improvement that makes us prepared to care for seriously injured patients.

Despite these disadvantages, we strive to provide the highest level of care to our patients. We struggle financially like other rural hospitals. The State Trauma Fund has been vital to our successes and without this funding; I question whether or not our hospital would be able to afford the infrastructure to continue to provide this level of care. We currently use monies from the State Trauma Fund to finance advanced trauma education for physicians and nurses. We have also been able to purchase life saving medical equipment including a video intubating device which has already saved multiple lives. We have also significantly benefitted from the expertise, guidance, training, and outreach provided by Julie Rabeau, the State Trauma Program Manager.

Please consider continued funding of the State Trauma Fund. I can say with certainty that this program has and would continue to save lives in Seward and other Alaskan communities. Next time you are in Seward, please call me and I will give you a personal tour of our hospital and show you how we have used the resources provided by the State Trauma Fund.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Robert Reeg, MD

Trauma Medical Director, Providence Seward Medical Center

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Thandi Carros

From: Robert Blair <cblair@gci.net>
Sent: Monday, March 03, 2014 1:28 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: AMSEA funding

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Dear Representative Austerman,

We learned this weekend that the legislature is cutting funding to the Alaska Marine Safety Education Association (AMSEA), the marine safety training organization based here in Sitka, but which serves all of Alaska.

We strongly urge the legislature to reconsider this action. This organization has figured strongly in the lives of my family and friends here in Sitka. Both of our two children received the hands-on safety training taught by AMSEA throughout their school years. They learned about PFDs, survival suits, cold water survival skills, how to rescue a man overboard, control flooding on a boat and make a mayday call, etc., all of which is critical training for kids growing up in a coastal community in Alaska! Our family has been boating for 30 years here using our skiff, kayaks and a cabin power boat. AMSEA's message of safety has been part of our experience as boaters for at least the past 20 years. We have learned skills for cold water safety and survival and have outfitted our boats appropriately, based on the safety culture here that stems from AMSEA's presence.

Now our 23-year old son fishes commercially as a crewman. This will be his 5th year aboard a fishing boat. He has trolled in the past and currently long-lines for halibut and black cod and seines for salmon. Additionally he has his own recreational boat for hunting and camping. He has taken the AMSEA Drill Conductor course twice and the AMSEA fishing vessel stability course. The drill conductor course is required by the US Coast Guard for fishing vessels. The crews of the boat must practice emergency drills once a month and that is what helps us, the parents of a boy at sea, to sleep better at night!

Our son had a friend who took this course and credits it with helping him know what to do when the seiner, on which he was a new crewmember, hit a rock in Chatham Strait last year. Everyone else on board panicked and froze up. He, the new guy on the boat and the only one with the drills training, became the leader, making the mayday call, getting the seine skiff ready for abandoning ship, gathered the survival equipment. The crew saved themselves, due to the young man's confidence in knowing what to do, which he learned from the AMSEA drill class.

We know there are many more stories like this. We have helped out with the training that happens in the schools and seen how it affects the children. How can the state not support something so essential for Alaskan communities? We understand the loss of this funding, at 25% next year and 25% each year after until there is none, will severely cripple AMSEA and will affect their ability to offer training to fishermen, children and potential marine safety instructors throughout the state of Alaska. We ask that you please take another look at this and decide instead to continue AMSEA's state funding next year and into the future to maintain the valuable programs the organization provides to Alaska's population.

Sincerely,

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Thandi Carros

From: Sallie Rediske <sallierediske@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 06, 2014 8:19 AM
To: Rep. Mark Neuman
Subject: Restore Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Funding

Dear House Finance Committee Member:

I am writing to advocate for the reinstatement of the \$175,000 toward Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) located here in Homer.

I believe this is a misguided attempt at financial savings as the state's contribution to this very important program is the bedrock on which the federal government provides financial support of over \$1,000,000. Loss of this money not only directly affects the economy here in Homer, but also eliminates one of the most geographically important research organizations in Alaska and the only organization like it in the nation.

The impact financially on Homer will be first and foremost the loss of jobs. The jobs at KBNERR are good, steady employment for ten scientists and support staff. I know. I am a healthcare provider in Homer and benefit from the incomes that are provided through KBNERR by their ability to do business in my facility. This contributes to my staff of ten being able to earn good wages that enable them to own homes, pay for utilities, purchase food, spend discretionary money locally and throughout Alaska. Good jobs are hard to come by in this town, as in many small towns in Alaska. Creating a financial environment where these jobs will be eliminated is not sound governance.

KBNERR is important for the research that is performed there, often in collaboration with many other organizations, providing commercial and recreational fishermen and shellfish harvesters with information on the health and long-term trends of these important components of Alaskan life and economics. They continue to learn about the uniqueness of Kachemak Bay and provide information for sound governance of the area. It is very important to me to note that this is the only sub-arctic estuary reserve the nation. Information garnered here can be information that is utilized elsewhere to understand the relationship between open water and river drainages and our impact on the health of our waters, an increasingly important concern throughout Alaska (think Fukushima) and the nation.

KBNERR has a huge role in education here in Homer and on the Peninsula. They are largely responsible for the "Discovery Labs" that are conducted once a month during the school year and twice weekly during the summer months. These labs are open to the public and draw a wide range of participants from school kids of all ages who are prompted by their teachers to attend independently for extra credit to entire school grades that come and work their way through the labs. The community is also welcome and these labs often have a wonderful mix of parents holding small children as young as two or three up to a microscope to older participants up in their 80's and 90's. The labs teach what the KBNERR staff are working on, the foundations of research science, and provide a "look under the water" for participants promoting awareness, environmental stewardship and exposure to professional science careers. Teachers rely on the expertise of the staff both in their classes as visiting guests, support for curriculum development and for professional development classes.

Finally, although I don't know a great deal about the financial intimacies of KBNERR and Islands and Oceans (Headquarters of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge), I am concerned based on reports from both agencies that loss of KBNERR monies may jeopardize aspects of Islands and Oceans Visitor Center (I&OVC).

I&OVC is the building that has become the center of tourism in Homer and on the lower Kenai Peninsula. It serves as a draw for tourism companies that bring their participants via bus and via cruise ship. I&OVC has also become a central meeting facility in Homer for educational events. Loss of public access to this focal point in Homer would be financially and logistically disabling for our community.

Please reinstate the full funding for Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Sincerely,
Sallie W. Rediske
Homer Resident

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Alaska Primary Care ASSOCIATION

March 9, 2014

Dear House Finance Co-Chair Austerman, Co-Chair Stoltze and Vice Chair Neuman,

Via email: Rep.Alan.Austerman@akleg.gov; Rep.Bill.Stoltze@akleg.gov; Rep.Mark.Neuman@akleg.gov

Re: Letter of Support for the Governor's Budget – Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment and Direct Incentive Program (SHARP)

The Alaska Primary Care Association (APCA) represents Alaska's Community Health Center (CHC) system of 27 organizations and more than 160 clinic locations across the state which serve more than 98,000 patients every year. Nearly 1,000 Alaskans are employed in CHCs across the state.

And the hard facts are that health centers have difficulty in recruiting and retaining qualified, competent health professionals.

The good news is that SHARP Program has really made a difference for our CHC system in Alaska by providing healthcare provider loan repayment and direct incentives. Health professionals from a variety of disciplines (physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, behavioral health providers, physical therapists, dental professionals) have all been supported by SHARP II in Community Health Centers across the state. It has made a difference in the continuity of health care delivery in clinics in both our rural and urban settings.

But the future of the program and these hard to fill health professional positions are at risk. APCA strongly encourages the rescission of the \$1.2 Million decrement proposed in the Department of Health and Social Services budget.

SHARP SFY'15	
	State GF
Current SHARP-II Provider Contract Budget	\$2,036,300
Proposed Reduction Amt	\$1,200,000
Proposed Percent Reduction	59%
Amount Remaining after Cut	\$836,300
Current SHARP-II Contracts	\$1,408,800
Proposed Shortfall on Current SHARP-II Contracts	(\$572,500)
Percent Underfunded on Current SHARP-II Contracts	-41%

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Helping to create healthy communities in Alaska through the support of vibrant and effective Community Health Centers

Impact of Budget Reduction in FY2015

- Vulnerable Alaskans currently receiving health care may lose their provider
- 39 recently selected and recommended provider service agreements by the SHARP Advisory Council cannot be made.

Some or all of the 62 providers with current service agreements may lose funding on the entire or a portion of the support for their service agreements. This may also impact provider employers and their organizations.

The Council recently recommended another 39 providers to the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner.

The SHARP Program

- Increases access to care for underserved populations
- Supports prevention and early treatment which contributes to better patient health outcomes
- Improves health care provider organizations stability and sustainability by reducing turnover
- Supports communities where hiring and retaining health care providers is a challenge – 33 or 53% of SHARP-II Program Providers Very Hard to Fill (VHTF) positions are currently being supported
- Enables health care providers to stay in communities and contribute to local economies directly and by serving as an anchor position for other health care support staff who also contribute to local economy.

APCA asks for your full funding support of the Governor's budget for both the SHARP Programs in the amount of **\$2,236,300 for the SHARP provider contracts, I** (SHARP GF \$200,000) and SHARP II (\$2,036,300) programs as components of an Alaska Health Care System that provide access to health care for the most vulnerable in our state.

Sincerely

Nancy Merriman
Executive Director

March 7, 2014

Reps. Austerman and Stoltze, Chair, and Committee Members, House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

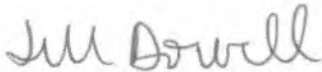
I would like to take this opportunity to ask for your support in the reinstatement of \$1.2 million dollars to Alaska's SHARP II Loan Repayment Program for Health Professionals (Chapter 25 SLA 12) in the Department of Health and Social Services budget.

I am a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner working at Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc (JAMHI). It is highly doubtful that I would have been able to accept this position if SHARP II was not a possibility at this agency. Through my current position, I am grateful to have the opportunity to play a role in serving the vulnerable Alaska population of severely mentally ill adults. This is accomplished at a cost far less than the locum tenens who previously filled this role, requiring salaries far beyond Medicaid reimbursement rates. Mid-level practitioners, such as myself, support a more efficient use of tax dollars.

I am currently a recipient of the SHARP II Loan Repayment Program. For me, receiving this loan repayment award has truly been a life changing event. For the first time, I am finally able to save for my 12 year old son's college fund, as well as my retirement. As a one income family, the college debt was so paralyzing, that it was impossible for me to be able to contribute to those critical areas, until I was blessed with the SHARP II award.

SHARP II is essential to allow for the recruitment and retention of medical providers who are willing to provide care of those underserved Alaskans, as well as those Alaskans in rural areas. I respectfully request that you advocate for the continued funding regarding the SHARP II Loan Repayment Program.

Appreciatively,



Jill Dowell

Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner

Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc.

Dear To Whomever this
may concern

The Youth in Transition
Program at Access Alaska
has helped me and my husband
with career guidance, job
searches, building resumes
and improving skills. So I
won't freeze up at my
interviews. This program has
helped me build confidence.

They also helped me
pass the High School
Graduation Qualifying Exams
in the fall of 2012 by
providing continuous hours of
tutoring and helping
me with transportation so
I could get my kids
to day care, myself to work,
all of us to our appointments.

They also ~~us~~ helped with other
agencies ~~better~~ so I
could understand them better

like housing and public assistance.

Thanks to them I have been working as a PCA (Personal Care Attendant) since 2010 and now ~~as~~^I am also working as Bus Attendant with First Student. If it weren't for them I would not be able to move up to get my CDL and have the ~~support~~ support I need today at times.

I have met so many new friends and have built good relationships with them.

The Youth Transition Program gave me a safe place to come to and when I needed someone to talk to there was someone there to talk to.

I hope that this program stays here in the community for others like me and future generations. I hope that ~~it~~ they will be around in case others or myself need them.

I have made so much progress since I joined the program in 2010. I am an working, functional adult with a disability who as found and ~~stayed~~ ^{kept} employment, finished school and able to live independently ^{and} raise my two children.

This program matters

THANKS

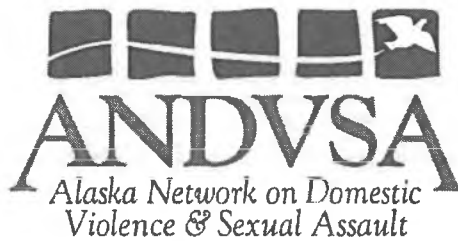
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March 7, 2014

Attorney General Michael C. Geraghty
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Dear Mr. Geraghty,

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of all 18 victim service agencies in Alaska, who are members of ANDVSA. In the House Finance Committee on February 21, 2014 you presented on the Governor's "Choose Respect" initiative. When Representative Neuman asked you questions as to how the Department of Law's low conviction rates on sexual predators could be represented as a success on the "Dashboard", we were incredibly offended by your response.

As the head of the Department of Law within the Parnell Administration, you should be leading the cultural shift that you asked the committee and other Alaskans to join in and create a climate in which victims have the confidence to step forward and report these crimes; rather than one in which your department dismissively screens out charges, calls victims a "part of the problem", shames victims and calls them vindictive. More disturbing than your dismissive attitude towards the low conviction rates brought to your attention by Representative Neuman, you revealed the true policy within your department that even with "physical evidence and the like" the department screens out victims who fail to participate or recant. Our programs have seen evidence of this locally with their DAs and your comment tells us this attitude may in fact be status quo.

There are many reasons why victims do not come forward and testify against their perpetrators or recant. Recantation can occur when children who report sexual abuse subsequently state that their earlier report was a lie. Having lived in the secrecy of the abuse, they may become frightened after revealing it, and seek to return to that place of secrecy because it is unfortunately familiar. As a form of emotional protection, children may deny that the abuse occurred at all. They may also recant after failing to receive support for telling the truth or being subjected to pressure by the perpetrator or other adults to recant the statement. Finally, we know that the longer time has passed between the original disclosure and the trial, there is an increased risk of an intervening event that will encourage recantation.

In domestic violence cases, witness tampering, through coercion, is a far too common problem and victims often recant or refuse to participate in prosecution due, in part, to a perpetrator's threats of retaliation. Even the Supreme Court in *Davis v. Washington*, 547 U.S. 813, 833 (2006) recognized that "[t]his particular

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type of crime is notoriously susceptible to intimidation or coercion of the victim to ensure she does not testify at trial.” There is a correlation between victim non-participation in the prosecution process and financial dependence on the abuser.

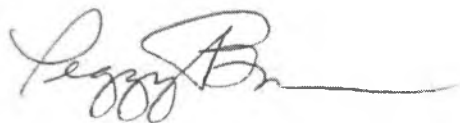
Every day, sexual predators in Alaska are getting away with perpetrating on our children and batterers are getting away with abusing their intimate partners. For every sexual predator that isn’t prosecuted, more and more children’s lives are ruined. For every woman who fails to get justice, the batterers words that the system can’t help them ring true.

With the devastating effect that results from dismissals and screening out of these cases, we strongly suggest that you receive guidance from other states which have moved to using evidence based prosecution to secure convictions rather than dismissing charges; and utilizing expert testimony which is increasingly being used to explain to juries the dynamics of these crimes and why victims recant. Finally, when a victim works with a victim advocate, receives support and can receive help with navigating the criminal and civil justice systems, there is a reduced likelihood of recantation. When prosecutors regularly attend multi-disciplinary meetings and participate in SART community meetings, they begin to understand the complex dynamics embedded in these crimes. However, your prosecutors need to follow a leader that believes in these preventative measures.

From the beginning of his initiative, Governor Parnell has reached out to victims saying “If you or someone you know is a survivor or is acting violently, we want you to know that help is available. You are not alone and *there is no shame and no guilt in stepping forward*, only the potential to be free of fear.” However, the insensitive and derogatory comments you used to defend low prosecutions rates and calling victims “vindictive” belies the Governor’s message that Alaskans will no longer tolerate these crimes, that help is available, and that victims will not be shamed. Rather, victims are sent the message that the system will not believe you, your actions will be questioned, your case may be screened out, and the abuse will never end. And that sir is truly disheartening.

Mr. Geraghty, I would ask you to choose respect for the brave women, men and children who find the incredible courage to come forward, report their crimes and rely on you and your department to obtain justice and hold their perpetrators accountable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peggy Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peggy Brown, Executive Director

cc: Honorable Sean Parnell, Governor
House Finance Committee Members

Southcentral
Foundation



March 5, 2014

Honorable Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
Honorable Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair
Alaska House Finance Committee
State Capitol
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Re: Proposed FY15 Operating Budget

Dear Chairmen Austerman and Stoltze:

Southcentral Foundation is an Alaska Native-owned, nonprofit health care organization serving nearly 60,000 Alaska Native and American Indian people living in Anchorage, Matanuska-Susitna Valley, and 60 rural villages in the Anchorage Service Unit. This letter is in response to the proposed reduction in funding of \$1,043,000 for residential substance abuse treatment and \$1,000,000 for the Behavioral Health Grants budget. Southcentral Foundation requests that no cuts be made to residential substance abuse treatment or the Behavioral Health Grants funding in Alaska.

Considering that Alaskans surveyed in 2012 named the number one health issue for the state as alcohol use or abuse, it is alarming that the State of Alaska would consider decreasing funding for residential treatment or behavioral health services, which have distinct roles in our service delivery system. Alcohol abuse is the leading cause of serious injuries requiring hospitalization as well as violent, suicidal, and accidental deaths in our state. Alcohol and drug use also dramatically drive up our rates of domestic violence, child abuse and sexual assault, homicides, and suicide attempts/completions. Alaska has the highest rate of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in the nation. The lifetime cost of health care for a child with FAS is estimated to be between \$3 and \$4 million. Increased access to residential treatment is needed, not less.

The benefits of residential treatment include addressing chronic alcohol use and drug addictions as the complex health issue that they are, and providing the appropriate level of service for those in need of a higher level of care. Timely access allows those needing treatment to make a firm commitment to starting their journey of recovery. The cost of residential substance abuse treatment pales in comparison to the dramatic savings for the State on days in correctional facilities, Juvenile Justice, Office of Children's Services, Medicaid-funded emergency room care and the costs of intensive care for babies born to addicted mothers.

Alaskans like "Nikki" benefit from these services funded by the State. Nikki came into residential treatment with a history of extensive legal problems stemming from substance abuse, mental health and relationship issues. While in treatment, Nikki was able to develop a sober support network and a

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recovery plan that enabled her to manage her emotions, tolerate distress, set boundaries, practice good problem-solving skills and become a better parent to her children. Upon successful completion of treatment, she received a voucher for housing through Alaska housing and was accepted at the Career Academy. "I didn't know myself when I first came [to treatment]. I found myself here."

In partnership with the State of Alaska, Southcentral Foundation and other providers are able to help Alaskans like "Nikki" succeed and sustain their recovery and increase their contributions to their communities.


Long waiting periods for a residential bed can be a deterrent to getting treatment when someone is ready. It is unfortunate that Alaska residential beds are so limited in number. Already, there are waitlists for both residential and outpatient services. People who are court-ordered to enter residential treatment are less able to fulfill their probation/parole requirements when facing these long wait periods. This applies to other non-residential substance abuse services as well, which hinders Alaskans' ability to meet any mandated behavioral health or outpatient services. Already, the State of Alaska spends more money dealing with the consequences of untreated addiction than on helping people conquer their addiction. Further cuts will simply exacerbate these issues.

As demand for residential treatment and behavioral health services continues to escalate beyond the available fiscal resources, more people will wind up in the correctional system. The Office of Children's Services' caseloads will increase, keeping families apart and children in limbo longer than necessary. More babies will be born with addictions and FAS and FASD. Hospital emergency departments will become more crowded. Employers and teachers will see more absenteeism in the workplace and classroom.

We urge the Finance Committee to recognize the importance of residential substance abuse treatment and community behavioral health services as part of the continuum of care for Alaskans and to embrace its partnership with community providers to create more success stories like "Nikki's;" that was only made possible through State funding and support. Cutting funding for the addiction treatment and behavioral health system will cost the chance for thousands of Alaskans to overcome their mental health conditions and become healthier, productive and contributing members of society. We support full funding and restoration of residential substance abuse and behavioral health grant budgets.

Sincerely,

SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION



Katherine Gottlieb, MBA, DPS (h.c.)
President/CEO

Cc: Representative Mark Neuman, Representative Mia Costello, Representative Bryce Edgmon, Representative Lindsey Holmes, Representative Cathy Munoz, Representative Steve Thompson, Representative Tammie Wilson, Representative Les Gara, Representative David Guttenberg



March 5, 2014

Ms. Nicole Borromeo
General Counsel
Alaska Federation of Natives
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Re: Proposed Changes to Alaska Senate Bill 64, Omnibus Crime/Corrections Bill

Dear Ms. Borromeo:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the language in the proposed Alaska Senate Bill 64, Omnibus Crime/Corrections Bill. We are concerned with some of the provisions in AK SB 64 as currently written, and elaborate below on a section-by-section basis.

1. Proposed Sec. 33.30.045. Recidivism reduction grant program and fund.

At present, there is no mention of culture or culturally appropriate strategies for healing, mentoring and bringing people back into a way of living that affirms cultural norms (rehabilitation).

We recommend this subsection be revised to recognize cultural engagement as a protective factor against recidivism along with employment, vocational training, and community volunteer work.

We propose the following revision: "To qualify for a grant under this section, a program shall ... (4) require employment, vocational training, cultural engagement, or community volunteer work as approved by the director of the treatment program".

**2. Proposed Article 6. Alaska Criminal Justice Commission
Sec. 44.19.642. Membership; staff.**

We recommend this subsection be amended to add "a member of the Alaska Native community designated by the Alaska Native Health Board for a three-year term."

The Alaska Native Health Board is recognized as the statewide voice on Alaska Native health issues. Its purpose is to promote the spiritual, physical, mental, social, and cultural well-being and pride of Alaska Native people.

Ms. Borromeo
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As written, the Commission consists of 12 members, with only one designated member of the Alaska Native community. This underrepresentation (just 8 percent of the membership) is glaring when Alaska Native people represent nearly 40 percent of those in the correctional system and 20 percent of the general population. Alaska Native people also make up more than 50 percent of the sex offenders in custody. This has a substantial effect on the health of Alaska Native families and communities, and we need a stronger voice on the Commission, people from within our culture who are invested in prevention and treatment, to provide perspective while the Commission is considering “*alternatives to traditional forms of incarceration*” and the “*adequacy, availability, and effectiveness of treatment and rehabilitative programs.*” CSSB 64 (JUD), § 31 at p. 20 (proposed sec. 44.19.645(a)(4), (6)).

**3. Proposed Article 6. Alaska Criminal Justice Commission.
Sec. 44.19.646. Methodology.**

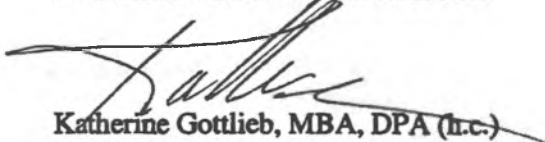
In the subsection that reads “In making recommendations, the commission shall ... base recommendations on the following factors ...,” we recommend changing “(G) the effect of sentencing as a community condemnation of criminal acts and as a reaffirmation of societal norms” to “(G) the effect of sentencing as a reaffirmation of societal and cultural norms.”

“Community condemnation,” the way it is written, appears to support shaming. Shaming is a trigger for generations of Alaska Native people and recalls the effects of historical trauma. Research recently published in *Psychological Science*, the highest ranked empirical journal in psychology, suggests that feelings of shame lead to a defensive response, and even aggression, and that inmates inclined to feel shame are more likely to re-offend¹. Strengths-based language, focusing on the reaffirmation of norms, conveys a community sharing responsibility and returning to values and traditions that protect people from harm.

Thank you for your review and consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION



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¹ Tangney, J.P., Stuewig, J., & Martinez, A.G. (2014). Two faces of shame: The roles of shame and guilt in predicting recidivism. *Psychological Science*.

Thandi Carros

From: Buckelew, Stacey L (DFG) <stacey.buckelew@alaska.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 10:04 PM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: testimony for HB266

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Representative Austerman
Room 505, State Capitol,
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Members of the House Finance Committee,

I would like to submit the following written testimony regarding House Bill 266 to encourage the continuation of General Fund support for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve.

- For the record, I am an employee of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve (henceforth referred to as Reserve) through ADFG-SPORTFISH (henceforth SportFish). I am speaking today from the perspective of a concerned citizen.
- I want to assert that the proposed budget cut is, in my opinion, a narrow sighted decision made by SPORTFISH.
- The \$175k proposed cut from the GF is the entirety of state match required to receive larger federal grants from NOAA and other sources.
- The multiplier effect on this match brings in over \$1m in federal funding through SPORTFISH, for which a 14% administration charge is applied for all incoming funding that offsets the GF applied to RESERVE.
- I want to stress that the proposed cut does not just slash a budget- it will result in complete closure of the Reserve.
- Given RESERVE's national affiliation, this budget cut would have significant financial strings attached for the state of Alaska.
- SPORTFISH would default on their agreement terms with NOAA and could be responsible for reimbursing the current market value of RESERVE property investments, including a portion of Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center, the modular facility on Kachemak Drive (houses Kasitsna Bay Lab personnel, National Park Service, Dept of Natural Resources), and Bay Av lab storage facility- to name a few. An amount that may be in the hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars.
- Further, using federal funds RESERVE contributes \$133k annually to the operation of Alaska Islands and Ocean Visitor Center, which serves 75,000 visitors per year. There is currently no alternative building partner that could fulfill that obligation.
- In closing, I encourage you to consider providing GF support to RESERVE for one additional year to allow an alternative state agency partner to be identified—a process which has already been initiated. The transfer of partnership would not only ensure the continuation of valuable research and education services, but would prevent further significant debt by the State of Alaska by alleviating the potential responsibility for property investment payback.

Thank you,



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Coastal Training Program Coordinator
Kachemak Bay Research Reserve
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March 6, 2014

House Finance Committee
Room no. 505, State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Please support the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) in the Operating Budget HB266.

Dear Representative Austerman,

My name is Raphaelle Descoteaux, I am a graduate student in marine biology at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and I have been working in close partnership with the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (KBNERR) throughout the course of my program. My research took place in Kachemak Bay and was in large part funded and supported by the KBNERR.

I studied the effects of changes in ocean chemistry on development of commercially valuable crab species in Kachemak Bay. My research was funded by the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) system under the condition that my study would take place inside the boundaries of the research reserve. Staff at the KBNERR also supported and were a key asset to my research in Kachemak Bay.

KBNERR also facilitated education and outreach activities so that I could share my research results with Homer residents as well as visitors from Alaska and tourists. The reserve's outreach activities have had a phenomenal success with residents and visitors of all ages.

Kachemak Bay is a unique environment, harboring sea life that supports both fisheries and tourism. The KBNERR offers vital research and outreach opportunities that support this thriving but fragile ecosystem.

As one who has greatly benefited, and has seen many others benefit from its presence in the state, I would strongly urge you to support funding to the KBNERR in the Operating Budget HB266.

Sincerely,



Raphaelle Descoteaux
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Thandi Carros

From: Susan Risse <susanrisse@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 8:34 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Susan Risse
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March 10, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

PLEASE work as hard as you can to maintain existing funding for substance abuse treatment in Alaska.

Sincerely,
Susan Risse

Thandi Carros

From: Williams, Teresa <twilliams@acmhs.com>
Sent: Monday, March 10, 2014 11:13 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman; rep.bill.stolze@akleg.gov; Rep. Mark Neuman; Rep. Mia Costello; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Lindsey Holmes; Rep. Cathy Munoz; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Tammie Wilson; Rep. Les Gara; Rep. David Guttenberg; Sen. Pete Kelly; Sen. Kevin Meyer; Sen. Donny Olson; Sen. John Coghill; Sen. Berta Gardner; Sen. Lesil McGuire
Subject: proposed cuts to funding

Dear Representatives and Senators,

I am writing to urge you not to cut services for substance abuse programs in our state. I have been working in the field of behavioral medicine for the past 30 years and I can tell you from experience that treatment works. Every dollar spent on treatment saves countless dollars in healthcare, law enforcement, corrections and dealing with domestic violence and child abuse. Alaska has a higher percentage of the population that suffers from substance use disorders and funding cuts would be very damaging. It already takes 1-2 months or more to link a person to needed treatment. There simply is not enough capacity for the population in need. Cutting funding would only increase crime and other social costs. As a voter in this state and a provider of mental health care, I ask you to please restore the funding.

Teresa Williams, MS, LPC, CDCII

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I encourage you to continue your support for early education by funding Best Beginnings, Parents as Teachers, Head Start, and other programs that enrich experience for children during their first five years. Research shows that early exposure to quality education matters. My daughter recently wrote in her college capstone how early experiences with books led to her path of success as a reader and writer. She had that chance because we lived in a village with public funded pre-school; and because of that program, I found the door into early childhood education. I was hired as the preschool teacher, although I had only a high school diploma. I soon realized the importance of my role, how critical the first years of a child's life are for acquiring language and developing dispositions for lifelong learning. So I began taking distance classes, eventually leading to a masters in ECE. Finding my career path, completing my college education, and watching both of my daughters graduate from college happened because public funded pre-school was available for my family. Early education created change, not just for a child, but for a family.

Now, because of funding for ECE, I have worked with families at Homer Head for 10 years. I have watched single mothers or fathers supporting families of 5 go back to school to earn GEDs, AAs, and some even graduate degrees. Families, not born into privilege, but with support that many born with privilege take for granted, are able to move their families out of poverty. I have worked with children who came to me at age 3 or 4 with virtually no language and watched them blossom when immersed in a language & literacy-rich environment. Early education for children and their families is the best investment we can make for a strong, healthy, and financially stable society. I encourage you to continue steps already taken toward the goal of providing every child and her family with opportunity for education during the first 5 years of life.

Testimony to House Finance Committee on HB266 Operating Budget and HB267
Mental Health Budget

I am a retired pharmacist and Past President of the Alaska Pharmacists Association and would like to bring your attention to cuts being made in the Operating Budget to programs important to pharmacists.

1. Planned cuts to the SHARP (Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment) Program will impact pharmacists who are working in rural areas such as Bethel, Nome, Barrow and various locations in SE Alaska. There are also other healthcare professionals working all around Alaska, particularly in the behavioral health field, who will not be able to receive help with the huge loan costs they incurred obtaining their education. This is a very important program.
2. A proposed cut of over \$52 million that matches the receipt of Federal funds to support healthcare and Medicaid services will also impact all sorts of services offered to Alaskans across the state. Part of that money could be used to support the Prescription Drug Database that is operated by the Alaska Board of Pharmacy. This database program is up and running and now provides pharmacists, physicians, dentists, and other healthcare providers, as well as law enforcement, with information to control the practice of "doctor shopping" whereby people get multiple prescriptions for controlled substances from multiple providers. The program has public safety as well as healthcare benefits.

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March 5, 2014

The Honorable Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair
The Honorable Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
House Finance Committee
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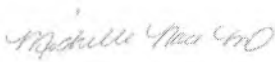
Respected Members of the House Finance Committee & Interior Delegation,

We, the Board of Directors at Tanana Valley Clinic, are writing to support reinstatement of funding for the statewide AHEC system of 5 centers, including the Interior AHEC Center located at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. The AHEC program has a number of substantial influences in our community which include the engagement, training, recruitment and retention of medical personal in all medical fields including nursing, medical assistant, EMT, physician assistant, laboratory, nurse practitioner, physician and phlebotomist who are entering the workforce in Interior Alaska. Cutting funding to this program will have a detrimental impact on TVC's ability to recruit skilled medical staff to our clinic, as well as impacting the impending health care workforce shortage we face statewide.

AHEC is an extremely significant resource for TVC's recruitment of primary care physicians. Being in a remote location such as Alaska, we face substantially higher recruiting costs to attract skilled providers to our remote geographic location. Students who rotate with us through the AHEC program are more likely to return to Fairbanks to begin their practice than a resident completing their training outside the state.

Please consider our recommendation to reinstate the AHEC budget line item to the UA budget at the full amount of \$652,900. Alaska is facing an impending shortage of skilled medical staff and cutting funding to this program will squeeze the already tight availability of access to primary care that many Alaskans already feel.

Sincerely,



Mishelle Nace, MD
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Medical Director



Clay Triplehorn, DO
Sleep Medicine
Board Chairman



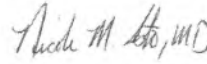
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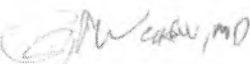
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Thandi Carros

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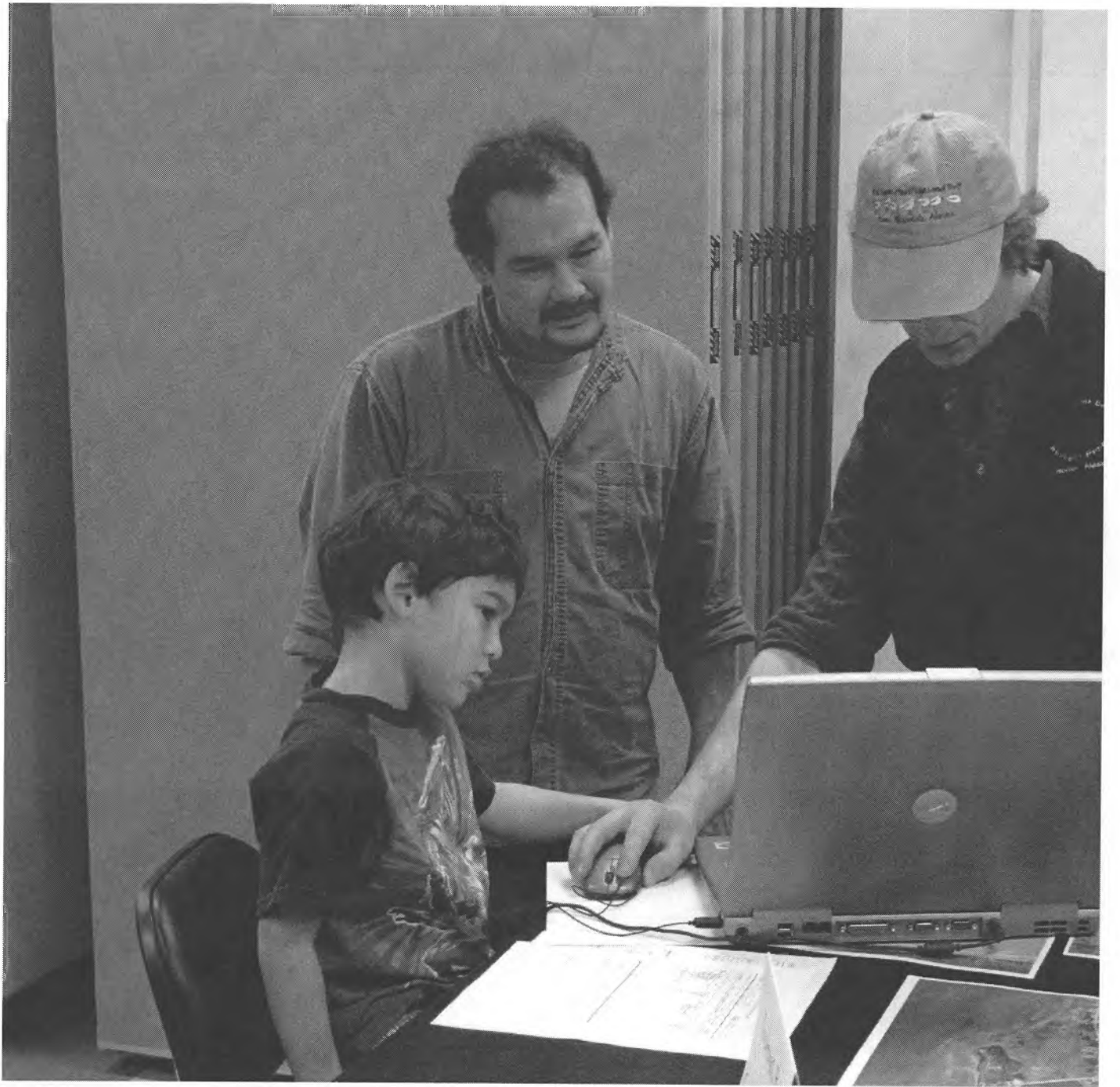
Dear House Finance Committee Member:

My name is Roan Rediske and I am 13 years old and live in Homer, Alaska. The Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is very important to me as I have been going there to learn about the rivers and oceans around me since I was two years old. I have been volunteering there since I was six. I also have many friends who would lose their jobs if funding is cut. Many of these people have kids that are my age. Loss of these good jobs will greatly affect their families. The KBNERR is one of the most important organizations in our town. It helps educate and nurse a love for science in our community, as it has for me.

Because of the KBNERR I want to become a biologist and hopefully stay in Homer. Without the KBNERR my options for learning about our local environment will be greatly diminished. I would hope that you recognize the importance of funding this agency and realize that this funding will help our community for generations to come.

I have included two photos of my time at "Discovery Lab" which is run by the KBNERR. In one photo, one of the researchers is patiently explaining things to me about the Bay so even as a little kid, I could understand it. In the other photo, I am volunteering at one of the lab tables talking with attendees about sponges and tunicates. - Roan Rediske





Thandi Carros

From: Walter Majoros <walterm@jys.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 08, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Rep. Alan Austerman
Subject: Substance Abuse Treatment

Walter Majoros
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March 8, 2014

Dear Representative Alan Austerman,

Please restore the \$2.043 million that has been cut for substance abuse treatment services. Both community-based and residential services are critical. We have one of the highest rates of alcoholism in the country. Alcoholism and drug abuse are linked to suicide (we are twice the national average), domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and other violent crimes. Treating youth and adults with substance abuse problems saves lives and saves money. If untreated, these problems lead to more emergency room visits, chronic health care costs, lack of economic productivity and increased youth and adult incarceration costs. Please do the right thing and restore the funding for these critical services. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Walter Majoros



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February, 13, 2014

Ms. Carlen Williams, Director
Southeast Area Health Education Center
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Dear Ms. Williams,

Our community of Craig has reaped many benefits as Whale Tail Pharmacy has hosted 5th year pharmacy students. The experience has consistently left students with a favorable opinion of a rural pharmacy practice. These supervised clinical rotations have provided an opportunity for both the student and our local independent pharmacy. The students have received valuable hands-on learning and mentorship while bringing vitality, enthusiasm and fresh insights to Whale Tail Pharmacy.

Funding for these students is an investment in Alaska, both for our communities and for our healthcare system. It has been a proven way to expose students to life in rural Alaska and it is helping to address our rural healthcare manpower gap.

It has been an honor to work with capable pharmacy student who have worked with us. We look forward to continuing the relationship with the Area Health Education Centers that help make it possible for students to come to rural Alaska.

Sincerely,

Sarah Altland
Owner, Whale Tail Pharmacy

Bill Altland
Owner, Whale Tail Pharmacy

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March 3, 2014

Dear Representative Austerman:

The Alaska Marine Safety Education Association [AMSEA] is well known and respected all around Alaska for delivering effective, hands-on training to commercial fishermen, youth and the general public. They have helped significantly reduce fatality rates and losses on Alaska waters by training over 200,000 people in over 100 of our communities. As a commercial fisherman and mariner in Alaska since 1971, I have made use of their training many times.

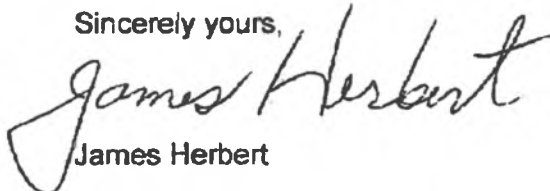
AMSEA economically performs a valuable service not duplicated by any other state program. The fees I pay to register my commercial fishing vessel with the state have contributed to the past funding of AMSEA by the Department of Commerce, Community & Regional Affairs [DCCED]. I assume these fees have kept AMSEA funding revenue neutral. If these fees go elsewhere in the system, where will I get the Coast Guard approved training AMSEA provides?

Base funding of AMSEA is \$196,900. Given the importance and reach of subsistence and commercial fishing across Alaska, this is money well spent. When one considers the expenditures on search and rescue and the grim consequences of fatalities and accidents on the water, this preventative approach is a viable and sensible approach.

I believe AMSEA gives excellent value to the Alaska public for the money it receives. I do not think it is wise to transfer funding to the capital budget. Please preserve the base funding of \$196,900 in your FY2015 operating budget. AMSEA's effective education and hands-on training is the best way to change behavior and prevent accidents and fatalities on Alaska's waters.

Thank you for your hard work on behalf of our citizens.

Sincerely yours,



James Herbert

To the House Finance Committee through the chair,

Alaska Youth Advocates offers the chance for a healthier life to young people who have little or no family support, often are no longer in school, may suffer from abuse or addiction, and have no place to go but the streets. Through our POWER Teen Center and health clinic in downtown Anchorage, we reach out to youth, offering a caring environment and information that can help them make safer, more positive decisions in their lives.

The youth served at AYA have experienced extreme levels of trauma and abuse. Many have had interactions with the Office of Children's Services but were unable to get the necessary support from our system. Our legislature recognized this need and since 2006 has increased support to improve OCS. The recent OCS work load study does recommend an additional 54 positions to increase efficiencies and keep social workers working with families to succeed.

Studies have shown that between 1/3 – 2/3rds of child maltreatment cases involve substance abuse. As we all know, substance abuse affects our state at record numbers thus affecting our high levels of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and suicide. Due to the years of trauma our youth experience, sometimes they turn to coping mechanisms they are all too familiar with, drugs and alcohol.

Our substance abuse treatment is already not meeting the needs of our state. Recently I worked with a youth who was ready to access help for her substance abuse. For weeks we worked together to get her into residential treatment. Not everyone is so persistent. We need to be ready to respond with services when a person is ready to treat their disease.

Everyone at AYA wants to equip young people to make decisions that will lead to productive lives. Many of our youth are not able to make these productive life choices without first the support of substance abuse treatment.

Please restore funding to substance abuse treatment and fund the recommendations provided by the OCS Workload Study.



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Testimony of Francine Harbour. Behavioral Health Budget, 03-04-14

Good afternoon representatives. Thank you for this opportunity to speak about funding for treatment of substance abuse disorders. My name is Francine Harbour. I am the executive director of NAMI Anchorage, the National Alliance on *Mental Illness*. I am here to talk about *substance abuse disorders* because of the high rate of people who become chemically dependent to self-medicate an underlying mental illness or other brain disorder. Unfortunately mental illness and substance abuse too often go hand-in-hand.

My understanding is that the budget that has been released cuts over \$2 million from behavioral health services. Of particular concern is the loss of funding for residential beds for people with substance abuse disorders. I also understand that some of the funding has been moved to outpatient treatment. Unfortunately, that order of treatment services is backwards. People need to FIRST spend time in a residential setting learning new coping skills and establishing healthy support networks and THEN receive ongoing support to maintain sobriety and wellness. Actually, it is NOT an EITHER/OR situation. BOTH residential facilities AND outpatient care need to be funded as part of a strong and EFFECTIVE continuum of care.

In closing, I would like to vigorously make the point that substance abuse disorders and their co-occurring brain disorders present COMPLEX medical challenges. The brain is, after all, our most complex organ. Residential beds, outpatient care and the coordination of care that is

supported by the Complex Behavior Collaborative all need the levels of funding originally requested. With this funding, we can continue to develop solutions that are EFFECTIVE and LAST, which is what everyone wants. Thank you for your time and support of the original behavioral health budget.

Presented by Francine Harbour, NAMI Anchorage, 272-0227.



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Testimony of Brandon Williams, Behavioral Health Budget, 03-04-14

- My name is Brandon Williams and I am here representing the Anchorage affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental illness, or NAMI
- I am here to discuss the proposed cuts to the Complex Behavior Collaborative
- At NAMI, a large percentage of the people we serve have dual diagnoses
 - People challenged with both mental illness and substance abuse disorder
 - These are individuals with complex behavioral needs that are served by the Complex Behavior Collaborative
 - NAMI supports funding level originally requested for the Complex Behavior Collaborative
- The American Medical Association conservatively estimates that:
 - Roughly 50% of individuals with severe mental illness are affected by substance abuse
 - 37% of alcohol abusers and 53% of drug abusers also have at least one mental illness
- Consequences of having untreated co-occurring mental health and substance abuse problems can be numerous and harsh
 - There is a greater likelihood of violence, jail, and being homeless
 - Poorer functioning at home and work
 - A greater chance of relapse
 - When compared to those with only substance abuse or mental illness, as opposed to both
- Integrated treatment across multiple providers is the best way to help these individuals become a contributing part of their communities
- The Complex Behavior Collaborative provides the integrated treatment that individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues need

- Please continue full funding for the Complex Behavior Collaborative
- Thank you for your time

Presented by Brandon Williams, NAMI Anchorage, 272-0227.



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State of Alaska

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MEMORANDUM

March 03, 2014

The Honorable Mark Neuman
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Request to consider the recommendations of the 2012 OCS Statewide Workload Study

Dear Representative Neuman:

On February 19, 2013, the House Finance sub-committee on Health and Social Services discussed the recommendations from the 2012 *Office of Children Services (OCS) Statewide Workload Study*. The sub-committee agreed with the spirit of the report's recommendations. However, members of the sub-committee did not commit any additional resources that can enable OCS to implement these recommendations.

The Citizen Review Panel requests that the sub-committee reconsider the recommendations and enable OCS to implement them.

The Citizen Review Panel:

The Citizen Review Panel (CRP) is a federally mandated body constituted to examine and evaluate the policies and practices of the Office of Children Services. Similar panels exist in every state in the Country.

Alaska's CRP conducts its work through the year and releases an annual report in June every year. Recommendations from that report are presented to the House and Senate Committees on Health and Social Services during the following legislative session. Following are the recommendations from the Panel's most recent annual report released in June 2013:

- That OCS take aggressive action to reduce staff turn-over.
- That OCS establish deadlines that require non-emergency petitions to be filed allowing for supervision of the family by the continuum of legal parties without necessitating the removal of the child.

- OCS should provide Western Region with a full complement of supportive (e.g., adoption specialist, intake supervisor, etc.) positions identical to those offered in all other regions.
- We encourage OCS to enhance data compilation efforts to facilitate better understanding of child welfare issues in the state and promote evidence-based practice.

2006 and 2012 OCS Statewide Workload Study Reports

While each of the recommendations listed above is equally important in enhancing OCS' performance, lack of adequate staff is most crippling. During a presentation of the Panel's 2013 recommendations to the House Committee on Health and Social Services on February 11, 2014, we discussed the severe workload that many OCS frontline social workers carry, and the debilitating impact such workloads have on the quality of services they deliver and on their own quality of life. The Panel is concerned that many children and families in crises may not be receiving the type or level of service they need and the workers could provide, directly impacting the safety of some of the most vulnerable children in Alaska.

The 2006 *OCS Statewide Workload Study* conducted by Hornby Zeller Associates, Inc. documented the problem at that time and recommended increased staff on the frontlines. In response, the Legislature provided additional funding over several fiscal years to increase the number of frontline and supervisory positions. According to OCS, and from our own observations during site visits over the years since that study, this increased funding was very helpful in decreasing the work load of frontline workers and improved their working conditions. However, the agency is still faced with extreme caseloads in some of their field offices, and workers find it impossible to adequately serve the needs of children and families in crises.

OCS commissioned another workload study in 2012 that identified a need for 44 additional positions. While the 2006 study focused on increasing the number of frontline workers and supervisors, the 2012 study focused on identifying tasks currently performed by frontline social workers that can be transferred to support positions, allowing social workers more face-time with children and families. The study identified all the tasks that could be transferred and suggested 44 additional positions. Thirty one (31) of these suggested positions are support positions – social service assistants (SSAs) and office assistants (OAs). Thirteen (13) are community care licensing specialists (CCLS).

The Office of Children Services, in an executive summary of the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study* published on its website, expressed concerns with some of the methodology and findings. However, the agency agrees with the need for additional positions and notes that this need is more acute in some parts of the state than others.

The Citizen Review Panel agrees that adding positions, as recommended in the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study* can potentially help frontline workers to focus more on service provision that can shorten the length of foster care stay for children in out of home care, and increase safety of children in crisis situations. The additional specialized and dedicated positions, if added, will free frontline workers from spending inordinate amounts of time on case management, data input, or driving children between appointments. These additional positions

will potentially have a direct positive impact on safety of children and families in Alaska, and therefore, lead to improved outcomes for these children and families in the long run. Thus, the Panel requests that the study recommendations be considered for implementation.

However, the study's recommendations may need to be clarified, and we strongly urge the Office of Children Services to do so in time for this legislature to consider the recommendations.

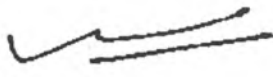
Specifically,

- The study identified additional positions based on a geographic classification of rural, medium rural, and urban. This classification needs to be translated to fit the OCS regional administrative boundaries.
- OCS disagreed with the number of suggested additional CCLS positions. OCS noted that this number appears inflated and may differ by region. This needs to be clarified and accurate numbers identified by region.

Despite the confusion in methodology, the Panel agrees with the study's recommendation of additional support positions. We hope the House Finance sub-committee on Health and Social Services reconsiders the recommendations of the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study* and enables the Office to implement those recommendations.

Thank you for your time and interest in ensuring the safety of Alaska's children and families. For more information on the Panel and its activities, please visit www.crp.alaska.org.

Sincerely,

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Diwakar Vadapalli, Ph.D.

Chair, Citizen Review Panel

CC:

Alaska House Committee on Health and Social Services
Alaska Senate Committee on Health and Social Services
Governor Sean Parnell
Commissioner William Streur, Department of Health and Social Services
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March 5, 2014

Representative Alan Austerman
State Capitol Room 505
Juneau AK, 99801

Re: HB266 Revenue Sharing

Dear Representative Austerman,

The City of White Mountain is writing to you regarding the State of Alaska's Revenue Sharing program and how vital it is to our community.

The Revenue Sharing funds 68% of our annual City budget. The expenses that the Revenue Sharing covers include: personnel wages & fringe benefits, insurance, vehicle & equipment maintenance, telephone & fax, internet, water/sewer, fuel oil, membership dues & subscriptions, and several other important budgeted line items.

The City would like to request that the State of Alaska keep this essential program funded. Without Revenue Sharing the City cannot generate enough funds to operate the City government. Without the City who would coordinate the State and municipal elections? Submit annual City budgets? Submit and manage grants? Provide infrastructure to the community?

Please continue to support the Revenue Sharing program. It is the most important State funded program to any City in rural Alaska. Please call me if you have any questions regarding this letter. Thank you!

Best regards,

Dan Harrelson, Mayor

Cc: Sarah Geary, AML



Alaska State Legislature

Please enter into the record my testimony to the (H) Finance
 committee on Budget (committee name)
HB 266 / HB 267, dated 3/4/2014
 (bill # / subject)

I am writing to ask for the continued support of the funding of residential treatment programs in our state, both for adult and adolescents. I have long worked in the Justice and treatment fields. Sending a person out of state for treatment is culturally traumatizing for both Native and Non Native Alaskans, incredibly expensive and labor intensive. Family, which is at the core of most issues and healing, attend family centered sessions of the treatment plan. There IS a difference between family present in sessions and telephonic. We have some amazing treatment centers in Alaska, that know how to provide for Alaskan people, the most current and best practice treatment available. Alaska is awash with substance use problems. To cut funding would be 'shooting Alaskans in the foot', regarding a medical condition we are learning more and more about. We are needing to be part of the solution, not part of the problem. Addiction is not a moral dilemma, it is an addiction of the body, a mental obsession and a spiritual dilemma.

Alaskan since 1956
Sober since 8-21-1987

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March 05, 2014

Rep. Alan Austerman
State Capitol
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Dear Rep. Austerman;

I saw in the Wall Street Journal that evangelical leaders are pressuring Republicans to pass legislation that gives legal status and work permits to illegal aliens. With this in mind, I thought you should be aware of a new poll that shows most evangelicals oppose Speaker Boehner and President Obama's proposals to give work permits to nearly all illegal immigrants, especially before all workplace, interior and border enforcement are fully implemented. I hope you will support legislation that matches the opinions of evangelical Christians

According to the Washington Examiner, the poll says that:

"Most evangelicals, 73 percent, said that, instead of bringing in more immigrant workers, employers should be 'required to try harder to recruit and train, Americans from those high-unemployment groups. And most evangelicals, 68 percent, said they are willing to pay higher prices if it is necessary for employers to raise wages to fill jobs with Americans instead of adding more foreign workers."

I agree with these sentiments and agree with the immigration views of evangelical Christians. I sincerely hope you will support legislation that matches these views.

Looking for your support.

Al Shelton



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March 5, 2014

Honorable Representative Alan Austerman, and
Honorable Representative Bill Stoltze
State of Alaska House Finance Committee
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Re: Proposed Cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) Grants
Program Budget

Dear Honorable Representatives Alan Austerman and Representative Bill Stoltze,

We are writing you regarding the proposed cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) grants program budget. We are acutely aware of the budget shortfalls that we face in Alaska and the current economic climate and we know that choices need to be made. Thank you for allowing us to share our comments and concerns on the proposed cuts.

Eastern Aleutian Tribes provides medical, dental, and behavioral health services in federally qualified health centers in the communities of Adak, Akutan, Cold Bay, False Pass, King Cove, Nelson Lagoon, Sand Point, and Whittier. Our service area comprises over 100,000 square miles of the most beautiful, remote, and challenging locations in the world. Our Community Health Aides are the primary care provider for many of our community members and a vital link to our health delivery system that mid-level providers, dentists, and behavioral health clinicians.

While the people in the Aleutians have been on the forefront of encouraging and developing distance learning due to the extreme weather, great distances, and isolation; we recognize the value of hands-on face-to-face instruction. We are currently utilizing our mid-level providers in conjunction with the distance learning opportunities to train our Community Health Aides and encourage their progression up the career ladder. Continuing this funding is critical to our ability to continue our educational training program.

Our immediate concern is to ask that you protect the funding for the CHATS program. This program is critical to reducing emergency and inpatient workloads while preventing long-term chronic health problems and disruptions to families and communities. Stable funding for this grant is critical to ensuring cost-savings to the Alaska Tribal Health System (a critical component of the Alaska Public Health System) and the State's General Fund.

"Eastern Aleutian Tribes has the healthiest people in the Nation"
Adak * Akutan * Cold Bay * False Pass * King Cove * Nelson Lagoon * Sand Point * Whittier

The Mission of the CHATS program is to provide training and supervision of primary community health aides who provide health care services in rural communities throughout the State. Community health aides and practitioners (CHA/Ps) are critical to the delivery of health care in the state of Alaska. They are the first responders and often the only providers of care in most of rural Alaska. The CHAP program is globally recognized as a model of care in underserved communities. The design of the training and utilization of CHA/Ps employed vision and foresight. Additionally, CHA/Ps are able to generate revenue to support the delivery of care through third party billing; without the CHATS program, the need for these critical, life-saving, and potentially self-funding positions cannot be met.


The CHAP program is already under great pressure in that the training program has long been chronically underfunded. The training centers have sought and implemented innovative methods (including distance and online/virtual training sessions) to maximize resources to increase the number of CHA/Ps receiving training. However, certification requirements (wisely so) require direct oversight with a preceptor and student and supervised direct interaction with patients. Any "cost-savings" realized from these methods, have been directed toward an attempt to increase the number of CHA/Ps trained. **At present there are only 198 training slots available annually for an estimated 324 slots needed for CHAs to progress through training.** To add to the challenges, CHA training centers already faced difficulties with one training center closing its doors. The proposed cuts puts at-risk the remaining training centers and will translate into more costly expenditures and poorer health outcomes which will adversely impact Alaska's health.

New and exciting tools, such as telemedicine will not eliminate the need for CHA/Ps. In fact, CHA/Ps are also critical to the use of telemedicine, extending the reach of advanced medical personnel in a sustainable manner through the benefits of third-party billing. CHA/Ps are partners and facilitators of using telemedicine in our Eastern Aleutian villages.

We cannot overstate our deep concern about the current consideration to cut this critical program where other resources are not able to supplement or offset the losses to Alaska's capacity to meet this critical need. Please consider the long-term health impacts and the resulting adverse impacts to the State of Alaska. Please keep the funding levels whole for the CHATS program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 907-277-1440 or jenniferh@eatribes.net. Thank you kindly for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Harrison
Executive Director
Eastern Aleutian Tribes

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: Loretta Brown
Representing: Self
Bill No./Subject: HB 266
Committee: House Finance
Date of Hearing: 3/5/2014

I, ~~was~~ all of ^{the} Homer community, Alaska Community, ocean ecosystems, and marine organisms benefit from the work and dedication of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve in Homer. The Research Reserves (KBRR) provides vital research for assessing baseline biological and physical characteristics in Kachemak Bay. This information is not only important for management of our fisheries and wildlife resources but also provides important and accessible information the the public, commercial fishermen, and the tourist industry in Homer. ~~KATR~~ Cutting funding to KBRR would not only completely cut out ~~a~~ vital monitoring research in Kachemak Bay but also an informational resource between ^{the} state of Alaska natural resources and fisheries ~~and~~ management agencies and the public who use and rely upon these resources for enjoyment and subsistence use.

- For the record, I am an employee of KBRR (Reserve) through ADFG-SFD (Sport Fish). I am speaking today from the perspective of a concerned citizen.
- The Reserves' mission is not specific Sport Fish, however, it does meet the broad information needs across ADF&G including education, coastal training program, and research capacity.
- Specifically, the Reserve's education program served over 4,000 students, teachers, and visiting public in 2013. It has active education program outreaching information on harvested species and fishing skills.
- The coastal training program reached 400 coastal professionals by providing targeted needs-based trainings. This includes bringing skill-building trainings such as ArcGIS to ADF&G biologists in the lower Kenai Peninsula region.
- The research program is designed to provide information to coastal decision-makers on the physical sciences (such as relative sea-level change, coastal erosion, and ocean circulation patterns) as well as the biological sciences (such as habitat requirements for juvenile salmon, life history data for harvested clam species, ocean acidification on larval crab species, HAB and invasive species monitoring).
- The cutting edge work done on juvenile salmon habitat have been useful for managing habitat and permit regulations by DNR, the Division of Habitat, and to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- While the Reserve is not providing data on in-stream returns of adult salmon as requested by DSF, we are fulfilling a significant and unaddressed portion of the Division's Strategic Plan for research, monitoring, and education outlined in their 2010-2014 plan.
- I ask that you provide KBRR with one year of matching funding for the NOAA Operations grant in the amount of \$250K. This will provide time for the Reserve to seek a more relevant partnership. It would be ridiculous to close the Reserve at this juncture. The community would lose jobs, valuable long-term data necessary to navigate a changing climate, and the additional revenue the Reserve attracts through partnerships, ~all for the want of match funding to a large, sustaining grant.

Angela D. Orloff
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: Karen Shemet
Representing: Spratt Family Services
Bill No./Subject: HB 266
Committee: House Finance
Date of Hearing: 3/5/14

Please fully fund Parents as Teachers program & all other home visiting & early childhood programs so that our vulnerable young children & their families receive the support they need in order to thrive & create a vibrant society. Funding preschool rather than prisons later really makes fiscal & societal sense. There is a great return actualized when we fund early childhood & it is time to put full funding behind it.

Thank you

Karen Shemet

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House Finance Committee,

Dear Members,

Thank you for your service.

The Kachemak Bay Conservation Society (KBCS) has been a non-profit organization for 35+ years. It has supported many organizations through education and grassroots efforts. KBCS is an all-volunteer organization involving many in the Kachemak Bay area.

KBCS would like to take this opportunity to express our disappointment in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division and the ADF&G, in general, for the lack of support for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve. (KBRR). We realize there is a general belt tightening within all state agencies, however we feel the KBRR is certainly an entity worth supporting for the following reasons:

1. The Kachemak Bay Research Reserve was organized under the National Estuarine Research Reserve System, which is a state, federal and local partnership. State funding serves as a match for larger funding amounts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other grant organizations. KBRR also seeks other funding for projects, which meets its mission, and these funds have been significant. This type of funding is still available and helps support an entity that employs Alaskans and supports the local economy.
2. KBRR supports a research team that conducts studies, which helps to understand the health of anadromous systems and the watershed of Kachemak Bay, which is beneficial to fisheries, other state agencies, and the general public.
3. KBRR conducts symposiums of national importance, which brings many people to Alaska for better understanding of oceans and oceanic issues.
4. KBRR is a major marine educator for the local community through its Coastal Training Program, Public Discovery Lab, and outdoor programs, which focus on coastal and estuarine ecology. These programs are very important for the youth of the area and have the potential to inspire career choices.
5. KBRR is located in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. The NOAA Kasitsna Bay Laboratory is located on the south side of Kachemak Bay. The close proximity of these three organizations makes collaboration much easier and will help to bring research projects to the Homer area.
6. KBRR benefits the youth and general public through education and collaboration. The Reserve is in place and serves the State of Alaska by bringing together leaders in Marine Science.
7. Without this state funding, the NOAA matching funding will end and KBRR will cease to exist. KBRR has a staff of approximately 11 personnel. These people and their families are residents of the Homer area and support the local economy. Not only would we be losing an important learning and educational organization, we would experience a brain drain of very well educated people.

The Kachemak Bay Society's mission is to protect the environment of the Kachemak Bay region and encourage sustainable use and stewardship of local natural resources through advocacy, education, information, and collaboration.

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KBCS believes diversification of the states economy is very important. KBRR represents a perfect example. It is our hope that the legislature can find a source of funding that will allow the continued important work of this highly prestigious organization.

Sincerely

Roberta Highland

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I want to take a moment to strongly advocate for continued funding for the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC). My journey as a care coordinator partnering with the CBC began in a way that is far too common for many agencies that serve Alaskans who are at high risk of institutionalization. In working with a young man who has exhibited a range of behaviors related directly to his own safety as well as the safety of those who work with him (assaulting family, school personal and our agency personnel), I received a frantic phone call from his parents begging me to find an institutional placement as they felt they had no options and no place to turn after another assault. The truth is that as a state we lack the resources and expertise to serve such individuals in our smaller, more rural communities. When you look at residential or institutional programs in Alaska you will find limited options with few beds available if any, as a number of beds are reserved for OCS children. When you couple that with the fact that clients such as mine have special needs, due to the particular presentation of their developmental disability, and in this case a client who is both dually diagnosed with mental illness and genetic abnormality, I shared the hopelessness and deep concern these parents were experiencing.

It was at this point that I discovered the CBC as a resource to work with Alaskans who are at immanent risk of institutionalization. As we began the process of developing a team which would implement the ABA plan, a new hope that we might prevent this young man from losing his home and community arose. We were able to work intensively with mental health services as well as with the school and family. In particular, as the school was seeing a large percentage of daily aggressive and non-compliant behaviors, the CBC was able to work in the school setting and train the para-professionals to implement behavior strategies specifically designed for this young man. As you can imagine, where there was a sense of failure and desperation, this new team felt empowerment and hope.

We are still meeting bi-weekly as a comprehensive team to help this young man. I can say with certainty that if the CBC was not in existence, our client would be institutionalized in a setting far from home, which might not provide the level of support he requires to find success and some day return to his community and family.

Today we have reached out to the CBC and found support to keep five of our participants in our community. The strategies that we learn working with the CBC help us better serve many of our most challenged individuals.

As a care coordinator having been involved in social services in Alaska over the past thirteen years, I want you to know that the CBC plays a pivotal and vital role in reducing both present and future expenses related to institutional and residential treatment for behaviorally challenged Alaskans. There is no other such program or resource which exists to meet this need in our rural communities.

Sincerely,



Sean Jones
Care Coordinator



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To Whom It May Concern;

**24 hour
Emergency
Services**

The PRIDE Program was successful in having a youth we serve accepted by the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC) and we are currently working with them to craft and implement a behavior management program specifically tailored for this youth. We are in the process of completing a second referral to the CBC and are hopeful that it will be accepted as well. Along with improving the quality of life for the individual served and reducing the likelihood of an institutional placement, this program works to increase the knowledge base and capacity of local providers/community, enabling even more individuals to benefit from the process.

**Rehab
Services
The Annex
907-235-6990**

In July of 2012, we made our first referral for a teenage boy who experiences significant Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness. This young man is impulsive and finds it difficult to anticipate the consequences of his behavior. He is frequently assaultive of his parents, direct service providers, and peers. He has a history of sexually inappropriate behaviors and requires continual, close supervision in all environments for his safety and that of others. This youth has an intense need for constant attention causing teachers, parents, direct service providers alike find him extremely challenging and exhausting to supervise, mentor, and teach. He is at high risk for institutionalization.

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Our agency has served this youth for several years with both waiver services and mental health treatment yet his challenging behaviors appeared to be beyond our capacity. We were unable to effect significant, sustained improvement in his behavior. His parents were at the point of sending him to an institutional placement at the time we requested the assistance of the CBC.

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The CBC sent us an expert in Applied Behavioral Analysis, Phillip Tafts, MSW, BCBA of the CHD, who has been able to work closely with the treatment team, family, and school. He has been a tremendous source of knowledge and support. He has been able to evaluate this situation and design a plan for this youth. He has taught new skills to the team enabling them to regain confidence, perspective, and increase their ability to manage this youth's behaviors, which will hopefully improve his quality of life and increase his independence.

I urge you to continue funding this extremely valuable resource. It seems to be the most effective way to prevent institutional placements and increase agency/community capacity. This program is also cost effective and requires a fraction of the funding need to support Alaskans in placements in other states.

Thank you for your continued support of this critical project.

Susan Drathman
PRIDE Program Director

3/5/14

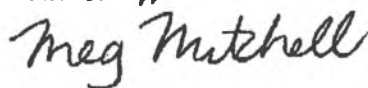
To Whom It May Concern at Alaska State Legislature:

I have been involved with providing services for Alaskans with disabilities for 23 years. I support funding to continue the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC). The Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC) has been the most practical and useful training program the State has ever offered to disabilities programs in my opinion. With consultation and training for caregivers and community providers, people with disabilities with truly challenging behaviors are given a chance to remain in their communities. CBC offers constructive solutions for the teams that serve Alaskans with disabilities and a way to develop management plans designed specifically for individuals with challenging behaviors to avoid crisis and remain in their communities and homes.

The CBC program serves Alaskans of all ages who have mental illness, a head injury, dementia, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, substance abuse use or trauma disorders. Since the CBC has just recently been started in FY 13 & 14 and has proven to be very successful throughout communities it has served in Alaska, annualized funding in FY 15 needs to be continued.

The communities in Alaska already served by this successful training program will be seriously lacking without CBC continuing (and potentially expanding), due to all of the solution based positive results it has helped disability programs develop. The state is better serving complex behaviorally challenged individuals with disabilities because of CBC and I know the program I work for is greatly improved and offers caregivers and providers more skills to improve the lives of Alaskans with developmental disabilities. Please continue funding for this unique and important behavior management consultation and training program.

Sincerely,



Meg Mitchell, Case Manager PRIDE Program

- For the record, I am an employee of KBRR (henceforth referred to as Reserve) through ADFG-SPORTFISH (henceforth SportFish). I am speaking today from the perspective of a concerned citizen.
- In the interest of time, I am going to defer testimony already provided about the value RESERVE serves not only to the Homer community but the entire state of Alaska.
- I want to assert that the proposed budget cut is, in my opinion, a narrow sighted decision made by SPORTFISH.
- The \$175k proposed cut from the GF is the entirety of state match required to receive larger federal grants from NOAA and other sources.
- The multiplier effect on this match brings in over \$1m in federal funding through SPORTFISH, for which a 14% administration charge is applied for all incoming funding that offsets the GF applied to RESERVE.
- I want to stress that the proposed cut does not just slash a budget- it will result in complete closure of the Reserve.
- Given RESERVE's national affiliation, this budget cut would have significant financial strings attached for the state of Alaska.
- SPORTFISH would default on their agreement terms with NOAA and could be responsible for reimbursing the current market value of RESERVE property investments, including a portion of AIOVC, the modular facility on Kachemak Drive (houses Kasitsna Bay Lab personnel, NPS, DNR, other), and Bay Av lab storage facility- to name a few. An amount that may be in the hundreds of thousands to millions of \$.
- Further, using federal funds RESERVE contributes \$133k annually to the operation of AIOVC, which serves 75,000 visitors per year. There is currently no alternative building partner that could fulfill that obligation.
- In closing, I encourage you to consider providing GF support to RESERVE for one additional year to allow an alternative state agency partner to be identified—a process which has already been initiated. The transfer of partnership would not only ensure the continuation of valuable research and education services, but would prevent further significant debt by the State of Alaska by alleviating the potential responsibility for property investment payback.



Stacey Buckelew

03-05-14

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: Dr. Martin Renner

Representing: _____

Bill No./Subject: House bill 266

Committee: House Finance Committee

Date of Hearing: 5 March 2014

I am deeply concerned about the funding cut of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve from the ADPQG budget. All of us living here in Homer and around the bay are closely connected to the sea - whether we realize this or not. The research reserve serves a vital role, providing applied ecological research serving our community. Without this research, informed management decisions are impossible.

The research reserve also provides a great service to local schools, offering field trips, discovery clubs, and education during the extremely popular shorebird festival. My two children have frequently participated in the programs, which has enriched their lives in a permanent way.

Needless to say, ~~closing~~ ^{closing} the research reserve would cause economical hardship to the entire community in Homer. I urge you to fight for reinstating funding to KBRR. Thank you for your consideration. Martin Renner

March 5, 2014

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

My name is Carlen Williams, Director of the Southeast Area Health Education Center (SE AHEC) of legislative district 33. SE AHEC is a regional center that has been located in Ketchikan and hosted by Peacehealth Ketchikan Medical Center for the last year. SE AHEC is one of five regional AHEC centers that are all hosted by a community organization. This not only ensures community buy in but allows equal access to AHEC programing that fits the needs of our diverse regions.

The overall Alaska AHEC programing uses a pipeline approach to health careers. We engage high school students to the possibilities of health focused careers as a future path of employment. We coordinate and support clinical rotations to post-secondary students enrolled in health career educational programs. We provide continuing education (CE) opportunities to our current health care providers. It is the regional centers job to make sure these activities fit the needs of their region.

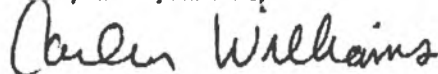
We are not only trying to grow our own health care providers but keep them here in Alaska.

The Alaska AHEC is not an extravagant program. Each center across the state is minimally staffed with very tight budgets to achieve long lasting programing. Collaboration and partnerships is our top priority in any project we are involved in.

I am respectfully requesting that the Alaska AHEC budget line item in the University of Alaska budget be reinstated to the full amount of \$652,900.

Without the reinstated Alaska AHEC budget line item into the UA budget the statewide program will be drastically affected including the closure of the Southeast AHEC regional center.

Thank you for your time,



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March 5, 2014

Rep Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
Rep Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair and
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Re: Support for Alaska AHEC inclusion in University of Alaska budget

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

I am the recipient of direct support from Alaska AHEC. I came here from California where I was working at a minimum wage job and could only pay my rent and gas. My family discouraged me from moving but I could not envision that life for me.

I learned about AHEC and worked two jobs while going to school for my CNA license. I am a hard worker and was lucky enough to be offered three jobs within two days of graduating. Though it was nerve-wracking to wait for my testing before I could actually accept a job, that encouragement from AHEC helped me realize that there was a better path for me. AHEC gave me courage and confidence in myself. AHEC helped navigate the paperwork at the university. AHEC gave me guidance about budgeting and filling out loan forms.

Now, I work at the Pioneer Home and am on my way to becoming a full-time nurse. My CNA credential gave me a hope and a great start. It would not have happened without AHEC's help. Now two of my friends are also at the University of Alaska campus in Ketchikan because of me, one in the sciences and another in nursing.

I urge you to maintain funding for AHEC.

Sincerely,



Miranda Robles
Nursing Student supported by AHEC



Klawock City School District

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Jim Holien
Superintendent

Kelli Larson
K -12 Principal

March 4th, 2014

To: Alaska State Legislators
From: Jim Holien - Superintendent

Dear Legislators,

This is a letter of support for Alaska AHEC and the programs they operate. Klawock School has just formed a relationship with AHEC and our students are benefitting from their programs. Currently, we are offering an Intro To Health Careers class to our students, which is supported by AHEC. Without their support, we could not offer this class to our students.

Like many schools across the state, our student population is declining and our budget is shrinking. Klawock does not have the resources to offer new classes to our students and AHEC has been invaluable to our school by providing this opportunity.

I request that the Alaska AHEC budget line item in the UA budget be reinstated. This has a direct impact on our students and it allows them access to classes and programs Klawock School cannot offer alone.

Thank you for your time, efforts, and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Holien". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jim Holien
Superintendent

Christa Bruce
5129 N Tongass
Ketchikan, AK 99901
March 5, 2014

To: Members of the House Finance Committee

Re: Alaska's AHEC

Southeast AHEC is one of five regional AHEC centers in Alaska. Alaska AHEC is dedicated to recruiting and training our own health care professionals and strengthening rural practice. To that end, our center has vigorously pursued students interested in health-related careers. We know that workforce development--investing in our own population--will significantly strengthen our ability to fill the gap in numbers of rural providers--doctors, nurses, CNAs, dentists, imaging specialists, to name a few.

In the last year and a half, Southeast AHEC in Ketchikan has facilitated and/or supported financially more than 40 student caregivers. We have become the go-to place for people in our region who want to train or re-train in health careers. AHEC's scope is bringing new hope for employment to people who recognize the tremendous needs in health care in Alaska. The future for skilled people is bright here.

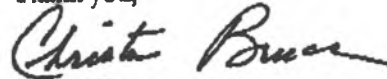
The University of Alaska is key to program support as we work to support students doing their clinical rotations in Alaska. We have shown through longitudinal data (made possible by UAA) that students doing clinical work in Alaska do return as providers. That is good news for us.

Our curricular outreach is also strong in the public schools and interest is growing. We have partnered with several schools to implement "Intro to Health Careers" and begin a strong Career and Technical Ed (CTE) pathway. The university has made it possible to offer a dual-credit option which is particularly appealing to parents.

AHEC is gaining a reputation for helping students navigate a health career pathway. We need program guidance and support from the university to help overcome the obstacles students face.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,



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Christa 34

March 7, 2014

To: House Finance Co-Chair Austerman and Co-Chair Stoltze
RE: HB 266 Operating Budget/Loans/Funds – SHARP Funding

The Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA) is writing to express our concern about the proposed reduction in the Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment and Direct Incentive Program (SHARP). We respectfully request that you rescind the \$1.2 million decrement to the SHARP-II Program budget. The SHARP program is helping Alaska's hospitals and other health care providers to ensure an adequate supply of healthcare providers.

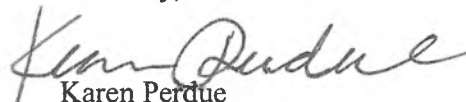
If the proposed reduction is implemented, some of the 62 providers with current service agreements will lose funding for part or all of their support for service agreements. Unexpectedly ending these contracts before the three year period is complete could impact the supply of healthcare providers and access to care for Alaskans. Healthcare providers have made a commitment to providing care to Alaskans and it is important for the state to honor the contracts that have been made through the SHARP program. The proposed reduction will result in a shortfall of \$572,000 on current SHARP contracts.

ASHNHA is a member of the SHARP Advisory Council. The Council has been working since August 2013 on the latest round of selections to ensure all areas of the State and a broad range of very hard to fill healthcare occupations are represented. As a result of this work, the Council has recently recommended 39 clinicians for the program. The proposed decrease in funding means none of these health care providers will receive loan repayment or direct incentives even though they have been waiting for many months and may have already changed their lives based on the intent to receive the funding. The 39 pending agreements include clinicians at small and rural hospitals that have already been waiting for many months.

ASHNHA asks for full funding support of the SHARP program. This program is an important component of an Alaska health care system that provides access to health care for the most vulnerable in our state.

We recognize the serious budget challenges that are faced, if it truly is necessary to reduce the SHARP program, we request the reduction be handled in a way that does not harm the professionals who in good faith have committed to working in remote and hard to fill positions with the expectation of receiving 3 years of loan repayment or direct incentives. Please provide funding to meet the existing commitments and give the program time to produce data demonstrating results.

Sincerely,



Karen Perdue
President/CEO

House Finance Committee Hearing
FY15 Operating Budget
March 4, 2014

- I represent Agenet, a statewide association which advocates on behalf of vulnerable older Alaskans and their family caregivers.
- Today, we join the Alaska Commission on Aging in asking you to invest in two long-standing senior grant programs: 1) the Family Caregiver Support Program and 2) the Nutrition, Transportation and Support grants which effectively prevent or delay costly institutional care.
- Family members, most often a daughter or a spouse, are the foundation of long-term care for older persons in Alaska and we want to help them last as long as they can in this unpaid but rewarding role.
- Caring for an older person with dementia or physical disabilities can be physically and emotionally demanding and caregivers often neglect their own help.
- The caregiver support program offers training on caregiving skills, services such as respite care, which gives the caregiver a much-needed break, and items which relieve the stress of the caregiver, such as a lift-chair or minor home modifications.
- We are requesting a \$325,000 increment in senior grant funds for the Family Caregiver Support Program, funds which go to non-profit agencies around the state; the waiting lists of family caregivers needing respite care and supplemental services is rapidly growing.
- Our other request is for the NTS grant program. The senior meal and transportation grants are well-known throughout Alaska, primarily through your local senior centers.
- The NTS programs around Alaska are serving an increasing number of seniors and striving to meet the demand for more services as the costs of fuel and food continue to rise.
- Research shows that states which invest more in home-delivered meal programs see greater reductions in nursing home placements.
- We are requesting a \$545,000 increment in NTS senior grants to be dispersed to local senior meal and ride programs around Alaska.

Senior grants have proven to help older Alaskans remain with dignity in their own homes and communities. They also support families to care for their own and save the state money by preventing elders from going into costly institutions.

Your support of maintaining these critical programs will promote family self-sufficiency as well as cost savings to the State of Alaska. Thank you for your consideration.

Presented by Marianne Mills
Director of Southeast Senior Services
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March 4, 2014

I am here today to speak on behalf of Retired Public Employees of Alaska. We have 2,000 members and offices in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

I am a PERS retiree. I worked 27 years for the State of Alaska and two years for the City and Borough of Juneau. My wife worked in the public sector for 26 years in the field of nursing. All those years we were promised that if we worked as a public servants we would have secure retirement checks and medical coverage that would allow us to live out our old age in security. In 2012 our life was turned upside down when my wife and I adopted our grandson, who is five years old.

I am 65 years old. I can't go back to work and even if I could, who would hire me? My wife and I depend on our retirement checks and health insurance.

Our health insurance is not free. We have deductibles for the three of us. Dental Vision and Audio costs us \$4,752 per year plus 20% co-pay. I pay Medicare \$2,098 per year. Medicare pays 80% of my medical costs and state insurance covers 20%. In a couple years my wife will also qualify for Medicare so we will add another \$2,098 per year to our healthcare costs.

Because my wife and I have PERS retirements our social security will be reduced, even though we paid in the same amount as others who worked in the private sector and are not penalized in this way.

I have watched over the years as the unfunded liability has grown and the can was kicked down the road. I have wondered what will happen to me and my family if the unfunded liability is not addressed by this legislature. I always understood that the State of Alaska would honor the promises made to my wife and me during our working years.

Please pass the \$3 billion and put it into the PERS/TRS trust funds. Please don't put the money into a separate fund where it can be taken back. That would not be addressing the problem, only playing games with the lives of retirees.

Thank you.

Gary Miller

Vice President, Southeast Region

Protecting and Enriching Your Retirement Years



"We help adults with mental illness live their own best lives"

Quality Community Behavioral Health Services Since 1985

March 4, 2014

Reps. Austerman and Stoltze, Chair, and Committee Members
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Thank you for this opportunity to address you about two very important issues to the health of Alaskans; the **SHARP II Student Loan Repayment Program and Residential Substance Abuse Treatment.**

SHARP II is a state-based student loan repayment and incentive program which you have proposed to cut by \$1.2 million in FY15, amounting to a 60% reduction in State GF. This would have a devastating effect on the ability of many non-profits statewide, as the SHARP II program has been a key tool in our ability to attract and maintain qualified staff to our organizations, and to maintain continuity of care for persons experiencing Serious Mental Illness, many of whom might otherwise require hospitalization or institutionalization if such services were not available.

As the director of Juneau Alliance for Mental Health, Inc.(JAMHI), the state-designated Community Behavioral Health Center in Juneau for the past 8 years, I have been challenged with developing and maintaining quality mental health services and improving access to care with flat funding for the past 6 years. To do that, we have constantly worked to streamline our procedures, consolidate staff functions, seek alternative funding, and prune every single twig of expense we can to continue to serve our community's behavioral health needs. We're down to the bone. We serve 475 mentally ill adults and provide housing to 52.

We are a lean, efficient, and effective organization, however, operating expenses continue to rise and we are challenged to keep pace with cost of living and salaries for our staff. The SHARP II Loan program has been a god-send to us in this regard. We have been able to attract and maintain 3 key staff due to the SHARP II program; a Psychiatric Advanced Nurse Practitioner, a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, and a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. We just had these people approved for the SHARP II program in recent months, and as a result, have commitments for 3 years of employment from them. To have the rug pulled out from under us would have a devastating effect on our Clinic. Other loan repayment programs are available in the primary care arena, and we would again be competing with them for similar staff.

I can't emphasize enough the importance of maintaining funding for the SHARP II program to ensure continuity of care for persons experiencing Serious Mental Illness. Please give full consideration to maintaining full funding for the SHARP II Loan Repayment program.

Secondly, the proposed budget cut of \$2,0430 to Residential Substance Abuse Treatment programs doesn't solve the problem of what to for or with people experiencing serious and late-stage alcohol or drug dependence. It shifts it to primary care, Courts, Corrections, Children's Services, and Public Safety, and Public Assistance. While it's true that Outpatient treatment programs show higher rates of success, the same is true for any disorder that is treated in the earlier stages. That is not always possible, and as such, we need access residential treatment programs to serve those who can't benefit from outpatient care due to the advanced nature of their illness. They need to be treated in a more structured, safe environment so they can develop the recovery skills necessary to "make it" in their communities with the aid of community supports. Please consider restoring full funding to Residential Substance Use Treatment programs. It would take years to rebuild what would be lost with such a massive cut.

Again, thank you for your time and consideration of these important issues.

Respectfully,

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Alaska Pharmacists Association

March 5, 2014

To Representative Members of House Finance Committee
RE: HB 266 Operating Budget/Loans/Funds

The Alaska Pharmacists Association respectfully requests that \$1.2 million be reinstated into the SHARP II Loan Repayment and Direct Incentives Program to recruit and retain health care professionals in the State of Alaska. It would be unfortunate to "pull the plug" on the professionals that have in good faith committed to working in remote and hard to fill positions in the state, with the expectation of receiving 3 years of loan repayment and/ or direct incentive from state and employer matched contributions.

Currently, with no Schools of Dentistry, Medicine and Pharmacy in the state, it is important to continue to recruit graduates from professional health care professions, particularly into the rural and hard to fill areas of the State.

Pharmacists (7) benefiting from SHARP II are located in the following communities across the state:

Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel - 3 Very Hard to Fill (VHTF) positions
SE Alaska Regional Health Corporation, Juneau- 1
South Central Foundation, Anchorage- 1
Norton Sound Health Corporation, Nome- 1
Annette Island Service Unit, Metlakatla- 1 Very Hard to Fill position

Respectfully,

Nancy Davis
Executive Director

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Millie Ryan

From: Jen Weinlaeder <jen.weinlaeder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 12:52 PM
To: Millie Ryan; Ron Little; Kelly Tousley
Subject: Document for House Finance Committee

March 4, 2014

To: Members of the House Finance Committee
Re: Complex Behavior Collaborative—request for funding (\$525,000 GF/MH)

My name is Jennifer Weinlaeder. My husband and I are parents of a 14-year-old boy who experiences autism. We live in Juneau and began receiving services from Alaska's Challenging Behavior Collaborative (CBC) in August of 2013. My intention is to inform you about the positive difference the CBC has made in our family's life.

In January 2013 our son, then 13, wrapped a short length of rope around his neck and acted like he was going to choke himself. We were in his occupational therapist's clinic. He grabbed this piece of equipment—constructed from rope and dowels and designed as part of a therapeutic swing—so quickly off a cabinet shelf, that the therapist and I were taken by surprise. Working together we calmly removed the rope swing from around his neck. I knew he was physically fine but the image of his rage, frustration and vulnerability is etched in my mind.

Shortly afterward the therapist told me she could no longer work with our son. His needs exceeded her training and ability to keep him safe. For two years she worked with him while teaching us about his sensory differences and how they made it difficult for him to regulate his emotions and behaviors. On this day he was triggered by a denial to buying a toy from Ben Franklin.

The CBC gives us access to a masters level, board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) from Anchorage. There are no BCBA's in Juneau. The analyst comes down about once a month for a few days. She is teaching us about his functional behavior—what he does to go toward something he wants and what he does to get away from something he wants to avoid. She observes his triggers, challenging behaviors and our typical responses. One thing I know for sure: parenting a child with autism is not intuitive.

Ross Greene, a psychologist from Harvard, wrote a book called, "The Explosive Child." In it he states, *Kids do well if they can*, not *Kids do well if they want to*. How we explain and understand our child's explosive behavior directly influences the strategies we use to help him change his behavior. Dr. Greene's approach resonates with us. Our son has lagging skills in the area of flexible thinking, frustration tolerance and problem solving. He needs skill development and that's what we're getting through the CBC.

I strongly urge you to include \$525,000 in the budget for the Challenging Behavior Collaborative. It's helped our family and can assist many more. It keeps our son in his home and out of a residential facility.

I appreciate the work of this committee.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Helen Phillips

From: House Finance
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 1:55 PM
To: Helen Phillips
Subject: FW: SOA general budget

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennie Hafele
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 11:32 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: FW: SOA general budget

Please enter into the record the testimony below to the House Finance Committee on HB 266 dated 03/05/2014

-----Original Message-----

From: Bryce Ward [<mailto:bryce.ward@northpolealaska.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 11:10 AM
To: Jennie Hafele
Cc: Bryce Ward
Subject: SOA general budget

Dear honorable legislators,

Unfortunately I am unable to testify today in regards to several issues that are of critical importance to the city of North Pole. The two main issues that I would like to address are PERS contribution by employers and revenue sharing. The city of North Pole is a PERS employer and is not allowed (without substantial penalty) to withdrawal from this program. I understand there is substantial issues with the retirement fund stemming from mismanagement and poor oversight, none of which is the municipalities fault. In a conventional system if the plan did not perform a employer could withdraw, this is not the case with the PERS system. Increasing the contribution of employers and not addressing the mismanagement or inability for employers to withdrawal would have drastic effects on municipalities.

The city of North Pole, like many municipalities directly benefits from revenue sharing of the sale of the state owned resources. While the state continues to reap a premium for Alaskan royalty oil at the cost of all Alaskans, especially in rural or smaller communities. it is not only prudent to maintain revenue sharing but also increase it. Until the state decides to give residents and local businesses the benefit of using their own resources at a cost not at a premium, revenue sharing should not be cut.

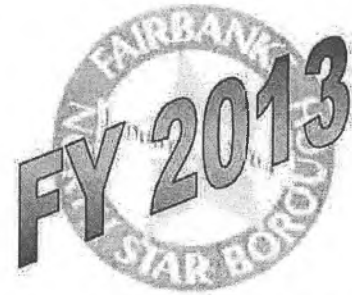
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Bryce ward, mayor city of North Pole

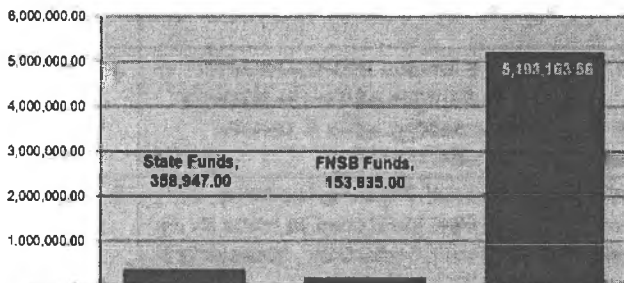
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Human Services Community Matching Grant

Highlights of the Community Impact



The agencies used state funds to leverage 14 times that amount in the value of services to the community!



State funds	\$358,947
Borough funds	\$153,835
Income generated by projects	\$542,034
Other funds received by projects	\$1,915,649
In-kind generated by projects	\$2,735,480
Total value to the community	\$5,705,945

Highlights of Services Provided in FY 2013

Grant funds were distributed to ten non-profit agencies

- **Alaska Legal Services Corporation**- 195 people served: 40 received full legal services, 49 received brief legal services and 107 received legal counseling. 91% of those who received full representation reported an increased ability to protect their basic needs.
- **Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska**- Hosted 155 trainings & meetings, including Art Links, ABCs of Caregiving, Mind Matters, Savvy Caregiver, caregiver support groups, awareness presentations & professional trainings. 398 participants, including seniors, family caregivers & the general public.
- **Big Brother's Big Sisters**- 233 children were matched with mentors; new matches were increased by 73% this year. Mentors increase scholastic confidence and reduce a child's risk taking behavior.
- **Boys and Girls Clubs**- 315 youth participated in Clubhouse programs designed to improve academic success, character, leadership development, and healthy lifestyles. 97% of youth surveyed expect to graduate from high school, an increase from prior measurements.
- **Fairbanks Community Food Bank**- 2,029,222 pounds of food donated and 38,987 people received services through 23,014 volunteer hours. 99% of requests for food were served.
- **Interior AIDS Association**- 55 persons served: 80% of those able or needing to work found or kept employment; 25 out of 28 tested negative for illicit drugs after two years in treatment. Organization exceeded goal of promoting productive activity among participants.
- **Interior Community Health Center** - 1,191 poor and near poor individuals, uninsured or under-insured, received health care services. Increased access to preventive and primary health care to 9% of target population.
- **Literacy Council** - 165 students received access to literacy services; attending 6,693 hours of classes and tutoring. 94% of students increased their literacy level as demonstrated on the BEST Plus test. Program added 23 new tutors and 6 new ESL teachers.
- **North Star Youth Court** - 161 youth served: 68 youth were trained for youth court; 83 youth were adjudicated for misdemeanors; 30 adjudicated for minor consumer alcohol; 10 participated in mediations. 93% of DJJ referrals have not reoffended prior to age 21.
- **Wellsprings Revival Ministries (Joel's Place)** - 115 people received services supported by this grant, including callers to Project Safety Net response center, youth using Joel's Place day program and youth taken from JP to the temporary overnight shelter. 4 Americorps members served 1,518 hours at key Safe Place sites.

FY 2014 Human Services Community Matching Grant

Agency	Projects Funded	Grant Amount
Interior AIDS Association	Project Special Delivery is a program for opiate addicts who want to eliminate their dependency on narcotic drugs and regain control essential to building and maintaining a productive and dependency-free lifestyle. Outcomes include reduction and elimination of drug abuse, improved mental & physical health, improved employment & financial stability, and improved family relationships.	\$ 50,000
Fairbanks Community Food Bank	The Food Bank collects local surplus food and supplies it to those in need and to agencies that provide on-site meal services such as Stone Soup. Almost 2 M pounds of locally collected food is distributed through approximately 100 local churches/agencies by more than 20,000 volunteer hours.	\$ 50,000
Interior Community Health Center	The Interior Community Health Center (ICHC) provides affordable preventative & primary health care services to low & moderate income people (such as the uninsured & underinsured). Promotes health, prevents disease, reduces disease complications and improves health status outcomes.	\$ 50,000
Alaska Legal Services Corp.	Alaska Legal Services provides civil legal assistance to low-income families and individuals in areas of family law, health care, housing & income. Civil legal assistance addresses domestic violence, lack of medical care, homelessness & loss of income, protecting rights & benefits provided by law that would be meaningless without access to the justice system.	\$ 50,000
Alzheimer's Disease Res. Agency	Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders (ADRD) Education & Support Project gives family caregivers the information and support needed to maintain care of their loved ones at home for as long as possible. Services reduce depression, anxiety & stress through education, counseling & ongoing support.	\$ 50,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Big Brothers Big Sisters matches children at risk of delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy or academic failure with mentors that provide positive adult attention. Nurturing, stable relationships produce improved life outcomes.	\$ 50,000
Literacy Council of Alaska	The Adult Literacy Program offers services for illiterate adults that focus on literacy skills needed for daily life. English as a Second Language services include English classes and American cultural and life skills. These services alleviate poverty, social inequality, discrimination, health risks and isolation.	\$ 50,000
Resource Ctr for Parents & Children	Stevie's Place is a child advocacy center that works alongside law enforcement and child protection services to provide forensic services to child victims when there are allegations of child sexual abuse or serious physical abuse. Services includes advocacy, support, accessing resources and information such as transportation, housing, and protective orders.	\$ 50,000
North Star Youth Court	Youth court is a diversion program for youth who commit minor consuming alcohol and misdemeanor offenses, providing immediate and appropriate consequences, and mandated referrals for counseling and substance abuse assessment. The mediation service is also a diversion program for youth who commit criminal offenses with an identified victim to increase accountability. Youth offenders respond well to the peer-based approach.	\$ 50,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tanana Valley	Boys & Girls Club provides a safe and positive place for youth to spend time, especially after school while many parents are still at work. This is the time period when kids historically become involved in high-risk or criminal behavior or become victims of crime. Staff & volunteers engage children & youth to achieve academic success, good character & citizenship, and healthy lifestyles.	\$ 44,834
Audit Expense	DHSS has placed controversial audit requirements, which exceed the State Single Audit standards, on these grants which directly reduces available dollars for program delivery.	\$ 854
Total Projects Funded for FY2014		\$ 494,834



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee

Committee on Education Committee Name
Dated 3/5/14

Bill / Subject

Thank you for your service. The Lathrop PTSA would like to ask the committee to increase education funding. As a parent I can speak to this. Last fall my son's 10th grade English class began the school year in an over-crowded classroom. This was due to staffing changes and adjustments because of the budget. Students were seated on the floor and leaning against walls because there were not enough chairs for the 30+ students. This was rectified within the week, but gave a glimpse of how funding can impact classrooms. Too many students in one classroom takes the focus off learning. Class sizes impact learning. Lower teacher to student ratios allow teachers to effectively manage classroom interactions and provide differentiated learning that supports success for every student. Funding reductions mean less teachers in classrooms and more students at-risk for not passing classes, not graduating on time or at all and not being prepared for college or careers. Please fund our schools as constitutionally mandated. Send the message to our students that they matter and education in Alaska is valued now and in the future. Thank you again for your service and your attention.

SIGNED:

Octavia Harris

Testifier

Lathrop PTSA and Self

Representing

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ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
 Committee on Operating Budget Committee Name
Bill / Subject Dated 3/5/2014

I am a very involved parent in the Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District. I have seen ~~a~~ teachers and administrators work together to educate, inspire and support Alaska's students. During the last few years of decreased funding of their day to day operations, I have seen them research and innovate ~~as~~ as well as stretch and support one another in order to continue the valuable work they do for Alaska's students. I am requesting that you also support Alaska's students by increasing PUBLIC School Funds. It is a constitutional mandate of our State that the state funds public education. ^{Therefore it should be your first priority.} It is also necessary for the future of our state. Thank you for your time. Please increase funds for Public Education.

SIGNED:

Tammi L. Ganguli (Tammi L. Ganguli)
 Testifier

Self

Representing

2530 ALLEN ADALEED, Fairbanks, AK 99709
 Address / Phone Number



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SIGNED:

Tammi L. Garauli (Tammi L. Garauli)
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a substance abuse counselor employed by Fairbanks Native Association at Ralph Perdue Center, and I am writing to ask that you reconsider the proposed cut of \$2 million in funding for residential substance abuse treatment programs in Alaska and maintain funding at existing levels.

Many of our consumers are unable to remain abstinent/sober in their current environments and require the stabilization and skills training only available in a residential treatment setting. The decision to place a consumer in residential treatment is a complex and clinical one arrived at by a treatment team using specific criteria. Our consumer placement decisions are guided and bound by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) treatment criteria for addictive, substance-related and co-occurring disorders, a national standard created and compiled by medical professionals. Level of care placement decisions are not random but rather carefully developed to best meet the needs of the consumer and promote the best possible outcome. Adherence to ASAM standards is required by accreditation entities, in our case CARF. Further, accreditation of our facility is required by the state; any cuts in state funding for residential treatment would result in our inability to comply with state mandates in other areas, an irony that was perhaps not foreseen when the funding cuts were proposed.

Alcoholism and addiction are unlike any other illnesses. They are multifaceted health issues that very often require the multifaceted medical and mental health care available only in a residential treatment setting. Many consumers will only achieve wellness and recovery with the aid of residential treatment.

In 2009, the National Survey on Drug Abuse and Health estimated that 9.5 percent of Alaska's population age 12 and older (55,700 residents) were dependent on or abusing alcohol or drugs. Costs to the economy in 2010 totaled \$1.2 billion. Costs by category include:

- \$673.2 million in productivity losses,
- \$50.5 million in traffic crash costs,
- \$217.7 million in criminal justice and protective services,
- \$237.3 million in health care, and
- \$13.2 million in public assistance and social services.

In 2014 it is reasonable to assume these numbers and costs have increased. The cost of placing consumers in residential substance abuse treatment pales in comparison to the overall cost to the state of Alaska and its citizens. If funding is cut for residential treatment services the Legislature should be prepared to increase funding for corrections, public assistance, Office of Children's Services, etc. In this light, the cost of maintaining existing funding for residential treatment seems reasonable and prudent.

A legitimate question for you to ask would be, "Where should I get the money?" There has been much debate and discussion of late about oil tax reform and repeal of that reform, and it seems most of this debate is of a very factional, all or nothing nature. Can we compromise? Can we meet in the middle? Oil ultimately pays for just about everything in Alaska, so can we decrease the amount or percentage of the tax reform without total repeal? Everyone may not walk away completely happy or satisfied, but the result would be increased revenue to fund needed programs such as residential substance abuse treatment.

Finally, let us examine the personal costs of addiction in Alaska. Alcoholism and addiction are deadly illnesses, and people are literally dying to get into residential treatment. To be able to serve these people early, when they present for treatment, would not only save money but also save lives, not to mention the anguish of their families over the needless waste of humanity. What if it was your family, someone you love? Perhaps you could choose to send them to a private, for-profit residential treatment center Outside. Though many of our consumers are indigent and have few resources, shouldn't they also have a choice to seek and participate in residential treatment? While someone would no more choose to suffer from addiction than they would cancer, the fact is that neither one is a choice. The days of viewing addicts as second-class citizens unworthy of the treatment available to those with other illnesses needs to end. What if it was someone you love?

Sincerely,

John P. Yates, Jr., A.S., CDC II, BHC II



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the FINANCE

Committee on OPERATING BUDGET / MH Committee Name Dated 3/5/14
Bill / Subject BUDGET

My name is John Yates. I live in North Pole & am employed by Fairbanks Native Assoc. at Ralph Perdue Center. I am here to ask that you maintain funding for residential substance abuse treatment at existing levels. Many of our consumers are unable to remain abstinent/sober in their current environment. Our placement procedures are bound by ASAM treatment criteria, a national standard required by accreditation entities. Accreditation is required by the state. In 2010 addiction cost Alaska \$1.2 billion, likely more in 2014. People are literally dying to get into residential treatment. They need & should have access to residential treatment services.

SIGNED: John Yates J.
Testifier
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Helen Phillips

From: Ernie Meloche <ernie.meloche@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 6:28 AM
To: Helen Phillips
Subject: Support Trauma System Funding (HB168; AS 18.08.085)

Dear Alaska Legislators,

Failing to fund the Trauma Care Fund would be a tremendous default of your duty to the people of Alaska. I am a board certified Emergency Physician and have dedicated the last twenty-five years to the caring for the people you represent.

I have seen the results of wise use of the trauma care fund in the training of the health care team, the community and the pre-hospital care teams that take care of you and your families, and those of the people you represent. These trauma care fund are critical in maintaining the excellent system that exists today.

Through use of these funds we do everything possible to make the trauma care in this state better. Any true Alaskan can testify at length how prevalent trauma is in our daily lives and how critical it is for those who represent us in the government to make sure we have the tools needed to maintain our trauma care at the highest levels possible.

Please do whatever you must to ensure that the Trauma Care Fund is fully funded in the coming years. You, your family and the people you represent will be the very ones who will benefit from such efforts, and the ones who are hurt by you if your actions fail in this regard.

Please vote to support the Trauma Care Fund (HB168; AS 18.08.085)

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf. Feel free to contact me if you need any further information to support your fight for these bills.

Sincerely,

Ernest B. Meloche, MD
Board Certified Emergency Physician
Ketchikan Medical Center Emergency Department
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Date: 3-6-2014

Please accept the enclosed original(s) of written testimony
for the House Finance teleconference hearing that
was scheduled on 3-5-14.

A copy of this testimony was transmitted to your committee
via fax on 3-6-14.

Thank You,

Ketchikan LIO

March 5, 2014

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

My name is Carlen Williams, Director of the Southeast Area Health Education Center (SE AHEC) of legislative district 33. SE AHEC is a regional center that has been located in Ketchikan and hosted by Peacehealth Ketchikan Medical Center for the last year. SE AHEC is one of five regional AHEC centers that are all hosted by a community organization. This not only ensures community buy in but allows equal access to AHEC programing that fits the needs of our diverse regions.

The overall Alaska AHEC programing uses a pipeline approach to health careers. We engage high school students to the possibilities of health focused careers as a future path of employment. We coordinate and support clinical rotations to post-secondary students enrolled in health career educational programs. We provide continuing education (CE) opportunities to our current health care providers. It is the regional centers job to make sure these activities fit the needs of their region.

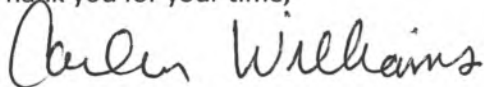
We are not only trying to grow our own health care providers but keep them here in Alaska.

The Alaska AHEC is not an extravagant program. Each center across the state is minimally staffed with very tight budgets to achieve long lasting programing. Collaboration and partnerships is our top priority in any project we are involved in.

I am respectfully requesting that the Alaska AHEC budget line item in the University of Alaska budget be reinstated to the full amount of \$652,900.

Without the reinstated Alaska AHEC budget line item into the UA budget the statewide program will be drastically affected including the closure of the Southeast AHEC regional center.

Thank you for your time,



Director



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Miranda Robles
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March 5, 2014

Rep Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
Rep Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair and
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Re: Support for Alaska AHEC's inclusion in University of Alaska budget

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

I am the recipient of direct support from Alaska AHEC. I came here from California where I was working at a minimum wage job and could only pay my rent and gas. My family discouraged me from moving but I could not envision that life for me.

I learned about AHEC and worked two jobs while going to school for my CNA license. I am a hard worker and was lucky enough to be offered three jobs within two days of graduating. Though it was nerve-wracking to wait for my testing before I could actually accept a job, that encouragement from AHEC helped me realize that there *was* a better path for me. AHEC gave me courage and confidence in myself. AHEC helped navigate the paperwork at the university. AHEC gave me guidance about budgeting and filling out loan forms.

Now, I work at the Pioneer Home and am on my way to becoming a full-time nurse. My CNA credential gave me a hope and a great start. It would not have happened without AHEC's help. Now two of my friends are also at the University of Alaska campus in Ketchikan because of me, one in the sciences and another in nursing.

I urge you to maintain funding for AHEC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Miranda Robles', written in a cursive style.

Miranda Robles
Nursing Student supported by AHEC



Klawock City School District

P.O. Box 9 Klawock, Alaska 99925 907-755-2220 Fax: 907-755-2913

Jim Holien
Superintendent

Kelli Larson
K -12 Principal

March 4th, 2014

To: Alaska State Legislators
From: Jim Holien – Superintendent

Dear Legislators,

This is a letter of support for Alaska AHEC and the programs they operate. Klawock School has just formed a relationship with AHEC and our students are benefitting from their programs. Currently, we are offering an Intro To Health Careers class to our students, which is supported by AHEC. Without their support, we could not offer this class to our students.

Like many schools across the state, our student population is declining and our budget is shrinking. Klawock does not have the resources to offer new classes to our students and AHEC has been invaluable to our school by providing this opportunity.

I request that the Alaska AHEC budget line item in the UA budget be reinstated. This has a direct impact on our students and it allows them access to classes and programs Klawock School cannot offer alone.

Thank you for your time, efforts, and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Holien
Superintendent

Christa Bruce
5129 N Tongass
Ketchikan, AK 99901
March 5, 2014

To: Members of the House Finance Committee

Re: Alaska's AHEC

Southeast AHEC is one of five regional AHEC centers in Alaska. Alaska AHEC is dedicated to recruiting and training our own health care professionals and strengthening rural practice. To that end, our center has vigorously pursued students interested in health-related careers. We know that workforce development--investing in our own population--will significantly strengthen our ability to fill the gap in numbers of rural providers—doctors, nurses, CNAs, dentists, imaging specialists, to name a few.

In the last year and a half, Southeast AHEC in Ketchikan has facilitated and/or supported financially more than 40 student caregivers. We have become the go-to place for people in our region who want to train or re-train in health careers. AHEC's scope is bringing new hope for employment to people who recognize the tremendous needs in health care in Alaska. The future for skilled people is bright here.

The University of Alaska is key to program support as we work to support students doing their clinical rotations in Alaska. We have shown through longitudinal data (made possible by UAA) that students doing clinical work in Alaska do return as providers. That is good news for us.

Our curricular outreach is also strong in the public schools and interest is growing. We have partnered with several schools to implement "Intro to Health Careers" and begin a strong Career and Technical Ed (CTE) pathway. The university has made it possible to offer a dual-credit option which is particularly appealing to parents.

AHEC is gaining a reputation for helping students navigate a health career pathway. We need program guidance and support from the university to help overcome the obstacles students face.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: Loretta Brown
Representing: Self
Bill No./Subject: HB 266
Committee: House Finance
Date of Hearing: 3/5/2014

I, ~~was~~ all of ^{the} Homer community, Alaska Community, ocean ecosystems, and marine organisms benefit from the work and dedication of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve in Homer. The Research Reserves (KBRR) provides vital research for assessing baseline biological and physical characteristics in Kachemak Bay.

This information is not only important for management of our fisheries and wildlife resources but also provides important and accessible information the the public, commercial fishermen, and the tourist industry in Homer. ~~KBRR~~ Cutting funding to KBRR would not only completely cut out ~~a~~ vital monitoring research in Kachemak Bay but also an informational resource between ^{the} state of Alaska natural resource and fisheries ~~and~~ management agencies and the public who use and rely upon these resources for enjoyment and subsistence use.

- For the record, I am an employee of KBRR (Reserve) through ADFG-SFD (Sport Fish). I am speaking today from the perspective of a concerned citizen.
- The Reserves' mission is not specific Sport Fish, however, it does meet the broad information needs across ADF&G including education, coastal training program, and research capacity.
- Specifically, the Reserve's education program served over 4,000 students, teachers, and visiting public in 2013. It has active education program outreaching information on harvested species and fishing skills.
- The coastal training program reached 400 coastal professionals by providing targeted needs-based trainings. This includes bringing skill-building trainings such as ArcGIS to ADF&G biologists in the lower Kenai Peninsula region.
- The research program is designed to provide information to coastal decision-makers on the physical sciences (such as relative sea-level change, coastal erosion, and ocean circulation patterns) as well as the biological sciences (such as habitat requirements for juvenile salmon, life history data for harvested clam species, ocean acidification on larval crab species, HAB and invasive species monitoring).
- The cutting edge work done on juvenile salmon habitat have been useful for managing habitat and permit regulations by DNR, the Division of Habitat, and to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- While the Reserve is not providing data on in-stream returns of adult salmon as requested by DSF, we are fulfilling a significant and unaddressed portion of the Division's Strategic Plan for research, monitoring, and education outlined in their 2010-2014 plan.
- I ask that you provide KBRR with one year of matching funding for the NOAA Operations grant in the amount of \$250K. This will provide time for the Reserve to seek a more relevant partnership. It would be ridiculous to close the Reserve at this juncture. The community would lose jobs, valuable long-term data necessary to navigate a changing climate, and the additional revenue the Reserve attracts through partnerships, ~all for the want of match funding to a large, sustaining grant.

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: Karen Shemet
Representing: Spratt Family Services
Bill No./Subject: HB 266
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Please fully fund Parents as Teachers program + all other home visiting + early childhood programs so that our vulnerable young children + their families receive the support they need in order to thrive + create a vibrant society. Funding preschool rather than prisons later really makes fiscal + societal sense. There is a great return actualized when we fund early childhood + it is time to put full funding behind it.

Thank you

Karen Shemet



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House Finance Committee,

Dear Members,

Thank you for your service.

The Kachemak Bay Conservation Society (KBCS) has been a non-profit organization for 35+ years. It has supported many organizations through education and grassroots efforts. KBCS is an all-volunteer organization involving many in the Kachemak Bay area.

KBCS would like to take this opportunity to express our disappointment in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division and the ADF&G, in general, for the lack of support for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve. (KBRR). We realize there is a general belt tightening within all state agencies, however we feel the KBRR is certainly an entity worth supporting for the following reasons:

1. The Kachemak Bay Research Reserve was organized under the National Estuarine Research Reserve System, which is a state, federal and local partnership. State funding serves as a match for larger funding amounts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other grant organizations. KBRR also seeks other funding for projects, which meets its mission, and these funds have been significant. This type of funding is still available and helps support an entity that employs Alaskans and supports the local economy.
2. KBRR supports a research team that conducts studies, which helps to understand the health of anadromous systems and the watershed of Kachemak Bay, which is beneficial to fisheries, other state agencies, and the general public.
3. KBRR conducts symposiums of national importance, which brings many people to Alaska for better understanding of oceans and oceanic issues.
4. KBRR is a major marine educator for the local community through its Coastal Training Program, Public Discovery Lab, and outdoor programs, which focus on coastal and estuarine ecology. These programs are very important for the youth of the area and have the potential to inspire career choices.
5. KBRR is located in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. The NOAA Kasitsna Bay Laboratory is located on the south side of Kachemak Bay. The close proximity of these three organizations makes collaboration much easier and will help to bring research projects to the Homer area.
6. KBRR benefits the youth and general public through education and collaboration. The Reserve is in place and serves the State of Alaska by bringing together leaders in Marine Science.
7. Without this state funding, the NOAA matching funding will end **and KBRR will cease to exist.** KBRR has a staff of approximately 11 personnel. These people and their families are residents of the Homer area and support the local economy. Not only would we be losing an important learning and educational organization, we would experience a brain drain of very well educated people.



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KBCS believes diversification of the states economy is very important. KBRR represents a perfect example. It is our hope that the legislature can find a source of funding that will allow the continued important work of this highly prestigious organization.

Sincerely

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To whom it may concern;

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I want to take a moment to strongly advocate for continued funding for the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC). My journey as a care coordinator partnering with the CBC began in a way that is far too common for many agencies that serve Alaskans who are at high risk of institutionalization. In working with a young man who has exhibited a range of behaviors related directly to his own safety as well as the safety of those who work with him (assaulting family, school personal and our agency personnel), I received a frantic phone call from his parents begging me to find an institutional placement as they felt they had no options and no place to turn after another assault. The truth is that as a state we lack the resources and expertise to serve such individuals in our smaller, more rural communities. When you look at residential or institutional programs in Alaska you will find limited options with few beds available if any, as a number of beds are reserved for OCS children. When you couple that with the fact that clients such as mine have special needs, due to the particular presentation of their developmental disability, and in this case a client who is both dually diagnosed with mental illness and genetic abnormality, I shared the hopelessness and deep concern these parents were experiencing.

It was at this point that I discovered the CBC as a resource to work with Alaskans who are at imminent risk of institutionalization. As we began the process of developing a team which would implement the ABA plan, a new hope that we might prevent this young man from losing his home and community arose. We were able to work intensively with mental health services as well as with the school and family. In particular, as the school was seeing a large percentage of daily aggressive and non-compliant behaviors, the CBC was able to work in the school setting and train the para-professionals to implement behavior strategies specifically designed for this young man. As you can imagine, where there was a sense of failure and desperation, this new team felt empowerment and hope.

We are still meeting bi-weekly as a comprehensive team to help this young man. I can say with certainty that if the CBC was not in existence, our client would be institutionalized in a setting far from home, which might not provide the level of support he requires to find success and some day return to his community and family.

Today we have reached out to the CBC and found support to keep five of our participants in our community. The strategies that we learn working with the CBC help us better serve many of our most challenged individuals.

As a care coordinator having been involved in social services in Alaska over the past thirteen years, I want you to know that the CBC plays a pivotal and vital role in reducing both present and future expenses related to institutional and residential treatment for behaviorally challenged Alaskans. There is no other such program or resource which exists to meet this need in our rural communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Jones", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sean Jones
Care Coordinator



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To Whom It May Concern;

**24 hour
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The PRIDE Program was successful in having a youth we serve accepted by the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC) and we are currently working with them to craft and implement a behavior management program specifically tailored for this youth. We are in the process of completing a second referral to the CBC and are hopeful that it will be accepted as well. Along with improving the quality of life for the individual served and reducing the likelihood of an institutional placement, this program works to increase the knowledge base and capacity of local providers/community, enabling even more individuals to benefit from the process.

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In July of 2012, we made our first referral for a teenage boy who experiences significant Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness. This young man is impulsive and finds it difficult to anticipate the consequences of his behavior. He is frequently assaultive of his parents, direct service providers, and peers. He has a history of sexually inappropriate behaviors and requires continual, close supervision in all environments for his safety and that of others. This youth has an intense need for constant attention causing teachers, parents, direct service providers alike find him extremely challenging and exhausting to supervise, mentor, and teach. He is at high risk for institutionalization.

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Our agency has served this youth for several years with both waiver services and mental health treatment yet his challenging behaviors appeared to be beyond our capacity. We were unable to effect significant, sustained improvement in his behavior. His parents were at the point of sending him to an institutional placement at the time we requested the assistance of the CBC.

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The CBC sent us an expert in Applied Behavioral Analysis, Phillip Tafts, MSW, BCBA of the CHD, who has been able to work closely with the treatment team, family, and school. He has been a tremendous source of knowledge and support. He has been able to evaluate this situation and design a plan for this youth. He has taught new skills to the team enabling them to regain confidence, perspective, and increase their ability to manage this youth's behaviors, which will hopefully improve his quality of life and increase his independence.

I urge you to continue funding this extremely valuable resource. It seems to be the most effective way to prevent institutional placements and increase agency/community capacity. This program is also cost effective and requires a fraction of the funding need to support Alaskans in placements in other states.

Thank you for your continued support of this critical project.

Susan Drathman
PRIDE Program Director

3/5/14

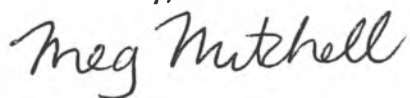
To Whom It May Concern at Alaska State Legislature:

I have been involved with providing services for Alaskans with disabilities for 23 years. I support funding to continue the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC). The Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC) has been the most practical and useful training program the State has ever offered to disabilities programs in my opinion. With consultation and training for caregivers and community providers, people with disabilities with truly challenging behaviors are given a chance to remain in their communities. CBC offers constructive solutions for the teams that serve Alaskans with disabilities and a way to develop management plans designed specifically for individuals with challenging behaviors to avoid crisis and remain in their communities and homes.

The CBC program serves Alaskans of all ages who have mental illness, a head injury, dementia, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, substance abuse use or trauma disorders. Since the CBC has just recently been started in FY 13 & 14 and has proven to be very successful throughout communities it has served in Alaska, annualized funding in FY 15 needs to be continued.


The communities in Alaska already served by this successful training program will be seriously lacking without CBC continuing (and potentially expanding), due to all of the solution based positive results it has helped disability programs develop. The state is better serving complex behaviorally challenged individuals with disabilities because of CBC and I know the program I work for is greatly improved and offers caregivers and providers more skills to improve the lives of Alaskans with developmental disabilities. Please continue funding for this unique and important behavior management consultation and training program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meg Mitchell".

Meg Mitchell, Case Manager PRIDE Program

- For the record, I am an employee of KBRR (henceforth referred to as Reserve) through ADFG-SPORTFISH (henceforth SportFish). I am speaking today from the perspective of a concerned citizen.
- In the interest of time, I am going to defer testimony already provided about the value RESERVE serves not only to the Homer community but the entire state of Alaska.
- I want to assert that the proposed budget cut is, in my opinion, a narrow sighted decision made by SPORTFISH.
- The \$175k proposed cut from the GF is the entirety of state match required to receive larger federal grants from NOAA and other sources.
- The multiplier effect on this match brings in over \$1m in federal funding through SPORTFISH, for which a 14% administration charge is applied for all incoming funding that offsets the GF applied to RESERVE.
- I want to stress that the proposed cut does not just slash a budget- it will result in complete closure of the Reserve.
- Given RESERVE's national affiliation, this budget cut would have significant financial strings attached for the state of Alaska.
- SPORTFISH would default on their agreement terms with NOAA and could be responsible for reimbursing the current market value of RESERVE property investments, including a portion of AIOVC, the modular facility on Kachemak Drive (houses Kasitsna Bay Lab personnel, NPS, DNR, other), and Bay Av lab storage facility- to name a few. An amount that may be in the hundreds of thousands to millions of \$.
- Further, using federal funds RESERVE contributes \$133k annually to the operation of AIOVC, which serves 75,000 visitors per year. There is currently no alternative building partner that could fulfill that obligation.
- In closing, I encourage you to consider providing GF support to RESERVE for one additional year to allow an alternative state agency partner to be identified—a process which has already been initiated. The transfer of partnership would not only ensure the continuation of valuable research and education services, but would prevent further significant debt by the State of Alaska by alleviating the potential responsibility for property investment payback.


Stacey Buckelew
03-05-14

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: Dr. Martin Renner

Representing: _____

Bill No./Subject House bill 256

Committee: House Finance Committee

Date of Hearing: 5 March 2014

I am deeply concerned about the funding cut of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve from the ADFWG budget. All of us living here in Homer and around the bay are closely connected to the sea - whether we realize this or not. The research reserve serves a vital role, providing applied ecological research serving our community. Without this research, informed management decisions are impossible.

The research reserve also provides a great service to local schools, offering field trips, discovery ~~hubs~~, and education during the extremely popular shorebird festival. My two children have frequently participated in the programs, which has enriched their lives in a permanent way.

Needless to say, ~~closing~~ ^{closing} the research reserve would cause economical hardship to the entire community in Homer. I urge you to fight for reinstating funding to KBRR. Thank you for your consideration. *Martin Renner*

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House Finance Committee

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March 7, 2014

Re: Trauma funding 2015


Gentlemen:

I was elected to the Board of Directors of Wrangell Medical Center last year but am also a citizen who has a major concern about the discontinuing of the funding for trauma center upgrades. WMC is currently in the process of trying to qualify for its Level IV certification and to lose that funding would pretty much eliminate that.

As you know, Southeast is not accessible by road anywhere and relies on boats and planes to get around. Before I retired, I was the part owner of the local air taxi and as such, dispatched many a float plane on medevacs from fishing boats, logging operations and hunting camps. You cannot send the plane out full of fuel not knowing what situation you will actually be encountering nor the size of the patient needing the medevac. So, for those people needing more acute care than WMC could provide, it meant returning to base for more fuel to get to a facility equipped to handle trauma. That entailed a delay that couldn't have been good for any of the folks hurt but was necessary to get them there. It is the belief here that if WMC had its trauma designation, much of that could be avoided and patients would get the care they needed immediately after arriving here.

Surely there must be a cut that can be made elsewhere in the budget that does not jeopardize lives? I beg you to reinstate the trauma funding.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Conine". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name and the word "Respectfully,".



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Re: Proposed Cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) Grants Program Budget

Honorable Representatives Alan Austerman and Representative Bill Stoltze:

I write you on behalf of **Chugachmiut**, for which I serve as the **CHAP Director**, regarding the proposed cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) grants program budget. We are acutely aware of the budget shortfalls that we face in Alaska and the current economic climate. Thank you for allowing us to share our comments and concerns on the proposed cuts.

Chugachmiut's CHA program involves five of the seven Chugachmiut Regional Native villages: Chenege Bay, Nanwalek, Port Graham, Seward and Tatitlek, Alaska. All are located within Southcentral Alaska. The Primary Network Spoke site is located at Chugachmiut Health Services in Seward. Each of the other four communities is considered secondary network spoke sites. Chugachmiut supports a standardized clinic model in each community to increase visiting provider quality of care. All medical providers and support staff regularly travel to each community, regardless of their home community.

Our immediate concern is to ask that you protect the funding for the CHATS program. This program is critical to reducing emergency and inpatient workloads while preventing long-term chronic health problems and disruptions to families and communities. Stable funding for this grant is critical to ensuring cost-savings to the Alaska Tribal Health System (a critical component of the Alaska Public Health System) and the State's General Fund.

The Mission of the CHATS program is to provide training and supervision of primary community health aides who provide health care services in rural communities throughout the State. Community health aides and practitioners (CHA/Ps) are critical to the delivery of health care in the state of Alaska. They are the first responders and often the only providers of care in most of rural Alaska. The CHAP program is globally recognized as a model of care in underserved communities. Their value is demonstrated in the improved health and greater capacity in rural communities to address health. The design of the training and utilization of CHA/Ps employed vision and foresight. Additionally, CHA/Ps are able to generate revenue to support the delivery of care through third party

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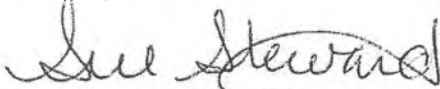
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I cannot overstate our deep concern about the current consideration to cut this critical program where other resources are not able to supplement or offset the losses to Alaska's capacity to meet this critical need. Please consider the long-term impacts and the resulting adverse impacts to the State of Alaska. Please keep the funding levels whole for the CHATS program.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.

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The Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association oversees the following five clinics: Atka Clinic, Nikolski Clinic, Oonalaska Wellness Center, St. George Traditional Clinic and the St. Paul Health Center. Out of the five clinics, three of them are staffed by community health aides only.

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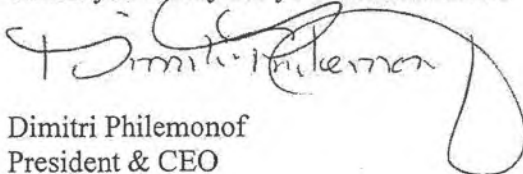
The CHA/P program is already under great pressure in that the training program has long been chronically underfunded. The training centers have sought and implemented innovative methods (including distance and online/virtual training sessions) to maximize resources to increase the number of CHA/Ps receiving training. However, certification requirements (wisely so) require direct oversight with a preceptor and student and supervised direct interaction with patients. Any "cost-savings" realized from these methods, have been directed toward an attempt to increase the number of CHA/Ps trained.

To add to the challenges, CHA/P training centers already faced difficulties with one training center closing its doors. The proposed cuts puts at-risk the remaining training centers and will translate into more costly expenditures and poorer health outcomes which will adversely impact Alaska's health.

The Alaska Tribal Health System has developed many innovative methods for providing health care across the state. New and exciting tools, such as telemedicine will not eliminate the need for CHA/Ps. In fact, CHA/Ps are also critical to the use of telemedicine, extending the reach of advanced medical personnel in a sustainable manner through the benefits of third-party billing. CHA/Ps are partners and facilitators of using telemedicine in rural Alaska.

I cannot overstate our deep concern about the current consideration to cut this critical program where other resources are not able to supplement or offset the losses to Alaska's capacity to meet this critical need. Please consider the long-term impacts and the resulting adverse impacts to the State of Alaska. Please keep the funding levels whole for the CHATS program.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.



Dimitri Philemonof
President & CEO

Cc: Carolyn Crowder, Health Director



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Testimony of Brandon Williams, Behavioral Health Budget, 03-04-14

- My name is Brandon Williams and I am here representing the Anchorage affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental illness, or NAMI
- I am here to discuss the proposed cuts to the Complex Behavior Collaborative
- At NAMI, a large percentage of the people we serve have dual diagnoses
 - People challenged with both mental illness and substance abuse disorder
 - These are individuals with complex behavioral needs that are served by the Complex Behavior Collaborative
 - NAMI supports funding level originally requested for the Complex Behavior Collaborative
- The American Medical Association conservatively estimates that:
 - Roughly 50% of individuals with severe mental illness are affected by substance abuse
 - 37% of alcohol abusers and 53% of drug abusers also have at least one mental illness
- Consequences of having untreated co-occurring mental health and substance abuse problems can be numerous and harsh
 - There is a greater likelihood of violence, jail, and being homeless
 - Poorer functioning at home and work
 - A greater chance of relapse
 - When compared to those with only substance abuse or mental illness, as opposed to both
- Integrated treatment across multiple providers is the best way to help these individuals become a contributing part of their communities
- The Complex Behavior Collaborative provides the integrated treatment that individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues need

To the House Finance Committee through the chair,

Alaska Youth Advocates offers the chance for a healthier life to young people who have little or no family support, often are no longer in school, may suffer from abuse or addiction, and have no place to go but the streets. Through our POWER Teen Center and health clinic in downtown Anchorage, we reach out to youth, offering a caring environment and information that can help them make safer, more positive decisions in their lives.

The youth served at AYA have experienced extreme levels of trauma and abuse. Many have had interactions with the Office of Children's Services but were unable to get the necessary support from our system. Our legislature recognized this need and since 2006 has increased support to improve OCS. The recent OCS work load study does recommend an additional 54 positions to increase efficiencies and keep social workers working with families to succeed.

Studies have shown that between 1/3 – 2/3rds of child maltreatment cases involve substance abuse. As we all know, substance abuse affects our state at record numbers thus affecting our high levels of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and suicide. Due to the years of trauma our youth experience, sometimes they turn to coping mechanisms they are all too familiar with, drugs and alcohol.

Our substance abuse treatment is already not meeting the needs of our state. Recently I worked with a youth who was ready to access help for her substance abuse. For weeks we worked together to get her into residential treatment. Not everyone is so persistent. We need to be ready to respond with services when a person is ready to treat their disease.

Everyone at AYA wants to equip young people to make decisions that will lead to productive lives. Many of our youth are not able to make these productive life choices without first the support of substance abuse treatment.

Please restore funding to substance abuse treatment and fund the recommendations provided by the OCS Workload Study.



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Testimony of Francine Harbour, Behavioral Health Budget, 03-04-14

Good afternoon representatives. Thank you for this opportunity to speak about funding for treatment of substance abuse disorders. My name is Francine Harbour. I am the executive director of NAMI Anchorage, the National Alliance on *Mental Illness*. I am here to talk about *substance abuse disorders* because of the high rate of people who become chemically dependent to self-medicate an underlying mental illness or other brain disorder. Unfortunately mental illness and substance abuse too often go hand-in-hand.

My understanding is that the budget that has been released cuts over \$2 million from behavioral health services. Of particular concern is the loss of funding for residential beds for people with substance abuse disorders. I also understand that some of the funding has been moved to outpatient treatment. Unfortunately, that order of treatment services is backwards. People need to FIRST spend time in a residential setting learning new coping skills and establishing healthy support networks and THEN receive ongoing support to maintain sobriety and wellness. Actually, it is NOT an EITHER/OR situation. BOTH residential facilities AND outpatient care need to be funded as part of a strong and EFFECTIVE continuum of care.

In closing, I would like to vigorously make the point that substance abuse disorders and their co-occurring brain disorders present COMPLEX medical challenges. The brain is, after all, our most complex organ. Residential beds, outpatient care and the coordination of care that is

supported by the Complex Behavior Collaborative all need the levels of funding originally requested. With this funding, we can continue to develop solutions that are EFFECTIVE and LAST, which is what everyone wants. Thank you for your time and support of the original behavioral health budget.

Presented by Francine Harbour, NAMI Anchorage, 272-0227.



citizen review panel

State of Alaska

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MEMORANDUM

March 03, 2014

The Honorable Mark Neuman
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Request to consider the recommendations of the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study*

Dear Representative Neuman:

On February 19, 2013, the House Finance sub-committee on Health and Social Services discussed the recommendations from the 2012 *Office of Children Services (OCS) Statewide Workload Study*. The sub-committee agreed with the spirit of the report's recommendations. However, members of the sub-committee did not commit any additional resources that can enable OCS to implement these recommendations.

The Citizen Review Panel requests that the sub-committee reconsider the recommendations and enable OCS to implement them.

The Citizen Review Panel:

The Citizen Review Panel (CRP) is a federally mandated body constituted to examine and evaluate the policies and practices of the Office of Children Services. Similar panels exist in every state in the Country.

Alaska's CRP conducts its work through the year and releases an annual report in June every year. Recommendations from that report are presented to the House and Senate Committees on Health and Social Services during the following legislative session. Following are the recommendations from the Panel's most recent annual report released in June 2013:

- That OCS take aggressive action to reduce staff turn-over.
- That OCS establish deadlines that require non-emergency petitions to be filed allowing for supervision of the family by the continuum of legal parties without necessitating the removal of the child.

will potentially have a direct positive impact on safety of children and families in Alaska, and therefore, lead to improved outcomes for these children and families in the long run. Thus, the Panel requests that the study recommendations be considered for implementation.

However, the study's recommendations may need to be clarified, and we strongly urge the Office of Children Services to do so in time for this legislature to consider the recommendations.

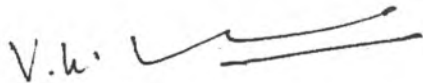
Specifically,

- The study identified additional positions based on a geographic classification of rural, medium rural, and urban. This classification needs to be translated to fit the OCS regional administrative boundaries.
- OCS disagreed with the number of suggested additional CCLS positions. OCS noted that this number appears inflated and may differ by region. This needs to be clarified and accurate numbers identified by region.

Despite the confusion in methodology, the Panel agrees with the study's recommendation of additional support positions. We hope the House Finance sub-committee on Health and Social Services reconsiders the recommendations of the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study* and enables the Office to implement those recommendations.

Thank you for your time and interest in ensuring the safety of Alaska's children and families. For more information on the Panel and its activities, please visit www.crpalaska.org.

Sincerely,



Diwakar Vadapalli, Ph.D.

Chair, Citizen Review Panel

CC:

Alaska House Committee on Health and Social Services
Alaska Senate Committee on Health and Social Services
Governor Sean Parnell
Commissioner William Streur, Department of Health and Social Services
Director Christy Lawton, Office of Children Services

Date: March 3, 2014

To: House Finance Committee

From: Marge Hays
Kenai Peninsula College
College Council
House District 30-3040

Re: University of Alaska Budget

Having been a professor at Kenai Peninsula College for over 20 years, I have personally seen what the institution has contributed to students' competence, enthusiasm, and self-confidence as they make their way through their programs. With my membership on the College Council, I have been able to continue my interest and knowledge of how the University system proceeds.

Our University signifies to Alaskans that a higher education not only provides for career possibilities and advancement, but for quality of life. This "takes" state funding, but "gives" economic contributions to the state. The University provides an environment in which commerce, the arts, research and innovation flourish. Better jobs mean more resources and the higher salaries result in benefits to businesses, industry and services.

To be viable, the University needs to continue being relevant with program offerings and the technology updates needed for work skills and their many internet classes. It is a pleasure for me to meet so many alumni who hold leadership positions in community and state organizations.

Thank you for your time on this budget. I hope you will be able to supplement the funds presently being considered for reduction.

Letter of Support for the Governor's Budget – Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment and Direct Incentive Program (SHARP)

Dear House Finance Co-Chair Austerman, Co-Chair Stoltze and Vice Chair Neuman

This letter is written to you on behalf of the members of the SHARP Advisory Council in support of full funding of the SHARP Programs and specifically to ask that you rescind the \$1.2 million decrement to the SHARP-II Program budget.

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Current SHARP-II Provider Contract Budget	\$2,036,300
Proposed Reduction Amt	\$1,200,000
Proposed Percent Reduction	59%
Amount Remaining after Cut	\$836,300
Current SHARP-II Contracts	\$1,408,800
Proposed Shortfall on Current SHARP-II Contracts	(\$572,500)
Percent Underfunded on Current SHARP-II Contracts	-41%

Impact of Budget Reduction in FY2015

- Vulnerable Alaskans currently receiving health care may lose their provider
- 39 recently selected and recommended provider service agreements by the SHARP Advisory Council cannot be made.
- Some or all of the 62 providers with current service agreements may lose funding on the entire or a portion of the support for their service agreements. This may also impact provider employers and their organizations.

Program Accomplishments

The SHARP Programs provides healthcare provider loan repayment and direct incentives to ensure an adequate supply of healthcare providers will be available to meet the healthcare needs of Alaskans in the areas of highest need. SHARP is designed to improve healthcare access for Alaskans who have other substantial barriers to healthcare access (e.g. remote location in Rural Alaska), receive Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal health benefits or are uninsured.

Since 2010, **136 SHARP clinicians** have provided healthcare to **156,190 Alaskans** and have been provided **305,522 patient visits** in over 38 communities, spread across all 6 regions of Alaska. In the last reported quarter, October-December, 2013, **89 clinicians** served **25,972 patients** with **61,819 visits**.

SHARP clinicians work in a broad range of healthcare occupations, including:

- Behavioral Health (44): 9 Psychiatrists, 5 Psychologists, 12 Clinical Social Workers, 13 Professional Counselors, 3 Physician Assistants, Nurses (RN) & 1 Nurse Practitioner; and,
- Dental Health (24): 17 Dentists, & 7 Dental Hygienists; and in

- Medical Care (68): 27 Physicians, 13 Nurse Practitioners, 10 Physician Assistants, 9 Pharmacists, 7 Nurses (RN), & 2 Physical Therapists.

Participating healthcare agencies are now more than 43 statewide: tribal health, hospitals, Community Health Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, government & other clinics.

The Council recently recommended another 39 providers to the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner.

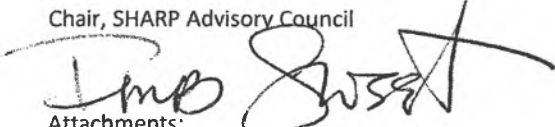
The SHARP Program

- Increases access to care for underserved populations
- Supports prevention and early treatment which contributes to better patient health outcomes
- Improves health care provider organizations stability and sustainability by reducing turnover
- Supports communities where hiring and retaining health care providers is a challenge – 33 or 53% of SHARP-II Program Providers Very Hard to Fill (VHTF) positions are currently being supported
- Enables health care providers to stay in communities and contribute to local economies directly and by serving as an anchor position for other health care support staff who also contribute to local economy.

Council members support and ask for your full funding support of the Governor's budget for both the SHARP Programs in the amount of **\$2,236,300 for the SHARP provider contracts, I (SHARP GF \$200,000) and SHARP II (\$2,036,300)** programs as components of an Alaska Health Care System that provide access to health care for the most vulnerable in our state.

Sincerely

Randi Sweet,
Chair, SHARP Advisory Council


Attachments:

Alaska SHARP Program Clinician Census by Region, Town and Discipline



March 7, 2014

To: House Finance Co-Chair Austerman and Co-Chair Stoltze
RE: HB 266 Operating Budget/Loans/Funds – SHARP Funding

The Alaska State Hospital and Nursing Home Association (ASHNHA) is writing to express our concern about the proposed reduction in the Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment and Direct Incentive Program (SHARP). We respectfully request that you rescind the \$1.2 million decrement to the SHARP-II Program budget. The SHARP program is helping Alaska's hospitals and other health care providers to ensure an adequate supply of healthcare providers.

If the proposed reduction is implemented, some of the 62 providers with current service agreements will lose funding for part or all of their support for service agreements. Unexpectedly ending these contracts before the three year period is complete could impact the supply of healthcare providers and access to care for Alaskans. Healthcare providers have made a commitment to providing care to Alaskans and it is important for the state to honor the contracts that have been made through the SHARP program. The proposed reduction will result in a shortfall of \$572,000 on current SHARP contracts.

ASHNHA is a member of the SHARP Advisory Council. The Council has been working since August 2013 on the latest round of selections to ensure all areas of the State and a broad range of very hard to fill healthcare occupations are represented. As a result of this work, the Council has recently recommended 39 clinicians for the program. The proposed decrease in funding means none of these health care providers will receive loan repayment or direct incentives even though they have been waiting for many months and may have already changed their lives based on the intent to receive the funding. The 39 pending agreements include clinicians at small and rural hospitals that have already been waiting for many months.

ASHNHA asks for full funding support of the SHARP program. This program is an important component of an Alaska health care system that provides access to health care for the most vulnerable in our state.

We recognize the serious budget challenges that are faced, if it truly is necessary to reduce the SHARP program, we request the reduction be handled in a way that does not harm the professionals who in good faith have committed to working in remote and hard to fill positions with the expectation of receiving 3 years of loan repayment or direct incentives. Please provide funding to meet the existing commitments and give the program time to produce data demonstrating results.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Perdue". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Karen Perdue
President/CEO

Millie Ryan

From: Jen Weinlaeder <jen.weinlaeder@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 12:52 PM
To: Millie Ryan; Ron Little; Kelly Tousley
Subject: Document for House Finance Committee

March 4, 2014

To: Members of the House Finance Committee
Re: Complex Behavior Collaborative—request for funding (\$525,000 GF/MH)

My name is Jennifer Weinlaeder. My husband and I are parents of a 14-year-old boy who experiences autism. We live in Juneau and began receiving services from Alaska's Challenging Behavior Collaborative (CBC) in August of 2013. My intention is to inform you about the positive difference the CBC has made in our family's life.

In January 2013 our son, then 13, wrapped a short length of rope around his neck and acted like he was going to choke himself. We were in his occupational therapist's clinic. He grabbed this piece of equipment—constructed from rope and dowels and designed as part of a therapeutic swing—so quickly off a cabinet shelf, that the therapist and I were taken by surprise. Working together we calmly removed the rope swing from around his neck. I knew he was physically fine but the image of his rage, frustration and vulnerability is etched in my mind.

Shortly afterward the therapist told me she could no longer work with our son. His needs exceeded her training and ability to keep him safe. For two years she worked with him while teaching us about his sensory differences and how they made it difficult for him to regulate his emotions and behaviors. On this day he was triggered by a denial to buying a toy from Ben Franklin.

The CBC gives us access to a masters level, board certified behavior analyst (BCBA) from Anchorage. There are no BCBA's in Juneau. The analyst comes down about once a month for a few days. She is teaching us about his functional behavior—what he does to go toward something he wants and what he does to get away from something he wants to avoid. She observes his triggers, challenging behaviors and our typical responses. One thing I know for sure: parenting a child with autism is not intuitive.

Ross Greene, a psychologist from Harvard, wrote a book called, "The Explosive Child." In it he states, *Kids do well if they can, not Kids do well if they want to.* How we explain and understand our child's explosive behavior directly influences the strategies we use to help him change his behavior. Dr. Greene's approach resonates with us. Our son has lagging skills in the area of flexible thinking, frustration tolerance and problem solving. He needs skill development and that's what we're getting through the CBC.

I strongly urge you to include \$525,000 in the budget for the Challenging Behavior Collaborative. It's helped our family and can assist many more. It keeps our son in his home and out of a residential facility.

I appreciate the work of this committee.

Thank you for your time and attention,

Helen Phillips

From: House Finance
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 1:55 PM
To: Helen Phillips
Subject: FW: SOA general budget

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennie Hafele
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 11:32 AM
To: House Finance
Subject: FW: SOA general budget

Please enter into the record the testimony below to the House Finance Committee on HB 266 dated 03/05/2014

-----Original Message-----

From: Bryce Ward [<mailto:bryce.ward@northpolealaska.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 11:10 AM
To: Jennie Hafele
Cc: Bryce Ward
Subject: SOA general budget

Dear honorable legislators,

Unfortunately I am unable to testify today in regards to several issues that are of critical importance to the city of North Pole. The two main issues that I would like to address are PERS contribution by employers and revenue sharing. The city of North Pole is a PERS employer and is not allowed (without substantial penalty) to withdrawal from this program. I understand there is substantial issues with the retirement fund stemming from mismanagement and poor oversight, none of which is the municipalities fault. In a conventional system if the plan did not perform a employer could withdraw, this is not the case with the PERS system. Increasing the contribution of employers and not addressing the mismanagement or inability for employers to withdrawal would have drastic effects on municipalities.

The city of North Pole, like many municipalities directly benefits from revenue sharing of the sale of the state owned resources. While the state continues to reap a premium for Alaskan royalty oil at the cost of all Alaskans, especially in rural or smaller communities. it is not only prudent to maintain revenue sharing but also increase it. Until the state decides to give residents and local businesses the benefit of using their own resources at a cost not at a premium, revenue sharing should not be cut.

Thank you

Bryce ward, mayor city of North Pole

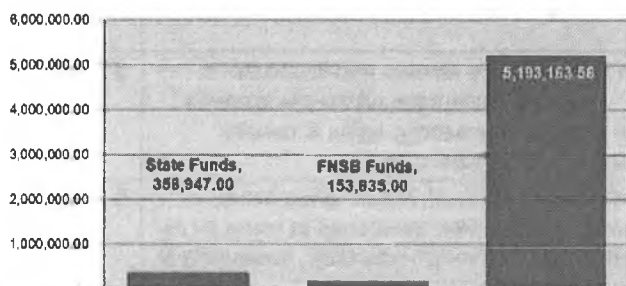
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Human Services Community Matching Grant

Highlights of the Community Impact



The agencies used state funds to leverage 14 times that amount in the value of services to the community!



State funds	\$358,947
Borough funds	\$153,835
Income generated by projects	\$542,034
Other funds received by projects	\$1,915,649
In-kind generated by projects	\$2,735,480
Total value to the community	\$5,705,945

Highlights of Services Provided in FY 2013

Grant funds were distributed to ten non-profit agencies

- **Alaska Legal Services Corporation**- 195 people served: 40 received full legal services, 49 received brief legal services and 107 received legal counseling. 91% of those who received full representation reported an increased ability to protect their basic needs.
- **Alzheimer's Disease Resource Agency of Alaska**- Hosted 155 trainings & meetings, including Art Links, ABCs of Caregiving, Mind Matters, Savvy Caregiver, caregiver support groups, awareness presentations & professional trainings. 398 participants, including seniors, family caregivers & the general public.
- **Big Brother's Big Sisters**- 233 children were matched with mentors; new matches were increased by 73% this year. Mentors increase scholastic confidence and reduce a child's risk taking behavior.
- **Boys and Girls Clubs**- 315 youth participated in Clubhouse programs designed to improve academic success, character, leadership development, and healthy lifestyles. 97% of youth surveyed expect to graduate from high school, an increase from prior measurements.
- **Fairbanks Community Food Bank**- 2,029,222 pounds of food donated and 38,987 people received services through 23,014 volunteer hours. 99% of requests for food were served.
- **Interior AIDS Association**- 55 persons served: 80% of those able or needing to work found or kept employment; 25 out of 28 tested negative for illicit drugs after two years in treatment. Organization exceeded goal of promoting productive activity among participants.
- **Interior Community Health Center** - 1,191 poor and near poor individuals, uninsured or under-insured, received health care services. Increased access to preventive and primary health care to 9% of target population.
- **Literacy Council** - 165 students received access to literacy services; attending 6,693 hours of classes and tutoring. 94% of students increased their literacy level as demonstrated on the BEST Plus test. Program added 23 new tutors and 6 new ESL teachers.
- **North Star Youth Court** - 161 youth served: 68 youth were trained for youth court; 83 youth were adjudicated for misdemeanors; 30 adjudicated for minor consumer alcohol; 10 participated in mediations. 93% of DJJ referrals have not reoffended prior to age 21.
- **Wellsprings Revival Ministries (Joel's Place)** - 115 people received services supported by this grant, including callers to Project Safety Net response center, youth using Joel's Place day program and youth taken from JP to the temporary overnight shelter. 4 Americorps members served 1,518 hours at key Safe Place sites.

FY 2014 Human Services Community Matching Grant

Agency	Projects Funded	Grant Amount
Interior AIDS Association	Project Special Delivery is a program for opiate addicts who want to eliminate their dependency on narcotic drugs and regain control essential to building and maintaining a productive and dependency-free lifestyle. Outcomes include reduction and elimination of drug abuse, improved mental & physical health, improved employment & financial stability, and improved family relationships.	\$ 50,000
Fairbanks Community Food Bank	The Food Bank collects local surplus food and supplies it to those in need and to agencies that provide on-site meal services such as Stone Soup. Almost 2 M pounds of locally collected food is distributed through approximately 100 local churches/agencies by more than 20,000 volunteer hours.	\$ 50,000
Interior Community Health Center	The Interior Community Health Center (IHC) provides affordable preventative & primary health care services to low & moderate income people (such as the uninsured & underinsured). Promotes health, prevents disease, reduces disease complications and improves health status outcomes.	\$ 50,000
Alaska Legal Services Corp.	Alaska Legal Services provides civil legal assistance to low-income families and individuals in areas of family law, health care, housing & income. Civil legal assistance addresses domestic violence, lack of medical care, homelessness & loss of income, protecting rights & benefits provided by law that would be meaningless without access to the justice system.	\$ 50,000
Alzheimer's Disease Res. Agency	Alzheimer's Disease & Related Disorders (ADRD) Education & Support Project gives family caregivers the information and support needed to maintain care of their loved ones at home for as long as possible. Services reduce depression, anxiety & stress through education, counseling & ongoing support.	\$ 50,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters	Big Brothers Big Sisters matches children at risk of delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy or academic failure with mentors that provide positive adult attention. Nurturing, stable relationships produce improved life outcomes.	\$ 50,000
Literacy Council of Alaska	The Adult Literacy Program offers services for illiterate adults that focus on literacy skills needed for daily life. English as a Second Language services include English classes and American cultural and life skills. These services alleviate poverty, social inequality, discrimination, health risks and isolation.	\$ 50,000
Resource Ctr for Parents & Children	Stevie's Place is a child advocacy center that works alongside law enforcement and child protection services to provide forensic services to child victims when there are allegations of child sexual abuse or serious physical abuse. Services includes advocacy, support, accessing resources and information such as transportation, housing, and protective orders.	\$ 50,000
North Star Youth Court	Youth court is a diversion program for youth who commit minor consuming alcohol and misdemeanor offenses, providing immediate and appropriate consequences, and mandated referrals for counseling and substance abuse assessment. The mediation service is also a diversion program for youth who commit criminal offenses with an identified victim to increase accountability. Youth offenders respond well to the peer-based approach.	\$ 50,000
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tanana Valley	Boys & Girls Club provides a safe and positive place for youth to spend time, especially after school while many parents are still at work. This is the time period when kids historically become involved in high-risk or criminal behavior or become victims of crime. Staff & volunteers engage children & youth to achieve academic success, good character & citizenship, and healthy lifestyles.	\$ 44,834
Audit Expense	DHSS has placed controversial audit requirements, which exceed the State Single Audit standards, on these grants which directly reduces available dollars for program delivery.	\$ 854
Total Projects Funded for FY2014		\$ 494,834



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee

Committee on Education Committee Name Dated 3/5/14

Bill / Subject

Thank you for your service. The Lathrop PTSA would like to ask the committee to increase education funding. As a parent ~~last~~ I can speak to this. Last fall my sons 10th grade English class began the school year in an over-crowded classroom. This was due to staffing changes and adjustments because of the budget. Students were seated on the floor and leaning against walls because there were not enough chairs for the 30+ students. This was rectified within the week, but gave a glimpse of how funding can impact classrooms. Too many students in one classroom takes the focus off learning. Class sizes impact learning, lower teacher to student ratios allow teachers to effectively manage classroom interactions and provide differentiated learning that supports success for every student. Funding reductions mean less teachers in classrooms and more students at-risk for not passing classes, not graduating on time or at all and not being prepared for college or careers. Please fund our schools as constitutionally mandated. Send the message to our students that they matter and education in Alaska is valued now and in the future. Thank you again for your service and your attention.

SIGNED:

Octavia Harris

Testifier

Lathrop PTSA and Self

Representing

1353 Joyce Dr. Fairbanks 99701

Address / Phone Number

(907) 456-1262



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the House Finance Committee
 Committee on Operating Budget Committee Name Dated 3/5/2014
Bill / Subject

I am a very involved parent in the Fairbanks Northstar Borough School District. I have seen ~~to~~ teachers and administrators work together to educate, inspire and support Alaska's students. During the last few years of decreased funding of their day to day operations, I have seen them research and innovate ~~to~~ as well as stretch and support one another in order to continue the valuable work they do for Alaska's students. I am requesting that you also support Alaska's students by increasing PUBLIC School Funds. It is a constitutional mandate of our State that the state funds public education. ^{Therefore it should be your first priority.} It is also necessary for the future of our state. Thank you for your time. Please increase funds for Public Education.

SIGNED:

Testifier

Representing

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a substance abuse counselor employed by Fairbanks Native Association at Ralph Perdue Center, and I am writing to ask that you reconsider the proposed cut of \$2 million in funding for residential substance abuse treatment programs in Alaska and maintain funding at existing levels.

Many of our consumers are unable to remain abstinent/sober in their current environments and require the stabilization and skills training only available in a residential treatment setting. The decision to place a consumer in residential treatment is a complex and clinical one arrived at by a treatment team using specific criteria. Our consumer placement decisions are guided and bound by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) treatment criteria for addictive, substance-related and co-occurring disorders, a national standard created and compiled by medical professionals. Level of care placement decisions are not random but rather carefully developed to best meet the needs of the consumer and promote the best possible outcome. Adherence to ASAM standards is required by accreditation entities, in our case CARF. Further, accreditation of our facility is required by the state; any cuts in state funding for residential treatment would result in our inability to comply with state mandates in other areas, an irony that was perhaps not foreseen when the funding cuts were proposed.

Alcoholism and addiction are unlike any other illnesses. They are multifaceted health issues that very often require the multifaceted medical and mental health care available only in a residential treatment setting. Many consumers will only achieve wellness and recovery with the aid of residential treatment.

In 2009, the National Survey on Drug Abuse and Health estimated that 9.5 percent of Alaska's population age 12 and older (55,700 residents) were dependent on or abusing alcohol or drugs. Costs to the economy in 2010 totaled \$1.2 billion. Costs by category include:

- \$673.2 million in productivity losses,
- \$50.5 million in traffic crash costs,
- \$217.7 million in criminal justice and protective services,
- \$237.3 million in health care, and
- \$13.2 million in public assistance and social services.

In 2014 it is reasonable to assume these numbers and costs have increased. The cost of placing consumers in residential substance abuse treatment pales in comparison to the overall cost to the state of Alaska and its citizens. If funding is cut for residential treatment services the Legislature should be prepared to increase funding for corrections, public assistance, Office of Children's Services, etc. In this light, the cost of maintaining existing funding for residential treatment seems reasonable and prudent.

A legitimate question for you to ask would be, "Where should I get the money?" There has been much debate and discussion of late about oil tax reform and repeal of that reform, and it seems most of this debate is of a very factional, all or nothing nature. Can we compromise? Can we meet in the middle? Oil ultimately pays for just about everything in Alaska, so can we decrease the amount or percentage of the tax reform without total repeal? Everyone may not walk away completely happy or satisfied, but the result would be increased revenue to fund needed programs such as residential substance abuse treatment.

Finally, let us examine the personal costs of addiction in Alaska. Alcoholism and addiction are deadly illnesses, and people are literally dying to get into residential treatment. To be able to serve these people early, when they present for treatment, would not only save money but also save lives, not to mention the anguish of their families over the needless waste of humanity. What if it was your family, someone you love? Perhaps you could choose to send them to a private, for-profit residential treatment center Outside. Though many of our consumers are indigent and have few resources, shouldn't they also have a choice to seek and participate in residential treatment? While someone would no more choose to suffer from addiction than they would cancer, the fact is that neither one is a choice. The days of viewing addicts as second-class citizens unworthy of the treatment available to those with other illnesses needs to end. What if it was someone you love?

Sincerely,

John P. Yates, Jr., A.S., CDC II, BHC II



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Please enter into the record my testimony to the FINANCE

Committee on OPERATING BUDGET / MH Committee Name Dated 3/5/14
Bill / Subject BUDGET

My name is John Gates. I live in North Pole & am employed by Fairbanks Native Assoc. at Ralph Perdue Center. I am here to ask that you maintain funding for residential substance abuse treatment at existing levels. Many of our consumers are unable to remain abstinent/sober in their current environment. Our placement procedures are bound by ASAM treatment criteria, a national standard required by accreditation entities. Accreditation is required by the state. In 2010 addiction cost Alaska \$1.2 billion, likely more in 2014. People are literally dying to get into residential treatment. They need & should have access to residential treatment services.

SIGNED: John P. Gates J.
Testifier
FAIRBANKS NATIVE ASSOCIATION
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Helen Phillips

From: Ernie Meloche <ernie.meloche@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 07, 2014 6:28 AM
To: Helen Phillips
Subject: Support Trauma System Funding (HB168; AS 18.08.085)

Dear Alaska Legislators,

Failing to fund the Trauma Care Fund would be a tremendous default of your duty to the people of Alaska. I am a board certified Emergency Physician and have dedicated the last twenty-five years to the caring for the people you represent.

I have seen the results of wise use of the trauma care fund in the training of the health care team, the community and the pre-hospital care teams that take care of you and your families, and those of the people you represent. These trauma care fund are critical in maintaining the excellent system that exists today.

Through use of these funds we do everything possible to make the trauma care in this state better. Any true Alaskan can testify at length how prevalent trauma is in our daily lives and how critical it is for those who represent us in the government to make sure we have the tools needed to maintain our trauma care at the highest levels possible.

Please do whatever you must to ensure that the Trauma Care Fund is fully funded in the coming years. You, your family and the people you represent will be the very ones who will benefit from such efforts, and the ones who are hurt by you if your actions fail in this regard.

Please vote to support the Trauma Care Fund (HB168; AS 18.08.085)

Thank you for your efforts on our behalf. Feel free to contact me if you need any further information to support your fight for these bills.

Sincerely,

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March 5, 2014

Dear House Finance Committee Members,

My name is Carlen Williams, Director of the Southeast Area Health Education Center (SE AHEC) of legislative district 33. SE AHEC is a regional center that has been located in Ketchikan and hosted by Peacehealth Ketchikan Medical Center for the last year. SE AHEC is one of five regional AHEC centers that are all hosted by a community organization. This not only ensures community buy in but allows equal access to AHEC programing that fits the needs of our diverse regions.

The overall Alaska AHEC programing uses a pipeline approach to health careers. We engage high school students to the possibilities of health focused careers as a future path of employment. We coordinate and support clinical rotations to post-secondary students enrolled in health career educational programs. We provide continuing education (CE) opportunities to our current health care providers. It is the regional centers job to make sure these activities fit the needs of their region.

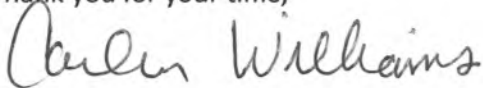
We are not only trying to grow our own health care providers but keep them here in Alaska.

The Alaska AHEC is not an extravagant program. Each center across the state is minimally staffed with very tight budgets to achieve long lasting programing. Collaboration and partnerships is our top priority in any project we are involved in.

I am respectfully requesting that the Alaska AHEC budget line item in the University of Alaska budget be reinstated to the full amount of \$652,900.

Without the reinstated Alaska AHEC budget line item into the UA budget the statewide program will be drastically affected including the closure of the Southeast AHEC regional center.

Thank you for your time,



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March 5, 2014

Rep Alan Austerman, Co-Chair
Rep Bill Stoltze, Co-Chair and
House Finance Committee
Alaska State Legislature

Re: Support for Alaska AHEC's inclusion in University of Alaska budget

Dear Members of the Finance Committee:

I am the recipient of direct support from Alaska AHEC. I came here from California where I was working at a minimum wage job and could only pay my rent and gas. My family discouraged me from moving but I could not envision that life for me.

I learned about AHEC and worked two jobs while going to school for my CNA license. I am a hard worker and was lucky enough to be offered three jobs within two days of graduating. Though it was nerve-wracking to wait for my testing before I could actually accept a job, that encouragement from AHEC helped me realize that there *was* a better path for me. AHEC gave me courage and confidence in myself. AHEC helped navigate the paperwork at the university. AHEC gave me guidance about budgeting and filling out loan forms.

Now, I work at the Pioneer Home and am on my way to becoming a full-time nurse. My CNA credential gave me a hope and a great start. It would not have happened without AHEC's help. Now two of my friends are also at the University of Alaska campus in Ketchikan because of me, one in the sciences and another in nursing.

I urge you to maintain funding for AHEC.

Sincerely,



Miranda Robles
Nursing Student supported by AHEC



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Jim Holien
Superintendent

Kelli Larson
K -12 Principal

March 4th, 2014

To: Alaska State Legislators
From: Jim Holien – Superintendent

Dear Legislators,

This is a letter of support for Alaska AHEC and the programs they operate. Klawock School has just formed a relationship with AHEC and our students are benefitting from their programs. Currently, we are offering an Intro To Health Careers class to our students, which is supported by AHEC. Without their support, we could not offer this class to our students.

Like many schools across the state, our student population is declining and our budget is shrinking. Klawock does not have the resources to offer new classes to our students and AHEC has been invaluable to our school by providing this opportunity.

I request that the Alaska AHEC budget line item in the UA budget be reinstated. This has a direct impact on our students and it allows them access to classes and programs Klawock School cannot offer alone.

Thank you for your time, efforts, and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jim Holien
Superintendent

Christa Bruce
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March 5, 2014

To: Members of the House Finance Committee

Re: Alaska's AHEC

Southeast AHEC is one of five regional AHEC centers in Alaska. Alaska AHEC is dedicated to recruiting and training our own health care professionals and strengthening rural practice. To that end, our center has vigorously pursued students interested in health-related careers. We know that workforce development--investing in our own population--will significantly strengthen our ability to fill the gap in numbers of rural providers—doctors, nurses, CNAs, dentists, imaging specialists, to name a few.

In the last year and a half, Southeast AHEC in Ketchikan has facilitated and/or supported financially more than 40 student caregivers. We have become the go-to place for people in our region who want to train or re-train in health careers. AHEC's scope is bringing new hope for employment to people who recognize the tremendous needs in health care in Alaska. The future for skilled people is bright here.

The University of Alaska is key to program support as we work to support students doing their clinical rotations in Alaska. We have shown through longitudinal data (made possible by UAA) that students doing clinical work in Alaska do return as providers. That is good news for us.

Our curricular outreach is also strong in the public schools and interest is growing. We have partnered with several schools to implement "Intro to Health Careers" and begin a strong Career and Technical Ed (CTE) pathway. The university has made it possible to offer a dual-credit option which is particularly appealing to parents.

AHEC is gaining a reputation for helping students navigate a health career pathway. We need program guidance and support from the university to help overcome the obstacles students face.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,



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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: Loretta Brown
Representing: Self
Bill No./Subject: HB 266
Committee: House Finance
Date of Hearing: 3/5/2014

I, ~~was~~ all of ^{the} Homer community, Alaska Community, ocean ecosystems, and marine organisms benefit from the work and dedication of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve in Homer. The Research Reserves (KBRR) provides vital research for assessing baseline biological and physical characteristics in Kachemak Bay. This information is not only important for management of our fisheries and wildlife resources but also provides important and accessible information the the public, commercial fishermen, and the tourist industry in Homer. ~~KBRR~~ Cutting funding to KBRR would not only completely cut out ~~a~~ vital monitoring research in Kachemak Bay but also an informational resource between ^{the} state of Alaska natural resource and fisheries ~~and~~ management agencies and the public who use and rely upon these resources for enjoyment and subsistence use.

- For the record, I am an employee of KBRR (Reserve) through ADFG-SFD (Sport Fish). I am speaking today from the perspective of a concerned citizen.
- The Reserves' mission is not specific Sport Fish, however, it does meet the broad information needs across ADF&G including education, coastal training program, and research capacity.
- Specifically, the Reserve's education program served over 4,000 students, teachers, and visiting public in 2013. It has active education program outreaching information on harvested species and fishing skills.
- The coastal training program reached 400 coastal professionals by providing targeted needs-based trainings. This includes bringing skill-building trainings such as ArcGIS to ADF&G biologists in the lower Kenai Peninsula region.
- The research program is designed to provide information to coastal decision-makers on the physical sciences (such as relative sea-level change, coastal erosion, and ocean circulation patterns) as well as the biological sciences (such as habitat requirements for juvenile salmon, life history data for harvested clam species, ocean acidification on larval crab species, HAB and invasive species monitoring).
- The cutting edge work done on juvenile salmon habitat have been useful for managing habitat and permit regulations by DNR, the Division of Habitat, and to the Kenai Peninsula Borough.
- While the Reserve is not providing data on in-stream returns of adult salmon as requested by DSF, we are fulfilling a significant and unaddressed portion of the Division's Strategic Plan for research, monitoring, and education outlined in their 2010-2014 plan.
- I ask that you provide KBRR with one year of matching funding for the NOAA Operations grant in the amount of \$250K. This will provide time for the Reserve to seek a more relevant partnership. It would be ridiculous to close the Reserve at this juncture. The community would lose jobs, valuable long-term data necessary to navigate a changing climate, and the additional revenue the Reserve attracts through partnerships, ~all for the want of match funding to a large, sustaining grant.

Angela Droll
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: Karen Shemet
Representing: Sprout Family Services
Bill No./Subject: HB 266
Committee: House Finance
Date of Hearing: 3/5/14

Please fully fund Parents as Teachers program + all other home visiting + early childhood programs so that our vulnerable young children + their families receive the support they need in order to thrive + create a vibrant society. Funding preschool rather than prisons later really makes fiscal + societal sense. There is a great return actualized when we fund early childhood + it is time to put full funding behind it.

Thank you

Karen Shemet



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House Finance Committee,

Dear Members,

Thank you for your service.

The Kachemak Bay Conservation Society (KBCS) has been a non-profit organization for 35+ years. It has supported many organizations through education and grassroots efforts. KBCS is an all-volunteer organization involving many in the Kachemak Bay area.

KBCS would like to take this opportunity to express our disappointment in the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Sport Fish Division and the ADF&G, in general, for the lack of support for the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve. (KBRR). We realize there is a general belt tightening within all state agencies, however we feel the KBRR is certainly an entity worth supporting for the following reasons:

1. The Kachemak Bay Research Reserve was organized under the National Estuarine Research Reserve System, which is a state, federal and local partnership. State funding serves as a match for larger funding amounts from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and other grant organizations. KBRR also seeks other funding for projects, which meets its mission, and these funds have been significant. This type of funding is still available and helps support an entity that employs Alaskans and supports the local economy.
2. KBRR supports a research team that conducts studies, which helps to understand the health of anadromous systems and the watershed of Kachemak Bay, which is beneficial to fisheries, other state agencies, and the general public.
3. KBRR conducts symposiums of national importance, which brings many people to Alaska for better understanding of oceans and oceanic issues.
4. KBRR is a major marine educator for the local community through its Coastal Training Program, Public Discovery Lab, and outdoor programs, which focus on coastal and estuarine ecology. These programs are very important for the youth of the area and have the potential to inspire career choices.
5. KBRR is located in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Islands and Ocean Visitor Center. The NOAA Kasitsna Bay Laboratory is located on the south side of Kachemak Bay. The close proximity of these three organizations makes collaboration much easier and will help to bring research projects to the Homer area.
6. KBRR benefits the youth and general public through education and collaboration. The Reserve is in place and serves the State of Alaska by bringing together leaders in Marine Science.
7. Without this state funding, the NOAA matching funding will end **and KBRR will cease to exist.** KBRR has a staff of approximately 11 personnel. These people and their families are residents of the Homer area and support the local economy. Not only would we be losing an important learning and educational organization, we would experience a brain drain of very well educated people.

The Kachemak Bay Society's mission is to protect the environment of the Kachemak Bay region and encourage sustainable use and stewardship of local natural resources through advocacy, education, information, and collaboration.



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KBCS believes diversification of the states economy is very important. KBRR represents a perfect example. It is our hope that the legislature can find a source of funding that will allow the continued important work of this highly prestigious organization.

Sincerely

Roberta Highland

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2/5/14

To whom it may concern;

**24 hour
Emergency
Services**

**Rehab
Services
The Annex
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PRIDE Program
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I want to take a moment to strongly advocate for continued funding for the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC). My journey as a care coordinator partnering with the CBC began in a way that is far too common for many agencies that serve Alaskans who are at high risk of institutionalization. In working with a young man who has exhibited a range of behaviors related directly to his own safety as well as the safety of those who work with him (assaulting family, school personal and our agency personnel), I received a frantic phone call from his parents begging me to find an institutional placement as they felt they had no options and no place to turn after another assault. The truth is that as a state we lack the resources and expertise to serve such individuals in our smaller, more rural communities. When you look at residential or institutional programs in Alaska you will find limited options with few beds available if any, as a number of beds are reserved for OCS children. When you couple that with the fact that clients such as mine have special needs, due to the particular presentation of their developmental disability, and in this case a client who is both dually diagnosed with mental illness and genetic abnormality, I shared the hopelessness and deep concern these parents were experiencing.

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It was at this point that I discovered the CBC as a resource to work with Alaskans who are at imminent risk of institutionalization. As we began the process of developing a team which would implement the ABA plan, a new hope that we might prevent this young man from losing his home and community arose. We were able to work intensively with mental health services as well as with the school and family. In particular, as the school was seeing a large percentage of daily aggressive and non-compliant behaviors, the CBC was able to work in the school setting and train the para-professionals to implement behavior strategies specifically designed for this young man. As you can imagine, where there was a sense of failure and desperation, this new team felt empowerment and hope.

We are still meeting bi-weekly as a comprehensive team to help this young man. I can say with certainty that if the CBC was not in existence, our client would be institutionalized in a setting far from home, which might not provide the level of support he requires to find success and some day return to his community and family.

Today we have reached out to the CBC and found support to keep five of our participants in our community. The strategies that we learn working with the CBC help us better serve many of our most challenged individuals.

As a care coordinator having been involved in social services in Alaska over the past thirteen years, I want you to know that the CBC plays a pivotal and vital role in reducing both present and future expenses related to institutional and residential treatment for behaviorally challenged Alaskans. There is no other such program or resource which exists to meet this need in our rural communities.

Sincerely,



Sean Jones
Care Coordinator



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To Whom It May Concern;

**24 hour
Emergency
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The PRIDE Program was successful in having a youth we serve accepted by the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC) and we are currently working with them to craft and implement a behavior management program specifically tailored for this youth. We are in the process of completing a second referral to the CBC and are hopeful that it will be accepted as well. Along with improving the quality of life for the individual served and reducing the likelihood of an institutional placement, this program works to increase the knowledge base and capacity of local providers/community, enabling even more individuals to benefit from the process.

**Rehab
Services
The Annex
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In July of 2012, we made our first referral for a teenage boy who experiences significant Developmental Disabilities and Mental Illness. This young man is impulsive and finds it difficult to anticipate the consequences of his behavior. He is frequently assaultive of his parents, direct service providers, and peers. He has a history of sexually inappropriate behaviors and requires continual, close supervision in all environments for his safety and that of others. This youth has an intense need for constant attention causing teachers, parents, direct service providers alike find him extremely challenging and exhausting to supervise, mentor, and teach. He is at high risk for institutionalization.

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Our agency has served this youth for several years with both waiver services and mental health treatment yet his challenging behaviors appeared to be beyond our capacity. We were unable to effect significant, sustained improvement in his behavior. His parents were at the point of sending him to an institutional placement at the time we requested the assistance of the CBC.

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The CBC sent us an expert in Applied Behavioral Analysis, Phillip Tafts, MSW, BCBA of the CHD, who has been able to work closely with the treatment team, family, and school. He has been a tremendous source of knowledge and support. He has been able to evaluate this situation and design a plan for this youth. He has taught new skills to the team enabling them to regain confidence, perspective, and increase their ability to manage this youth's behaviors, which will hopefully improve his quality of life and increase his independence.

I urge you to continue funding this extremely valuable resource. It seems to be the most effective way to prevent institutional placements and increase agency/community capacity. This program is also cost effective and requires a fraction of the funding need to support Alaskans in placements in other states.

Thank you for your continued support of this critical project.

Susan Drathman
PRIDE Program Director

3/5/14

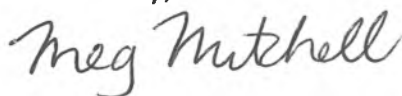
To Whom It May Concern at Alaska State Legislature:

I have been involved with providing services for Alaskans with disabilities for 23 years. I support funding to continue the Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC). The Complex Behavior Collaborative (CBC) has been the most practical and useful training program the State has ever offered to disabilities programs in my opinion. With consultation and training for caregivers and community providers, people with disabilities with truly challenging behaviors are given a chance to remain in their communities. CBC offers constructive solutions for the teams that serve Alaskans with disabilities and a way to develop management plans designed specifically for individuals with challenging behaviors to avoid crisis and remain in their communities and homes.

The CBC program serves Alaskans of all ages who have mental illness, a head injury, dementia, fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, substance abuse use or trauma disorders. Since the CBC has just recently been started in FY 13 & 14 and has proven to be very successful throughout communities it has served in Alaska, annualized funding in FY 15 needs to be continued.

The communities in Alaska already served by this successful training program will be seriously lacking without CBC continuing (and potentially expanding), due to all of the solution based positive results it has helped disability programs develop. The state is better serving complex behaviorally challenged individuals with disabilities because of CBC and I know the program I work for is greatly improved and offers caregivers and providers more skills to improve the lives of Alaskans with developmental disabilities. Please continue funding for this unique and important behavior management consultation and training program.


Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meg Mitchell".

Meg Mitchell, Case Manager PRIDE Program

Homer, Alaska

- For the record, I am an employee of KBRR (henceforth referred to as Reserve) through ADFG-SPORTFISH (henceforth SportFish). I am speaking today from the perspective of a concerned citizen.
- In the interest of time, I am going to defer testimony already provided about the value RESERVE serves not only to the Homer community but the entire state of Alaska.
- I want to assert that the proposed budget cut is, in my opinion, a narrow sighted decision made by SPORTFISH.
- The \$175k proposed cut from the GF is the entirety of state match required to receive larger federal grants from NOAA and other sources.
- The multiplier effect on this match brings in over \$1m in federal funding through SPORTFISH, for which a 14% administration charge is applied for all incoming funding that offsets the GF applied to RESERVE.
- I want to stress that the proposed cut does not just slash a budget- it will result in complete closure of the Reserve.
- Given RESERVE's national affiliation, this budget cut would have significant financial strings attached for the state of Alaska.
- SPORTFISH would default on their agreement terms with NOAA and could be responsible for reimbursing the current market value of RESERVE property investments, including a portion of AIOVC, the modular facility on Kachemak Drive (houses Kasitsna Bay Lab personnel, NPS, DNR, other), and Bay Av lab storage facility- to name a few. An amount that may be in the hundreds of thousands to millions of \$.
- Further, using federal funds RESERVE contributes \$133k annually to the operation of AIOVC, which serves 75,000 visitors per year. There is currently no alternative building partner that could fulfill that obligation.
- In closing, I encourage you to consider providing GF support to RESERVE for one additional year to allow an alternative state agency partner to be identified—a process which has already been initiated. The transfer of partnership would not only ensure the continuation of valuable research and education services, but would prevent further significant debt by the State of Alaska by alleviating the potential responsibility for property investment payback.


Stacey Buckelew
03-05-14

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Name: Dr. Martin Renner
Representing: _____
Bill No./Subject House bill 256
Committee: House Finance Committee
Date of Hearing: 5 March 2014

I am deeply concerned about the funding cut of the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve from the ADFG budget. All of us living here in Homer and around the bay are closely connected to the sea - whether we realize this or not. The research reserve serves a vital role, providing applied ecological research serving our community. Without this research, informed management decisions are impossible.

The research reserve also provides a great service to local schools, offering field trips, discovery ~~labs~~, and education during the extremely popular shorebird festival. My two children have frequently participated in the programs, which has enriched their lives in a permanent way.

Needless to say, ~~closing~~ ^{closing} the research reserve would cause economical hardship to the entire community in Homer. I urge you to fight for reinstating funding to KBRR. Thank you for your consideration. *Martin Renner*

Barbara Conine

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House Finance Committee

Co-Chair Rep. Alan Austerman

Co-Chair Rep. Bill Stolze

Vice Chair Rep. Mark Newman

March 7, 2014

Re: Trauma funding 2015

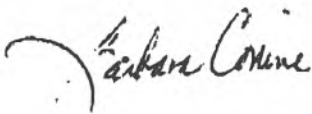
Gentlemen:

I was elected to the Board of Directors of Wrangell Medical Center last year but am also a citizen who has a major concern about the discontinuing of the funding for trauma center upgrades. WMC is currently in the process of trying to qualify for its Level IV certification and to lose that funding would pretty much eliminate that.

As you know, Southeast is not accessible by road anywhere and relies on boats and planes to get around. Before I retired, I was the part owner of the local air taxi and as such, dispatched many a float plane on medevacs from fishing boats, logging operations and hunting camps. You cannot send the plane out full of fuel not knowing what situation you will actually be encountering nor the size of the patient needing the medevac. So, for those people needing more acute care than WMC could provide, it meant returning to base for more fuel to get to a facility equipped to handle trauma. That entailed a delay that couldn't have been good for any of the folks hurt but was necessary to get them there. It is the belief here that if WMC had its trauma designation, much of that could be avoided and patients would get the care they needed immediately after arriving here.

Surely there must be a cut that can be made elsewhere in the budget that does not jeopardize lives? I beg you to reinstate the trauma funding.

Respectfully,





March 5, 2014

Honorable Representative Alan Austerman, and
Honorable Representative Bill Stoltze
State of Alaska House Finance Committee
Sent Via E-mail
LegFinance@legis.state.ak.us

Re: Proposed Cuts to the Community Health Aide Training & Supervision (CHATS) Grants Program Budget

Honorable Representatives Alan Austerman and Representative Bill Stoltze:

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January 15, 2014

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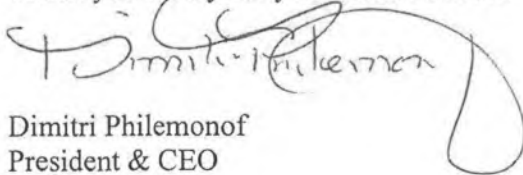
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Dimitri Philemonof
President & CEO

Cc: Carolyn Crowder, Health Director

To the House Finance Committee through the chair,

Alaska Youth Advocates offers the chance for a healthier life to young people who have little or no family support, often are no longer in school, may suffer from abuse or addiction, and have no place to go but the streets. Through our POWER Teen Center and health clinic in downtown Anchorage, we reach out to youth, offering a caring environment and information that can help them make safer, more positive decisions in their lives.

The youth served at AYA have experienced extreme levels of trauma and abuse. Many have had interactions with the Office of Children's Services but were unable to get the necessary support from our system. Our legislature recognized this need and since 2006 has increased support to improve OCS. The recent OCS work load study does recommend an additional 54 positions to increase efficiencies and keep social workers working with families to succeed.

Studies have shown that between 1/3 – 2/3rds of child maltreatment cases involve substance abuse. As we all know, substance abuse affects our state at record numbers thus affecting our high levels of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and suicide. Due to the years of trauma our youth experience, sometimes they turn to coping mechanisms they are all too familiar with, drugs and alcohol.

Our substance abuse treatment is already not meeting the needs of our state. Recently I worked with a youth who was ready to access help for her substance abuse. For weeks we worked together to get her into residential treatment. Not everyone is so persistent. We need to be ready to respond with services when a person is ready to treat their disease.

Everyone at AYA wants to equip young people to make decisions that will lead to productive lives. Many of our youth are not able to make these productive life choices without first the support of substance abuse treatment.

Please restore funding to substance abuse treatment and fund the recommendations provided by the OCS Workload Study.



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Testimony of Francine Harbour, Behavioral Health Budget, 03-04-14

Good afternoon representatives. Thank you for this opportunity to speak about funding for treatment of substance abuse disorders. My name is Francine Harbour. I am the executive director of NAMI Anchorage, the National Alliance on *Mental Illness*. I am here to talk about *substance abuse disorders* because of the high rate of people who become chemically dependent to self-medicate an underlying mental illness or other brain disorder. Unfortunately mental illness and substance abuse too often go hand-in-hand.

My understanding is that the budget that has been released cuts over \$2 million from behavioral health services. Of particular concern is the loss of funding for residential beds for people with substance abuse disorders. I also understand that some of the funding has been moved to outpatient treatment. Unfortunately, that order of treatment services is backwards. People need to FIRST spend time in a residential setting learning new coping skills and establishing healthy support networks and THEN receive ongoing support to maintain sobriety and wellness. Actually, it is NOT an EITHER/OR situation. BOTH residential facilities AND outpatient care need to be funded as part of a strong and EFFECTIVE continuum of care.

In closing, I would like to vigorously make the point that substance abuse disorders and their co-occurring brain disorders present COMPLEX medical challenges. The brain is, after all, our most complex organ. Residential beds, outpatient care and the coordination of care that is

supported by the Complex Behavior Collaborative all need the levels of funding originally requested. With this funding, we can continue to develop solutions that are EFFECTIVE and LAST, which is what everyone wants. Thank you for your time and support of the original behavioral health budget.

Presented by Francine Harbour, NAMI Anchorage, 272-0227.

Date: March 3, 2014

To: House Finance Committee

From: Marge Hays
Kenai Peninsula College
College Council
House District 30-3040

Re: University of Alaska Budget

Having been a professor at Kenai Peninsula College for over 20 years, I have personally seen what the institution has contributed to students' competence, enthusiasm, and self-confidence as they make their way through their programs. With my membership on the College Council, I have been able to continue my interest and knowledge of how the University system proceeds.

Our University signifies to Alaskans that a higher education not only provides for career possibilities and advancement, but for quality of life. This "takes" state funding, but "gives" economic contributions to the state. The University provides an environment in which commerce, the arts, research and innovation flourish. Better jobs mean more resources and the higher salaries result in benefits to businesses, industry and services.

To be viable, the University needs to continue being relevant with program offerings and the technology updates needed for work skills and their many internet classes. It is a pleasure for me to meet so many alumni who hold leadership positions in community and state organizations.

Thank you for your time on this budget. I hope you will be able to supplement the funds presently being considered for reduction.

Letter of Support for the Governor's Budget – Supporting Health Care Access through Loan Repayment and Direct Incentive Program (SHARP)

Dear House Finance Co-Chair Austerman, Co-Chair Stoltze and Vice Chair Neuman

This letter is written to you on behalf of the members of the SHARP Advisory Council in support of full funding of the SHARP Programs and specifically to ask that you rescind the \$1.2 million decrement to the SHARP-II Program budget.

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Current SHARP-II Provider Contract Budget	\$2,036,300
Proposed Reduction Amt	\$1,200,000
Proposed Percent Reduction	59%
Amount Remaining after Cut	\$836,300
Current SHARP-II Contracts	\$1,408,800
Proposed Shortfall on Current SHARP-II Contracts	(\$572,500)
Percent Underfunded on Current SHARP-II Contracts	-41%

Impact of Budget Reduction in FY2015

- Vulnerable Alaskans currently receiving health care may lose their provider
- 39 recently selected and recommended provider service agreements by the SHARP Advisory Council cannot be made.
- Some or all of the 62 providers with current service agreements may lose funding on the entire or a portion of the support for their service agreements. This may also impact provider employers and their organizations.

Program Accomplishments

The SHARP Programs provides healthcare provider loan repayment and direct incentives to ensure an adequate supply of healthcare providers will be available to meet the healthcare needs of Alaskans in the areas of highest need. SHARP is designed to improve healthcare access for Alaskans who have other substantial barriers to healthcare access (e.g. remote location in Rural Alaska), receive Medicaid, Medicare, or other federal health benefits or are uninsured.

Since 2010, **136 SHARP clinicians** have provided healthcare to **156,190 Alaskans** and have been provided **305,522 patient visits** in over 38 communities, spread across all 6 regions of Alaska. In the last reported quarter, October-December, 2013, **89 clinicians** served **25,972 patients** with **61,819 visits**.

SHARP clinicians work in a broad range of healthcare occupations, including:

- Behavioral Health (44): 9 Psychiatrists, 5 Psychologists, 12 Clinical Social Workers, 13 Professional Counselors, 3 Physician Assistants, Nurses (RN) & 1 Nurse Practitioner; and,
- Dental Health (24): 17 Dentists, & 7 Dental Hygienists; and in

- Medical Care (68): 27 Physicians, 13 Nurse Practitioners, 10 Physician Assistants, 9 Pharmacists, 7 Nurses (RN), & 2 Physical Therapists.

Participating healthcare agencies are now more than 43 statewide: tribal health, hospitals, Community Health Centers, Community Mental Health Centers, government & other clinics.

The Council recently recommended another 39 providers to the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner.

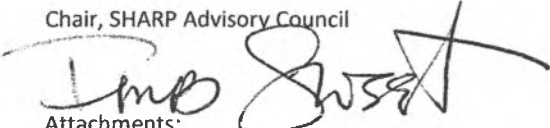
The SHARP Program

- Increases access to care for underserved populations
- Supports prevention and early treatment which contributes to better patient health outcomes
- Improves health care provider organizations stability and sustainability by reducing turnover
- Supports communities where hiring and retaining health care providers is a challenge – 33 or 53% of SHARP-II Program Providers Very Hard to Fill (VHTF) positions are currently being supported
- Enables health care providers to stay in communities and contribute to local economies directly and by serving as an anchor position for other health care support staff who also contribute to local economy.

Council members support and ask for your full funding support of the Governor's budget for both the SHARP Programs in the amount of **\$2,236,300 for the SHARP provider contracts**, I (SHARP GF \$200,000) and SHARP II (\$2,036,300) programs as components of an Alaska Health Care System that provide access to health care for the most vulnerable in our state.

Sincerely

Randi Sweet,
Chair, SHARP Advisory Council



Attachments:

Alaska SHARP Program Clinician Census by Region, Town and Discipline



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MEMORANDUM

March 03, 2014

The Honorable Mark Neuman
House of Representatives
Alaska State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801

RE: Request to consider the recommendations of the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study*

Dear Representative Neuman:

On February 19, 2013, the House Finance sub-committee on Health and Social Services discussed the recommendations from the 2012 *Office of Children Services (OCS) Statewide Workload Study*. The sub-committee agreed with the spirit of the report's recommendations. However, members of the sub-committee did not commit any additional resources that can enable OCS to implement these recommendations.

The Citizen Review Panel requests that the sub-committee reconsider the recommendations and enable OCS to implement them.

The Citizen Review Panel:

The Citizen Review Panel (CRP) is a federally mandated body constituted to examine and evaluate the policies and practices of the Office of Children Services. Similar panels exist in every state in the Country.

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- That OCS establish deadlines that require non-emergency petitions to be filed allowing for supervision of the family by the continuum of legal parties without necessitating the removal of the child.

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However, the study's recommendations may need to be clarified, and we strongly urge the Office of Children Services to do so in time for this legislature to consider the recommendations.


Specifically,

- The study identified additional positions based on a geographic classification of rural, medium rural, and urban. This classification needs to be translated to fit the OCS regional administrative boundaries.
- OCS disagreed with the number of suggested additional CCLS positions. OCS noted that this number appears inflated and may differ by region. This needs to be clarified and accurate numbers identified by region.

Despite the confusion in methodology, the Panel agrees with the study's recommendation of additional support positions. We hope the House Finance sub-committee on Health and Social Services reconsiders the recommendations of the 2012 *OCS Statewide Workload Study* and enables the Office to implement those recommendations.

Thank you for your time and interest in ensuring the safety of Alaska's children and families. For more information on the Panel and its activities, please visit www.crpalaska.org.

Sincerely,



Diwakar Vadapalli, Ph.D.

Chair, Citizen Review Panel

CC:

Alaska House Committee on Health and Social Services
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Governor Sean Parnell
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Testimony of Brandon Williams, Behavioral Health Budget, 03-04-14

- My name is Brandon Williams and I am here representing the Anchorage affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental illness, or NAMI
- I am here to discuss the proposed cuts to the Complex Behavior Collaborative
- At NAMI, a large percentage of the people we serve have dual diagnoses
 - People challenged with both mental illness and substance abuse disorder
 - These are individuals with complex behavioral needs that are served by the Complex Behavior Collaborative
 - NAMI supports funding level originally requested for the Complex Behavior Collaborative
- The American Medical Association conservatively estimates that:
 - Roughly 50% of individuals with severe mental illness are affected by substance abuse
 - 37% of alcohol abusers and 53% of drug abusers also have at least one mental illness
- Consequences of having untreated co-occurring mental health and substance abuse problems can be numerous and harsh
 - There is a greater likelihood of violence, jail, and being homeless
 - Poorer functioning at home and work
 - A greater chance of relapse
 - When compared to those with only substance abuse or mental illness, as opposed to both
- Integrated treatment across multiple providers is the best way to help these individuals become a contributing part of their communities
- The Complex Behavior Collaborative provides the integrated treatment that individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance abuse issues need

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