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Memorandum

To: Becky Hultberg, Commissioner of
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cc House Finance Committee

Senate Finance Committee

Office of Management and Budget

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Subject: FY2014 Budget for Office of Administrative Hearings

One of the statutory duties assigned to the chief administrative law judge is preparation of a budget for the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). That budget is to be submitted to you and to both finance committees of the legislature. Specifically, AS 44.62.020(a)(10) requires that the chief administrative law judge

annually prepare and submit to the commissioner of administration a budget for the office for the next fiscal year that shall include and separately identify funding for training and continuing education; a copy of the budget submitted to the commissioner under this paragraph shall also be submitted to the Finance Committee of each house of the legislature[.]

Of particular note is the requirement that the OAH budget address training and continuing education.

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2014, the governor's budget includes funding and expenditure amounts for OAH. The \$2,864.2 total in the governor's budget should be adequate to meet OAH's needs in FY2014.

As to the statutory requirement that training and continuing education be addressed in the OAH budget, I estimate that travel, contractual and commodities costs for the formal and informal training OAH will make available to the state's administrative adjudicators will cost no more than \$12,000 in FY2014. This is separate and apart from the personnel-related costs associated with OAH employees

preparing, presenting or participating in training. Those costs are an inseparable part of OAH's personal services costs. I anticipate that OAH will continue to recapture some of the travel-related costs of providing training to non-OAH adjudicators. OAH will continue to evaluate whether it should seek reimbursement of a portion of personnel costs (perhaps through course fees) as we continue to receive requests to develop and provide specific training.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.