

ALASKA LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE and SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE FILES, 1995-1996

- 1 (4) job referral and job search;
- 2 (5) education and vocational training;
- 3 (6) community service work assignments;
- 4 (7) child care assistance;
- 5 (8) family planning services; and
- 6 (9) other services to facilitate the transition of a member of the family
- 7 to paid employment.

8 (f) The department may, instead of paying all of the cash assistance to a
9 family under this section, use all or part of the cash assistance as a wage subsidy paid
10 to an employer who employs a person in the family at a wage that is higher than the
11 wage subsidy. A subsidy under this subsection may not exceed one year in duration.

12 Sec. 47.27.026. DIVERSION PAYMENTS. (a) The department may offer
13 a lump-sum diversion payment in place of ongoing assistance and services to an adult
14 applicant who applies for assistance under AS 47.27.020 if the adult applicant is job
15 ready and is determined to need only short-term financial assistance to meet critical
16 needs in order to secure employment and support for the adult applicant's family. The
17 department shall set standards and conditions for diversion payments by regulation.

18 (b) The department may pay diversion benefits to an applicant's family only
19 if that family appears to be eligible for benefits under AS 47.27.020 and to include a
20 job-ready individual based on the information provided to the department in the
21 application completed under AS 47.27.020. The department may offer to an applicant
22 with the potential to participate in the diversion project a choice between

23 (1) having the Alaska family independence program application
24 processed under AS 47.27.020 and the regulations adopted by the department; or

25 (2) having the application referred to the diversion project of the Alaska
26 family independence program for a determination of project benefits under this section.

27 (c) The amount of the diversion payment must be sufficient to meet the
28 family's immediate needs as determined by the department and the participant. A
29 diversion payment may not exceed the amount the family would be eligible to receive
30 as cash assistance in the first two months of eligibility under AS 47.27.025 if the
31 family did not elect to receive a diversion payment.

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OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Steve Frank, Co-Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
All Senate Finance Committee members

DATE: April 15, 1996

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SUBJECT: Division of Elections budget for FY97

It is my understanding that at this morning's Senate Finance Subcommittee close-out of the Governor's Office budget, a reduction of \$309.0 to the General and Primary Election component was adopted. I would like to remind you and the full Senate Finance Committee that large reductions to the Division of Elections in an election year are risky. We all know that public confidence in the Division of Elections was badly shaken by events in the past election. Division of Elections Director Sandi Stout is doing her best to restore public confidence. Short-funding of the agency by 309.0 in an election year will undermine that goal and will result in a supplemental budget request next year.

Elections is required by statutes to perform a series of defined duties ranging from handling of voter registration and absentee ballot requests to publishing notices, training election boards and review teams, publishing the Official Election Pamphlet, counting the ballots and disseminating the results in a fair and impartial manner. The agency has no choice in these matters. It must do all of them, thereby incurring expenses even if the legislature fails to appropriate sufficient funds.

The FY97 budget for the Division of Elections was developed using FY95 actuals. Knowing that there would be a significant increase in the number of registered voters (The increase is 24% between the November, 1992 election and April 1 of this year!), and a larger voter turnout due to the presidential election, the division plans on using cost saving measures and efficiencies to absorb the increased costs. At the same time, the division has been working on improvements to increase the public's confidence in the elections process. The proposed reduction jeopardizes this work by an agency that is already making significant attempts to economize and avoid budget increases.

Upon the Supreme Court's ruling to return to an open primary, the division identified a potential cost savings of \$87.0. The following paragraphs identify the potential impacts of budget reductions to the Division of Elections.

Reduction of \$100.0

In FY95, the second set of ballots associated with the closed primary cost about \$90.0 to print. Because the number of registered voters has increased by 20 percent since then, it would be unwise to impose a full \$90,000 reduction. The Division of Elections projects a reduction of \$72,000 to be safe and reasonable. The agency also identified a reduction of \$15.0 in the personal services line that previously had been associated with the closed primary.

Reduction of \$200.0

A reduction this size will result in slower processing of voter registration and absentee ballot requests. The amount budgeted for temporary employees will be reduced by an additional \$35,000 beyond the \$15,000 mentioned in the above scenario. That means the total budgeted would be reduced from \$236.5 to \$186.5. I believe this scenario is risky and may well result in a request next year for a supplemental.

Also, planned improvements in the delivery and presentation of election night results will be scrapped. The division will be unable to contract with an outside data processing contractor for programming, ballot parameter coding, and technical assistance. The 1994 elections were the first elections in more than 16 years in which state employees assumed that responsibility, and there was significant public and legislative concern about potential conflicts of interest. In addition, the division will be unable to implement a comprehensive voter awareness media campaign, and a lower quality Official Election Pamphlet will be produced.

Reduction of \$300.0

A reduction of this magnitude would incorporate the reductions in the above scenarios and an additional cut in personal services. It is the opinion of the Division that this cut would dramatically reduce the Division's ability to carry out its statutory duties and would no doubt force it into a supplemental spending situation. We are committed to doing the very best job possible to administer these statutory responsibilities. We want to process all registrations and ballots accurately and release results in a timely manner. The level of cuts proposed in this budget puts these goals at risk, particularly this year. Historically, presidential election years result in an increase of approximately 40% more absentee by mail ballots and a significantly higher voter turnout.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to working with you in supplying any additional information you may need.

**HB 412 FRONT SECTION SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON
SENATE - HOUSE - GOVERNOR AMENDED**

DESCRIPTION	SENATE FINANCE			HOUSE			GOV. AMENDED		
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<p>Alaska Clean Air Protection Fund - ADDS GOVERNOR AMENDED</p> <p>This section provides transition language for the use of revenues related to the Clean Air Protection Fund (ACAPF). Once approved by the EPA, receipts collected from air permit fees will be converted from general fund program receipts to ACAPF receipts.</p>	1			1			none		
<p>Alaska Clean Water Fund - SAME AS GOVERNOR</p> <p>This section appropriates GF and federal funds for the Alaska Clean Water Fund. Funding from this fund follows a cycle which begins with the compilation of a funding priority list for wastewater treatment and collection systems. To date, the Alaska Clean Water Fund has made 23 loans to communities for a total of \$50.5 million. There is currently \$17.0 million available from the fund to be loaned for sanitation projects.</p>	2	1,469.2	8,815.4	2	1,469.2	8,815.4	1	1,469.2	8,815.4
<p>Alaska Housing Finance Corporation</p> <p>Subsection (a) transfers a portion of the available unrestricted cash in the general account of the AHFC revolving fund, by the direction of the AHFC board, to the general fund. The amount transferred in FY 96 was \$70,000,000.</p> <p>Subsection (b) appropriates any earnings related to the AHFC, including loan interest payments, mortgage loan commitment fees, and income earned on assets of the corporation, to the AHFC to hold as corporate receipts. Those receipts are to be allocated among the AHFC revolving fund (AS 18.56.082), housing assistance loan fund (AS 18.56.420), and senior housing revolving loan fund (AS 18.56.710).</p> <p>Subsection (c) identifies the amount of corporate receipts to be appropriated to the AHFC for housing loan programs not subsidized by AHFC (\$350,000,000) and housing loan programs that are subsidized by AHFC (\$50,000,000).</p>	2a		70,000.0			70,000.0			50,000.0
	3b			3b			2b		
	3c			3c			2c		

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SENATE AND HOUSE: Increases the portion of the available unrestricted cash in the general account of the AHFC revolving fund to be transferred to the general fund by \$20,000,000.									
Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority - SENATE/HOUSE ADD	4	21,000.0	21,000.0	4	21,000.0	21,000.0			
This section transfers \$21,000,000 of the available unrestricted cash balance in the AIDEA revolving fund, by the direction of the AIDEA board, to the general fund.									
Permanent Fund Dividends									
Subsection (a) is the appropriation from the Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve Account of those funds necessary for the dividend program. The amount reflected for transfer to the dividend fund in the Permanent Fund's February report is \$632.0 million.	5a			- 5a			3a		
Subsection (b) appropriates from the Permanent Fund Earnings Reserve Account for inflation-proofing. The estimated amount is \$405.0 million.	5b			5b			3b		
Subsection (c) allows for the deposit of any funds that are received that fall within the 25% or 50% split on mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sales, etc. to the Permanent Fund.	5c			5c			3c		
Subsection (d) allows interest earned on certain disputed mineral lease rentals, royalties, sales, etc., 25% or 50% of what is recovered is to go to the Permanent Fund. Any interest that accrues to the Permanent Fund portion of those settlements prior to being recovered by the state, or while held by the state, shall be deposited to the Fund.	5d			5d			3d		
Subsection (e) provides conditional language appropriating the balance of the Alaska permanent Fund Earnings Reserve account unless voters ratify a state Constitutional amendment specifying a different use at the 1996 general election.							3e		
SENATE AND HOUSE: Delete subsection (e).									

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<p>Alaska Public Utilities Commission - SAME AS GOVERNOR</p> <p>This section appropriates the 6/30/96 balance of the APUC program receipts account into FY96. Estimated carry-forward receipts for FY97 range between \$150,000 and \$200,000.</p>	6			6			4		
<p>Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute - SAME AS GOVERNOR</p> <p>Because of the extreme unpredictability of when tax and assessment receipts are actually received by the state due to fishing/marketing conditions, this section allows general fund receipts from FY96 to be carried into FY97. Estimated carry-forward balance is \$300,000.</p>	7			7			5		
<p>Collective Bargaining Agreement Monetary Terms</p> <p>This section appropriates funds from the general fund to the Department of Administration for payment to the Alaska Public Employees' Association (APEA)/supervisory unit for training to satisfy the terms of the collective bargaining agreement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.</p> <p>SENATE AND HOUSE: Delete section 6.</p>							6	50.0	50.0
<p>CBR Fund</p> <p>Subsection (a) provides for the GF repayment of the CBR [the "sweep" reversal language]</p> <p>Subsection (b) would allow the state to cover any shortfall in unrestricted state revenues available for appropriation in FY97 from the CBR per Article IX, section 17. The amount necessary to balance general fund revenues and appropriations would be appropriated to the general fund from the CBR [the balancing language].</p> <p>Subsection (c) stipulates that appropriations made by (a) and (b) of this section are made under Article IX section 17(c) (e.g., approved by an affirmative vote of at least three-fourths of the members of each house of the legislature.)</p>	8a			8a			7a		
	8b						7b		
	8c			8c			7c		

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SENATE AND HOUSE: Includes language in new subsection (d) incorporating the Statutory Budget Reserve as a funding source (the Investment Loss Trust Fund repayments may be available in the Statutory Budget Reserve).	8d			8d					
Disapproval of Monetary Terms - SENATE/HOUSE ADD	9a,b			9a,b					
This section stipulates that unless the legislature adopts a separate appropriation measure to fund the monetary terms of the collective bargaining units of ASEA/General Government, APEA/Supervisory unit, LTC, IBU (both retroactive and future), MMP unit, PSEA, Alyeska Centralized School Employees Assn., IBEW/Court System, Uof A/Classified Employees, and Alaska Community Colleges Federation of Teachers, the monetary terms of the above referenced bargaining agreements are rejected.									
Disaster Relief Fund									
This section appropriates federal funds to the Disaster Relief Fund.	10a		9,000.0	10a		9,000.0	8		9,000.0
SENATE: Adds intent language adopted by full Senate Finance	10b								
Federal and Other Program Receipts									
Subsection (a) is boiler plate language that provides for additional funding authority for excess federal and program receipts through the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee process.	11a			11a			9a		
Subsection (b) and (c) are boiler plate language which allows state funds (general funds) to be reduced (restricted) if additional federal or other funds are available and permitted by federal statutes, and requires that for any shortfall of federal or program receipts, the appropriation will be reduced accordingly. This prohibits agencies from expending receipt authority for revenues they will not actually receive.	11b,c			11b,c			9 b,c		

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<p>Subsection (d) states that if the federal funds received for the Social Services Block Grant Offset (Title XX) within the Department of Health and Social Services fall short of what is appropriated, then the shortfall will be appropriated from the general fund.</p> <p>SENATE AND HOUSE: Amend subsection (d) to cap the possible general fund offset for Title XX (\$6,310,800).</p>	11d			11d			9d		
<p align="center">Four Dam Pool Transfer Fund - SAME AS GOVERNOR</p> <p>This section makes the necessary appropriation from the Four Dam Pool Transfer Fund to the Southeast Energy Fund the Power Cost Equalization and Rural Electric Capitalization Fund, and the Power Project Fund. Estimated amount available for transfer from the Four Dam Pool in FY97 is \$11.2 million.</p>	12			12			10		
<p align="center">Information Services Fund</p> <p>This section makes an appropriation of Designated Program Receipts, I/A Receipts, and I/A OHSRPR Fund to the Information Services Fund for information and telecommunication services provided by the Department of Administration.</p> <p>SENATE: Reduced I/A Receipts to reflect subcommittee action on salary increases (\$132.8) and DP chargeback (\$75.0).</p> <p>HOUSE: Reduced I/A Receipts to reflect subcommittee action on salary increases (\$132.8).</p>	13	55.0	21,661.5	13	55.0	21,736.5	11	55.0	21,869.3

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Insurance Claims/Reclamation of State Land - ADDS GOVERNOR AMENDED									
Subsection (a) allows up to \$5.0 million to be "swept" from otherwise lapsing general fund appropriations for catastrophic reserve purposes.	14a			14a			12a		
Subsection (b) appropriates funds received from the settlement of insurance claims to the state insurance catastrophe reserve account. This account is established to obtain insurance, establish reserves for the self-insurance program, and satisfy judgments and claims arising under this program. This account is to be maintained at an adequate level not to exceed \$5.0 million.	14b			14b			12b		
Subsection (c) appropriates settlements against bonds guaranteeing the reclamation of state land to the agency secured by the bond.	14c			14c			12c		
Subsection (d) requires actions authorized in subsections (b) and (c) be reviewed by Legislative Budget and Audit Committee review.	14d			14d			12d		
Governor's Amended budget corrects drafting errors included in the January 1996 bill. SENATE AND HOUSE CONCUR.									
Marine Highway System Fund	15	28,284.0	28,284.0	15	28,281.9	28,281.9	13	32,353.2	32,353.2
Chapter 193 SLA 1990 created the Alaska Marine Highway System Fund. Its purpose is to provide stability to the marine highway system by appropriating a consistent amount of general funds each year to be combined with the marine highway system's revenue.									
SENATE: Reduced the general fund transfer to reflect House action on salary adjustments (\$810.0), CIP transfers (\$3.0 million), and subcommittee action (\$259.2).									
HOUSE: Reduces the general fund transfer to reflect Senate action on salary adjustments (\$810.0), CIP transfers (\$3.0 million), and subcommittee action (\$261.3).									

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<p>Highway and Aviation Fuel Tax (Motor Fuel Tax) - SAME AS GOVERNOR</p> <p>Front section boiler plate language for highway and aviation fuel tax accounts.</p>	16	30,000.0	30,000.0	16	30,000.0	30,000.0	14	30,000.0	30,000.0
<p>Occupational Licensing - SAME AS GOVERNOR</p> <p>This section allows the general fund program receipts from occupational licensing fees under AS 08.01.065 to be carried forward for operating costs in FY97. In FY96 this carry-forward language was included in Chapter 103, section 102, p. 27 line 25.</p>	17			17			15		
<p>Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Prevention (OHSRP) Account - Same As Governor</p> <p>The OHSRPR/prevention account contains funds appropriated from the general fund to the OHSRPR Fund from the 3 cent surcharge collected in the general fund during FY96.</p> <p>The OHSRPR/prevention mitigation account is a sub-account of the general fund. The prevention mitigation account receives money recovered from parties responsible for containment and cleanup of oil or other hazardous substances, as well as fines, penalties, or damages.</p> <p>Subsection (a)(1) provides for the balance of the prevention mitigation account on July 1, 1996 not otherwise appropriated to be deposited in the OHSRPR/prevention account.</p> <p>Subsection (a)(2) provides for the amount derived from the 3 cent surcharge collected during FY96 to be deposited into the OHSRPR/prevention account in the OHSRPR Fund.</p> <p>Subsection (b) makes accommodation for the fact that the appropriations made in subsections (a)(1-2) are estimates.</p>	18a			18a			16a		
	18b	13,600.0	13,600.0	18b	14,000.0	14,000.0	18b	14,000.0	14,000.0

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<p>SENATE: Adopts the Department of Revenue's Spring Forecast revising the earlier estimate down from \$14.0 million to \$13.6 million.</p>									
<p>Oil and Hazardous Substance Release Response (OHSRR) Account - Same As Governor</p>	19			19			17		
<p>The OHSRPR/response account contains funds appropriated from the general fund to the OHSRPR Fund from the 2 cent surcharge collected in the general fund during FY 96.</p> <p>The OHSRPR/response mitigation account is a sub-account of the general fund. The response mitigation account receives money recovered from parties responsible for containment and cleanup of oil or other hazardous substances, as well as fines, penalties, or damages.</p> <p>Subsection (1) provides for the balance of the response mitigation account on July 1, 1996 not otherwise appropriated to be deposited in the OHSRPR/response account.</p> <p>Subsection (2) provides for the amount derived from the 2 cent surcharge collected during FY96 to be deposited into the OHSRPR/prevention account in the OHSRPR Fund. Since the \$50.0 million cap has been reached, no surcharge is anticipated to be collected in this account in FY96. Department of Revenue confirms the OHSRPR Fund/Response Surcharge Account balance (2 cent side) as of 3/20/96 to be \$53,263.300.0</p>									

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<p>Retained Fees - SENATE AND HOUSE AMEND GOVERNOR</p> <p>This language addresses the need to appropriate vendor compensation/bankcard service fees.</p> <p>SENATE AND HOUSE: Amends the Governor's amended language to include all fund sources, i.e. Fish and Game funds for vendor compensation of fishing and hunting licenses.</p>	20			20			none		
<p>Safety Advisory Council - SAME AS GOVERNOR</p> <p>This section appropriates any Safety Council program receipts not expended in FY96 to be carried forward into FY97 to be used for the 1997 governor's safety conference. Estimate of receipts to be collected in FY96 is \$30,000-\$50,000.</p>	21			21			18		
<p>Salmon Enhancement Tax - SAME AS GOVERNOR</p> <p>This section appropriates general fund salmon enhancement tax receipts to the Department of Commerce and Economic Development for qualified regional associations operating within a region designated under AS 16.10.375 (regional salmon plans). FY97 projected is \$5,349.4 FY 96 estimates are \$5,516.0</p>	22			22			19		
<p>Shared Taxes and Fees - SAME AS GOVERNOR</p> <p>This section appropriates general funds to the Department of Revenue in the amounts necessary to refund local governments their share of taxes and fees collected for payment in FY97. FY97 projected is \$25,380.4. FY96 estimates are \$24,571.4.</p>	23			23			20		

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<p>State Debt Service</p> <p>This section is a catch-all for the state's debt service obligations. Subsection (c) transfers from the general fund to the Alaska debt retirement fund for lease financing, G.O. debt, school debt reimbursement.</p> <p>The appropriation amounts noted at right do not include "duplicated" appropriations in subsections (d) and (e) from the Alaska debt retirement fund to the State Bond Committee.</p> <p>General Fund to Alaska Debt Retirement Fund: \$94,741.2 GF International Airports Revenue Fund: 5,806.0 Other</p> <p>Debt Retirement Fund for Leases: 9,595.9 Debt Retirement Fund for G.O. Debt: 16,528.7 Debt Retirement Fund to DOE/School Debt: 68,616.6 Internat'l Airports Revenue Fund for revenue bond debt: <u>5,806.0</u> Total: \$100,547.2</p> <p>SENATE AND HOUSE: Amend Governor to include individual subsections for transfers from the Alaska debt retirement fund for leases (d), G.O. debt (e), from the International Airports Revenue Fund for revenue bond debt (f), and from the Alaska debt retirement fund to the Department of Education for school debt (g).</p>	24	94,741.2	100,547.2	24	94,741.2	100,547.2	21	94,741.2	100,547.2
<p>State Training and Employment Program</p> <p>The State Training and Employment Program is funded from the Employment and Training Program Account (ETPA). The ETPA is created through a contribution of one-half of one percent from each employees' wages. Unspent balances must be lapsed from this account into the unemployment compensation fund. This section makes that appropriation</p> <p>SENATE AND HOUSE: Accepted inconsequential language differences per legal services drafting.</p>	25			25			22		

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Storage Tank Registration Fees - SAME AS GOVERNOR	26	280.0	3,133.8	26	280.0	3,133.8	23	280.0	3,133.8
AS 46.03.385 allows the legislature to appropriate on an annual basis to the storage tank assistance fund from the general fund any registration fees collected on underground petroleum storage tanks or tank systems. Estimate of receipts collected in FY96 for deposit into the Storage Tank Assistance Fund is \$280.0.									
Subsection (a) appropriates the estimated tank registration fees from the general fund to the Storage Tank Assistance Fund.	26a			26a			23a		
Subsection (b) appropriates \$2,857,800 from the OHSRPR Fund/Prevention Account (non-general fund) to the Storage Tank Assistance Fund.	26b			26b			23a		
Student Loan Program	27			27			24		
This section is prompted by the omnibus fee bill (SB 123/Chapter 5 SLA 1996) dealing with loan guarantee fees, and appropriating those fees to offset losses.									
Exxon Valdez Spill Settlement Fund - GOVERNOR AMENDED							none		
Subsection (a) appropriates EVOSS funds for EVOSS Trustee Council projects in the Departments of Natural Resources, Fish and Game, and Environmental Conservation.									
Subsection (b) identifies inter-agency receipts as the fund source for Trustee Council projects in the back section of the appropriations bill, and gives OMB/EVOSS Trustee Council the authority to reallocate the inter-agency receipts between/among the agencies.									
Subsection (c) notes that any excess appropriations or shortfalls will be addressed by the Legislative Budget and Audit Committee.									

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<p>Subsection (d) extends the lapse date for these funds through September 30, 1997.</p> <p>Total EVOSS funding is \$14,604.4 (\$130.0 to DEC, \$12,500.3 to F&G, \$1,973.8 to DNR).</p> <p>SENATE AND HOUSE: Did not include this section. EVOSS projects proposed in the Governor's Amended budget will be funded directly with EVOSS Funds (fund source 1018) in the Senate and House budgets. Interim adjustments can be accommodated through the normal Legislative Budget and Audit Committee process.</p>									
<p>University of Alaska - SENATE ADD</p> <p>Appropriates general funds generated from the sale of special request university plates to the University of Alaska for alumni association support. Funds will be allocated by campus are as follows:</p> <p>University of Alaska, Anchorage: \$2,359.09 University of Alaska, Fairbanks: 18,109.09 Prince William Sound Community College: 245.46</p>	28								
<p>Violent Crimes Compensation Board/Council on Domestic Violence - SENATE ADD</p> <p>Appropriates \$718.6 general funds to the Department of Public Safety, Violent Crimes Compensation Board and Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to replace dividend fund appropriations in excess of the amounts allowed under AS 43.23.028(b).</p>	29								
<p>Lapse Dates</p>	30			28			25		

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SENATE AMENDMENT

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To: CS HB 412 (FIN) am (brf pfld)

BY: SENATOR DONLEY

Department of Environmental Conservation
Air Quality Division

SENATE INTENT:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Environmental Conservation request assistance from the Alaska delegation in Washington D.C. to exempt the State of Alaska from Federal Air Quality requirements and vehicle Inspection/Maintenance (I/M) program mandates.

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SENATE AMENDMENT

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To: CS HB 412 (FIN) am (brf pfld)

BY: SENATOR DONLEY

Department of Commerce & Economic Development
Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

SENATE INTENT:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute relocate to Alaska a portion of its employees, including any management staff currently located outside Alaska by December 30, 1996.

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To: CS HB 412 (FIN) am (brf pld)

BY: SENATOR DONLEY

Department of Commerce & Economic Development
Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

SENATE INTENT:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute implement policies so Alaska contractors receive a bidder preference.

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Adopted
as amend

SENATE AMENDMENT

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To: CS HB 412 (FIN) am (brf pflid)

BY: SENATOR DONLEY

Department of Fish & Game / Division of Sport Fish

SENATE INTENT:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Fish & Game only fund king salmon enhancement projects with revenues generated from the king salmon tag if at least 70% of the salmon are harvested by sport.

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Motion R.H change 70% to 50%. (adopted)

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SENATE AMENDMENT

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To: CS HB 412 (FIN) am (brf pld)

BY: SENATOR DONLEY

Department of Education / K-12 Support
Pupil Transportation BRU

SENATE INTENT:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Education provide equal reimbursement of pupil transportation, regardless if provided by a school district or by a contractor.

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as amended

COMPONENT: ~~DETAILS~~ OPERATING BUDGET - INTENT & NOTES

Component: Disaster Relief Fund

Agency: Department of Military and Veterans Affairs

BRU: Front Section Appropriation

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It is the intent of the legislature that funding necessary to meet the disaster relief responsibilities of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs will continue to be made available through the disaster declaration process outlined in the ~~current funding agreement~~. During the 1996 legislative session, the department shall submit a supplemental appropriation request for fiscal year 1996 disaster relief costs.

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COMPONENT DETAIL - OPERATING BUDGET - INTENT & NOTES

Agency: Department of Natural Resources

Component: Fire Suppression

RU: Statewide Fire Suppression

Senate Conf Com Enacted

It is the intent of the legislature that additional funding necessary to meet the Department's fire fighting responsibilities will continue to be made available through the disaster declaration process ~~outlined in the current funding agreement~~. During the 1996 legislative session the Department shall submit a supplemental appropriation request for fiscal year 1996 fire suppression costs.

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Susan DiFranzia
DiFranzia Fashion Garters

2 pages via Fax to 465 2187

4/12/96
2:55 pm

Senate Finance Committee

Dear Sirs,

I testified today about the increase in vessel fees last year.

After my testimony I heard a comment asking whether you had done that and the apparently negative answer. Please find attached the 1996 Vessel Licenses from showing those increased fees!!! Until this year all vessels were \$20 each.

I hope this clears up any questions but if you wish further information please call CFEC at 789-6150

Sincerely
Paul K. Skot
907 235 6342

COMMERCIAL FISHERIES ENTRY COMMISSION

8800 Glacier Highway, #109, Juneau, Alaska 99801

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STATE OF ALASKA

1996 Vessel License Application Form

Instructions: Vessels used in commercial fishing activities, including sport fishing charters, may be licensed by completing this form and submitting it with the appropriate fee and required documentation. Fees are based upon register length as determined by the U.S. Coast Guard. A COPY OF THE U.S.C.G. DOCUMENTATION OR REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED SO THAT CFEC MAY VERIFY THE LENGTH. If the vessel is used for salmon seining, gillnetting or trolling, complete number (20) and/or (21) in Part B. The owner or authorized agent must sign the certification in Part D. Note: there is an additional \$10 service charge per license if issued at a CFEC field office. (Exemption: some vessels are exempt from the licensing requirement; for instance, skiffs used only at salmon and halibut sites. For more information, see Alaska Statute, Sec. 16.05.495.)

Fee Categories: A - \$21 (vessel length 25' and under) B - \$50 (over 25' - 50') C - \$100 (over 50' - 75') D - \$260 (over 75' - 150') E - \$500 (over 150' - 250') F - \$750 (over 250')

Part A: Vessel Owner / Address Information

Name of Vessel Owner, Temporary Mailing Address for this license (if different), Permanent Mailing Address - Street or P.O. Box, Street or Box, City, State, Zip, Social Security Number, Birthdate, Contact Telephone Number

Part B: Vessel Information

Has vessel been licensed in Alaska in previous years? yes no not sure (If not sure, complete Part C)

1) Vessel Built In: USA, Canada, Other; 2) ADF&G Number; 3) Vessel Name; 4) U.S. Coast Guard Doc. or Reg. Number; 5) Year Built; 6) Overall Length; 7) Vessel Make/Model; 8) Gross Tonnage; 9) Net Tonnage; 10) Homeport; 11) Engine Type; 12) Horsepower; 13) Estimated Vessel Value; 14) Hull Construction; 15) Hold Capacity; 16) Fuel Capacity; 17) Refrigeration; 18) Types of Vessel Activity; 19) Types of Gear Expected to be Fished; 20) Salmon Net Area Registration; 21) Salmon Troll Registration

Table with 2 columns: Code and Description. Includes Salmon Net Area Codes (A-K) and Gear Codes (01-37).

Part C: Vessel History (complete this section ONLY if you do not know vessel's permanent ADF&G number)

(Complete a Request for Duplicate form to obtain a replacement metal ADF&G number plate)

When did you purchase this vessel? From whom did you purchase the vessel? Did previous owner use vessel for commercial fishing in Alaska? Has vessel ever had a different name? Is there a triangular metal ADF&G number plate on vessel? Has vessel ever been rebuilt or modified?

Part D: Certification

I certify under penalty of perjury that I am the vessel owner or agent, that I am authorized to license the vessel and that I have reviewed all information on this form and that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature, Printed Name, Date

Complete all information, sign form, enclose correct fee and submit with a copy of USCG reg. or doc. certificate.

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*Respectfully,
Will Fitz*

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The Country Touch

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I encourage you to read the testimony submitted to the Senate Finance Committee by the Division of Trade and Development on this subject. It will further illuminate the need for these funds. If you are concerned about the waste of the current budget, don't let the chance to save the survivors of the MADE IN ALASKA program go. Waste the time it would take to return the program to complete. Don't waste the dreams and economic future of hundreds of Alaskan entrepreneurs who depend on MADE IN ALASKA.

Mr. Frank, I am sure you will support this program as a leader in supporting the growth of that program while maintaining a fiscal's responsibility to the state government spending.

Steve Keger
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[Handwritten name: Alaska Marketing Co.]

Full Senate Finance Committee

Senators Steve Evans, Rick Henderson, Steve Rieger, Bert Sharp

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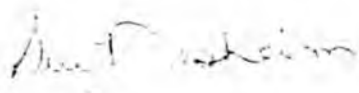
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I believe that it is in the best interests of the program to keep it under the management of the private sector rather than return it to the government. I know from my own experience that the program has been improved through private sector management. When it was part of the government I was asked to give my name and address for the program and I requested on 2/24/82 that the name be straightened out. I was assured that it had been taken care of. I was told that my permit number was 123456789. When it was turned over to the private sector I gave them the number. I was informed that there was no listing under that number. I asked them to look under the other number that was involved and sure enough it was listed to my business. I'm sure I was not the only one the government had managed such a shakedown!

All of the shops that carry my products say the MADE IN ALASKA labels I display has proved to sell over a product made somewhere else. Keep the program under the private sector management and commit \$25,000 towards its administration! I believe it is a fraction of what it would cost to have it under government mis-management.

Sincerely, Sue Nesheim, The Crown Cakes, Eagle River, AK Permit #2405



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Had to leave before
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Thank you.*

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In regard to the daycare assistance program:

Please keep this program intact. Without the aid of daycare assistance many parents would not be able to work or go to school. It would force some back on welfare which costs the state more money and lowers the individuals and families self esteem.

As a childcare provider I am licensed for 45 children, seventeen of those children receive daycare assistance. Most would not be here without this support.

Thank you for listening
Please consider the future of
the children!

Sincerely
Marsha Ambacher

7/8/96

As a single mother with a 3 1/2 year old son, the news that the state may cut ~~out~~ ~~the~~ child care assistance was very disturbing to me. Although I work full time, there is no possible way I could afford to pay for the full amount of child care. If these cut backs go through, I would be forced to quit my job to stay home with my child permanently. If this was to happen, I would be on unemployment and the state of Alaska would be spending money anyways. I am positive I am not the only one in this position. Would this actually help save money for the state?

Before this bill is voted on, would everyone involved please consider the negative impact this cut back could have on many hard working

people trying to raise their
children in the best possible
manner. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cynthia d. Dubanks

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April 10, 1996

Senate Finance Committee Members
Alaska Legislature
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Juneau, Alaska 99811

Dear Committee Member:

This letter is in regards to the FY97 state operating budget. My frequent concern is the Senate Finance Committee's unwillingness to provide the public an opportunity to provide oral testimony in regards to your committee's recommendations. Ultimately, the general public may perceive the the Committee does not put much value in the public's participation in this important government function. The following are areas of concern which Tanana Chiefs Conference would like to see considered by the Senate Finance Committee.

Alaska Legal Services

Alaska Legal Services is a private non-profit corporation which provides a variety of legal services for low-income individuals throughout the state. Hundreds of villages within Alaska have no stable cash economy at this time. Without Alaska Legal Services, low income individuals will suffer not only from a lack of income, but also from a lack of adequate and fair legal representation in a society that advocates equality. Therefore, we would respectfully request that funding for Alaska Legal Services not be reduced. In fact, we feel there is ample justification for an increase to Alaska Legal Service's appropriation, but considering that state's current budget dilemma we feel that maintaining the current level of funding to this service is sufficient. In future years our legislative body should consider the fact that the constant growth in our state's population will warrant additional funding increases to Alaska Legal Services.

Village Public Safety Officer (VPSO)

The VPSO Program has provided enforcement of federal and state laws, and local ordinances in the villages of Alaska. The VPSO's also provide a valuable service by responding to health and safety emergency situations and assisting the village health aide when medical emergencies occur. It has been well documented in the past that these officers provide a much needed service to their constituency. We appreciate the fact that the House Finance Committee recommended no cut to the funding for this program and hope that the Senate Finance Committee recommends the same. However, even at the current level, this program is severely under-funded. Within the TCC Region we have limited funding for 18 VPSO positions for the 43 villages we serve. The remaining villages are left without local law enforcement or trained emergency response personnel who are compensated for their services. It is essential that funding be maintained and even increased for the VPSO program. This will ensure that VPSOs will continue to play a crucial role in protecting the life, health and safety needs of our rural residents.

Power Cost Equalization

We support the Division of Energy's proposed cap of \$17 million dollars for the Power Cost Equalization (PCE) Program. Although this will mean an approximate 15% cut of subsidies, over and above the current levels, to each of our villages. We understand that this will lengthen the program and allow more time to address the problem of high energy costs in rural communities

throughout Alaska. However, it concerns us that the House Finance Committee has proposed an additional cut to the Division of Energy. This will mean a reduction in staff which will decrease all services provided to rural Alaska. Specifically, the division has informed us that the Circuit Rider Program and preventive maintenance for utility plants in the villages will be eliminated. The end result of not addressing preventive maintenance on these utility systems will be engine failures and power outages in the communities that do not have qualified mechanics. This will in actuality raise the overall cost to the state, due to the fact that they will in-turn have to provide emergency services to those communities.

Revenue Sharing

The Revenue Sharing Program provides the villages in our region with funding so that their local governments may function and provide public services at a somewhat reasonable level. As it is now, the legislature only funds 1/3 of the \$25,000 dollar entitlement in which each unincorporated community was intended to receive. The governor's recommended 8% cut would add to these village's problems, who are barely covering basic essential services with the current level of funding. Additionally, it concerns us that incorporated communities will not be impacted at the same levels as unincorporated communities. This is due to a law that states that incorporated communities will receive no less than \$30,000 per year from the Revenue Sharing Program. We feel that this is unjust as it penalizes villages who wish to keep intact their tribal governing structure, rather than forming a city government.

I would also like to address the proposed \$100,000 cuts to the DCRA Rural Development Assistance Grant Program. Although this program has been transferred from the operating to the capital budget we would like to take this opportunity to point out our concerns regarding the proposed reductions to this funding source. While it is common knowledge that both the state and federal governments are under severe pressure to reduce their budgets, these cuts have to be placed very carefully. By making cuts to the RDA Program we are placing our economic futures in a precarious situation. The whole country is crying out for welfare reform however, cuts to the RDA Program will increase the dependency on the welfare system for the next decade. These RDA Programs are integral factors in the creation and strengthening of local economies. The continued funding of the RDA Program will contribute to eventually stabilizing the long term development of our state. RDA Program reductions today, is a short term fix which will not save the state money in the long run.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your time and consideration of our views in regards to the proposed FY97 state operating budget.

Sincerely,



Gary A. Moore
Planning & Development Department Director

cc: Al Ketzler Sr., Chief Administrative Officer
Senator Georgianna Lincoln

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NEW BILL IN
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January 12, 1996

The Honorable Gail Phillips
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Phillips:

This year, I am transmitting two appropriations bills for operating and loan program expenses for fiscal year 1997. One is the first separate mental health program bill as required by AS 37.14.003 and AS 37.14.005. This bill is for all other government operations, including the Legislature and Court System budgets prepared by those two branches of government as well as the executive branch budgets for which I am responsible.

In putting together the fiscal year 1997 operating budget, my overriding concern was to provide a safe landing as we make the transition toward a balanced budget. Taken together, the bills represent a \$40 million or 1.6 percent decrease from current year spending from the "pure" general fund. Thirty-five million dollars of this is in direct expenditure reductions and five million is a shift from oil dollars to user payments. Both reductions help close the fiscal gap. My budget meets the state's basic responsibilities to its citizens and is consistent with the Long Range Financial Planning Commission's recommendations.

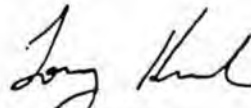
For the first time in decades, the state's formula programs (which account for 51% of the FY97 operating budget) will not increase, thanks to aggressive management efforts, a healthy economy and several proposed budget cuts. Formula programs have historically experienced tremendous cost increases due to federal mandates, new program activities, growth in the populations being served and inflation. My 1997 proposed budget for formula programs is actually a very small decrease--0.6 percent--from FY96. Within this, we have fully funded the K-12 education formula. The welfare reform legislation presented to you this week will direct savings from caseload

The Honorable Gail Phillips
January 12, 1995
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reductions to get more people back to work so we can achieve even greater savings in the next five years. The budget proposes income limits for eligibility to receive Longevity Bonus payments and reduces some programs of state aid to local communities.

The challenge of saying "no" to today's wants so we can say "yes" to our children's needs will grow more difficult as the state's oil revenues decline. The changes I am proposing are not easy. They require leadership and commitment from Alaska's political leaders. I stand ready to work with you in meeting this challenge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tony Knowles".

Tony Knowles
Governor

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TO: Senate Finance Committee

FAX #: 465-4928

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for today's hearing on the operating budget.

Thank you.

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April 9, 1996

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to keep this program.

Thank you,
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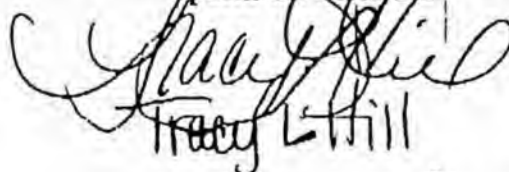
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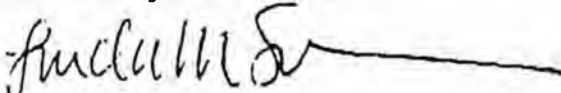
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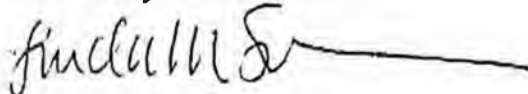
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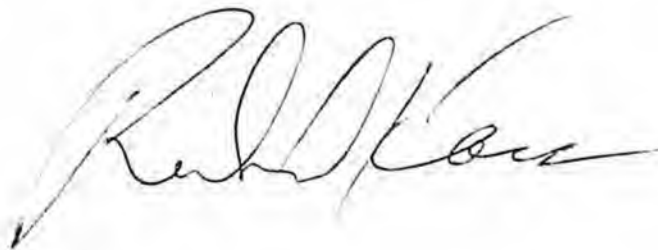
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I do NOT AGREE with this letter. I believe STEVEN ROUSE has simply made a job for himself. This program used to be FREE to anyone with ALASKA MADE PRODUCTS. They were subject to its rules AND ON THE HONOR SYSTEM - AND IT WORKED. NOW WE HAVE TO PAY \$25.00 FEE TO CONTINUE TO USE THE STATE'S LOGO WHICH WAS FREE TO BEGIN WITH. NOW STEVEN ASKS FOR MORE MONEY FROM THE STATE. I believe he is protecting his job which he slipped into a little at a time. USING YOUR LOGO DOES help me sell my products - BUT I AM TIRED OF HAVING TO PAY TO tell people my work IS FROM ALASKA - THE LOGO DOES IT.



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**Senate Budget Subcommittee Members
Hon. Steve Frank, Chairman
Fax: 907-465-4714**

April 9, 1996

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As a group representing diverse commercial salmon fishing interests in the Kodiak region, we are vitally involved in protecting the integrity of our area's regulations and programs which benefit our salmon dependent communities.

It has come to our attention that the State of Alaska "shore fishery lease program" is slated for a budget cut of \$150,000. A cut this substantial in a self-sustaining program is frankly, unnecessary and uncalled for. We question the rationale for any reduction at all and we urge you to recognize that a cut this large will lead to further destabilization of the already impacted salmon fishery.

Please recognize that over 180 salmon setnet permitholders fish commercially in Kodiak. Shore leases are an integral and important part of each operation. Shore leases protect long-held traditional areas for each site. Individual fishermen have already paid large sums of money to have these areas professionally surveyed. Slashing the program will have debilitating impacts on each fishing family.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and I hope that our comments have some impact on your decision, as it is very important to many Kodiak fishermen.

**Sincerely,
Lacey Berns
Coordinator, KSWG**



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Finance Subcommittee Chairs

FROM:  Senator Steve Frank, Co-Chair
Senate Finance Committee

RE: ***FY 97 Operating Budget Timeliness and Guidelines***

DATE: March 29, 1996

Attached is a list of the FY 97 Subcommittee caps.

Please ensure that your Subcommittee close-outs **begin** no later than **Tuesday, April 9, 1996** and the completed close out reports are **received** by my office by the close of business **Thursday, April 11, 1996**. Please remember that all Subcommittee meetings must be noticed public hearings.

Your close-out reports are to reflect changes to the FY 97 Amended Governor's budget. In developing your budgets please note the following:

- **Negotiated salary increases** are included in the Governor's request. However, subcommittees are not to use savings resulting from a rejection of negotiated collective bargaining agreements as a means of achieving their targets. Acceptance or rejection of the collective bargaining agreements will be considered separately by the full Senate Finance Committee.
- The **Mental Health** program budget for all departments will be considered by the Health and Social Services Subcommittee. Consequently, other subcommittees are not to achieve General Fund reductions by reducing any GF/Mental Health funding.
- **FY 96 Capital Budget Items** that the Governor transferred into the FY 97 Operating Budget will be transferred back to the FY 97 Capital Budget. Consequently, the following subcommittees are not to achieve General Fund reductions by reducing any of the items included in the attached list of transfer items provided by the Division of Legislative Finance:
 - Community and Regional Affairs;
 - Education;
 - Fish and Game;
 - Law;

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- Public Safety; and
- Transportation and Public Facilities;
- All CBRF funding sources should be changed to General Fund in the following budgets:
 - Courts;
 - Law; and
 - Revenue

In achieving the targeted funding levels for each agency, please remain within the following guidelines:

- Funding sources changes should generally be sustainable in the "out years". Except in unique circumstances, try to avoid one-time funding source changes that will require an increase in the GF budget in FY 98 and subsequent years;
- Please remember that increases in GF program receipts (either designated or undesignated) authority are GF increments, are not fund source changes, and work against reaching your GF budget target; and
- Consider all state expenditures when evaluating the operational costs of your agencies and programs. While expenditures funded by sources other than General Fund (GF), GF program receipts, GF designated program receipts, GF/Mental Health should be reduced if appropriate, remember that such reductions do not count toward your GF budget reduction targets.

Please discuss any specific and necessary deviations from the above guidelines with me prior to taking action.

Please contact me or Tom Williams of my staff with any questions that you may have. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attachments

cc: Mike Greany, Director
Legislative Finance Division

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FY 97 GE AND CBRF BUDGET CAPS

As of March 29, 1996

(Dollars in Thousands)

<u>Operating and Formula</u>	<u>SFC Cap</u>
K-12 Education Support	660,122.9
Health & Social Services	449,723.1
Administration	172,783.7
University	167,691.4
Transportation & Public Facilities	133,841.1
Corrections	132,141.4
Public Safety	86,347.3
Community and Regional Affairs	82,431.5
Courts	46,884.4
Natural Resources	41,531.5
Fish & Game	39,745.1
Commerce	35,220.3
Law	32,909.5
Legislature	29,941.9
Education (other than K-12 Support)	24,912.0
Governor	16,665.9
Environmental Conservation	16,049.5
Revenue	14,075.5
Labor	8,972.3
Military & Veterans Affairs	7,178.4

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APPROACHES TO FY 97 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

As of March 29, 1996

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GF and CBRF only

	<u>Senate</u>	<u>House</u>	<u>Gov Amd</u>
<u>Operating and Formula</u>			
<u>Operating and Formula</u> (1)	(28,152.2)	(25,923.2)	9,776.9
<u>Operating and Formula Adjustments (not included above)</u>			
Collective Bargaining Agreements	(9,241.7)	(9,241.7)	0.0
Pupil Transportation Funding (2)	0.0	(2,627.4)	(2,627.4)
Longevity Bonus Funding (3)	2,000.0	0.0	2,000.0
<u>Legislation</u>			
Reductions from Legislation - Welfare Reform (4)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reductions from Legislation - Longevity Bonus	0.0	0.0	(7,915.1)
Reductions from Legislation - RIP	0.0	0.0	(5,033.7)
Non-Covered Legislative Branch Raises	(0.0)	(0.0)	342.9
Other New Legislation (5)	<u>1,500.0</u>	<u>4,000.0</u>	<u>1,703.2</u>
<u>Total Operating and Formula</u>	(33,893.9)	(33,792.3)	(1,753.2)
<u>Debt Service</u>	(14,661.4)	(14,661.4)	(14,661.4)
<u>Capital</u>	(16,026.0)	(16,026.0)	(626.9)
<u>Other Expenditures</u>	(6,429.2)	(6,902.8)	(6,902.8)
<u>Total FY 97 versus FY 96 Authorized</u> (6)	<u>(71,010.5)</u>	<u>(71,382.5)</u>	<u>(23,944.3)</u>

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE
NOTES TO APPROACHES TO FY 97 BUDGET REDUCTIONS

As of March 29, 1996

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- (2) Pupil Transportation is restored to FY 96 levels in Senate's approach.
- (3) The Governor submitted a budget amendment request for \$2,000.0 after the House Finance Committee had completed its close-out.
- (4) Savings from welfare reform legislation are a possibility, although no budget approach currently includes any such savings.
- (5) The Governor's estimate is based on a February 26, 1996 summary of fiscal notes related to the Governor's legislation provided by OMB.
- (6) Both the Senate and the House achieve the Majority's \$70 million targeted reductions.

The Governor's Amended budget is only \$24 million lower than FY 96, not the \$35 million originally announced by the Governor.

Excluding the automatic Debt Service reduction, the assumed reductions in Other Expenditures and the Governor's proposed savings that require passage of legislation, the Governor's Amended budget request is actually \$10.6 million above FY 96 Authorized.

Agency Summary - FY97 Operating Budget

General Funds and CBR

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Gov Xfer</u>
Department of Community & Regional Affairs	225.0
Department of Education	375.0
Department of Fish and Game	200.0
Department of Law	900.0
Department of Public Safety	821.9
Department of Transportation/Public Facilities	4,750.0
Total - Operating Budget	7,271.9

Transaction Detail - FY97 Operating Budget

Gov Xfer Column

Agency: Department of Community & Regional Affairs

Local Government Assistance
 Training and Development
 Transfer RUBA funding from DEC
 capital for existing position
 1004 Gen Fund 225.0

Trans Type	Total Exp	Personal Services	Travel	Contractual	Commodities	Equipment	Lands/ Buildings	Grants	Misc	PFT	PPT	Imp
Trn	225.0	58.3	52.0	21.2	2.0	1.5	0.0	90.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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