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Operating Budget Subcommittee



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FY2012 OPERATING BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

March 15th, 2011

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law submits the following FY12 Operating Budget Recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee:

Fund Source	12 Adj Base	Gov Amd	Sen Sub	Difference
Unrestricted GF	\$51,016.6	\$56,253.3	\$52,528.3	\$(3,725)
Designated GF	\$2,296.2	\$2,649.3	\$2,509.3	\$(140)
Other Funds	\$25,160.3	\$25,828.5	\$25,828.5	\$0
Federal Funds	\$1,652.6	\$1,947.3	\$1,947.3	\$0
Total	\$80,125.7	\$86,678.4	\$82,813.4	\$(3,865)

Positions	12 Adj Base	Gov Amd	Sen Sub	Difference
PFT	560	569	567	(2)
PPT	2	2	2	0
Temp	0	0	0	0

The Subcommittee met with the Department and took the following budget actions:

Budget Action

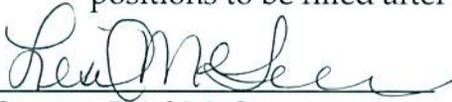
Approved the Governor's Amended budget requests with the following exceptions:

CRIMINAL DIVISION

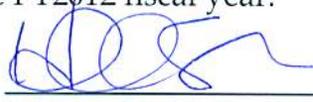
- Approved the addition of 1 permanent full time District Attorney within the Second Judicial District in Kotzebue. The subcommittee took the House's recommendation to fund this position at 75% of the \$210,000 GF request to allow adequate time for the position to be filled after the start of the FY2012 fiscal year.
- Denied the request to replace \$500,000 of expiring federal earmarks with GF. The subcommittee recommended funding for positions in Kotzebue, Palmer, Kenai, and Barrow that will assist with DVSA related issues.

CIVIL DIVISION

- Denied the addition of 1 permanent full time paralegal in the Collections & Support Section to limit spending and restrain growth of the department's position count.
- Denied the request for \$175,000 for contracting outside legal counsel for federal environmental litigation.
- Denied the Oil, Gas & Mining section's \$2.7 million request for outside legal counsel and expert services related to the state's gas pipeline and gas commercialization efforts. The subcommittee accepted the House's recommendation not to fund the request, but recognizes the department has requested funding in the Capital and FY11 Supplemental Budgets which will be considered in the future.
- Denied the addition of 1 permanent full time Public Records Attorney in the Timekeeping & Litigation Section to limit spending and restrain growth of the department's position count.
- Approved the addition of 1 permanent full time Child Protection Section Attorney and 1 permanent full-time paralegal within the Child Protection Section in Palmer. The subcommittee took the House's recommendation to fund these positions at 75% of the \$350,000 GF request to allow adequate time for these positions to be filled after the start of the FY2012 fiscal year.



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ATTACHMENTS:

- Report 1 - Agency Totals - Senate Structure
- Report 2 - Allocation Summary Numbers - Senate Structure
- Report 3 - Allocation Summary Numbers (GF Only) - Senate Structure
- Report 4 - Transaction Compare - Adjusted Base & Senate Subcommittee
- Report 5 - Transaction Compare - Gov Amend+ & Senate Subcommittee
- Report 6 - Transaction Compare - House & Senate Subcommittee
- Report 7 - Wordage
- Report 8 - Senate Subcommittee Worksheet