

Senate Finance Subcommittee

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Department of Education & Early Development

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education & Early Development submits an Operating Budget to the Senate Finance Committee for FY 13 as follows:

	FY12 Mgt Pln	FY13 Adj Base	Gov Amend+	Senate Subcom	House
Unrestricted GF	1,227,690.9	1,207,132.0	1,244,593.2	1,212,748.0	1,207,409.6
Designated GF	13,958.4	13,981.8	15,064.3	15,064.3	15,064.3
Other	25,058.7	25,177.5	25,087.8	25,087.8	25,087.8
Federal Funds	285,400.9	233,605.7	233,790.2	233,790.2	233,790.2
Total	1,552,108.9	1,479,897.0	1,518,535.5	1,486,690.3	1,481,351.9

Positions

PFTs	336	332	332	332	332
PPTs	14	14	14	14	14
Temps	7	8	8	8	8
Total Positions	357	354	354	354	354

The Subcommittee held five meetings with the department and took the following actions:

Budget Action

Accepted the Governor's amended proposal with the following adjustments:

- While subcommittees do not close out on language transactions, we note the governor recommended a one-time \$30.3 million appropriation to school districts. The subcommittee strongly recommends the full Finance Committee deny this request in favor of funding an increase to the Base Student Allocation, as passed by the full senate.
- Added a one-time \$330.0 grant to the North Slope Borough School District for the third year of its Curriculum Alignment, Integration, & Mapping project. The resulting educational

tools will be made available to other school districts in the state upon completion of the project.

- Moved the base funding of \$2,000.0 for the Pre-Kindergarten program to a separate allocation within the Division of Teaching & Learning Support. The subcommittee found that the program is highly effective, and its continued funding is a linchpin of the Moore v. State settlement.
- Added \$2,000.0 to the Pre-Kindergarten program in keeping with the department's original plan to increase funding by \$2 million per year until a statewide level of \$10 million is reached. The department will compete the grants every two years.
- Added \$1,000.0 to the Alaska Advantage Education Grant program, bringing the funding level to \$4 million. FY 12 need was more than \$7 million, which shows the importance of increasing funds. A funding level of \$4 million will maintain the 2/3 Performance Scholarship, 1/3 needs-based grant ratio established in FY 12.
- Denied the governor's requested Alaska Housing Capital Corporation fund increment for the Alaska Performance Scholarship program of \$2,000.0, then decremented \$2,900.0 AHCC from the budget base. This leaves \$3.1 million remaining, an amount sufficient to fund the current cohort of students (including a buffer for summer term attendees not yet awarded scholarships). The governor committed not to use the \$400 million set aside for this program until an endowment structure was in place. While the \$400 million is likely to earn the \$3.1 million needed in the current fiscal year, it is not expected to earn the \$8 million the governor requested. The subcommittee recommends funding a second cohort through the fiscal note to HB 104.

Attached Reports (numbers and language)

1. Agency Totals – FY 13 Operating Budget – Senate Structure
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF) – Senate Structure
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (all funds) – Senate Structure
4. Transaction Comparison (Adj. Base and Senate Subcom)
5. Transaction Comparison (Gov. Amd+ and Senate Subcom)
6. Transaction Comparison (House and Senate Subcom)
7. Wordage Report – FY 13 Operating Budget – Senate Structure

Respectfully submitted,



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