



28<sup>th</sup> Alaska State Legislature  
House Finance Budget Subcommittee  
Department of Education and Early Development  
FY 14 Operating Budget

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY  
DEVELOPMENT FY2014 HOUSE FINANCE BUDGET  
SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT**

**February 28, 2013**

**Recommendations:**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development submits an operating budget for FY2014 as follows:

**Fund Source:**

Unrestricted General Funds	\$64,119,400
Designated General Funds	\$24,308,800
Other Funds	\$26,006,500
Federal Funds	\$233,798,000
<b>Total (Numbers Only)</b>	<b>\$348,232,700</b>

**Positions:**

PFT	335
PPT	14
Temp	18

**BUDGET ACTION:**

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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development held nine meetings with the department and took the following actions:

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

- Denied the request of \$100.0 GF/MH for rural transition services. This program should be covered under the Base Student Allocation.
- Reduced the \$500.0 increment for Assessment Contract increases to \$250.0. Half of the request assumes federal support will be lost from sequestration.

- Reduced the Digitizing Education in Alaska increment of \$5.9 million to \$2.6118 million OTI.
- Denied the request of \$800.0 UGF for the Jobs for America's Graduate Program.
- Denied the request of \$480.0 UGF for Pre-Kindergarten grants. This places the funding level back to the FY2013 Governor request amount of \$2.0 million.
- Reduced funding for the Best Beginnings Program by \$137.5. This continues to fund the program at \$800.0.
- Reduced funding for the Parents as Teachers program by \$242.5. This continues to fund the program at \$800.0.
- Removed \$119.5 of personal services funding for the Early Childhood Education position added in the FY2013 budget. This funding originally accompanied a much larger Parents as Teachers program.
- An unallocated UGF reduction of \$250.0 to the department. As we continue to better utilize technology in our schools, so should the department. Many conferences and meetings can now be accomplished remotely, which may result in some travel efficiencies.
- An unallocated UGF reduction of \$50.0 to the Teaching and Learning Support services line. This allocation is over \$35 million.
- Removed \$2.0 million of Pre-Kindergarten base grant funding and restored it as one-time item funding for FY2014. This is the last year for the current grants. The program should be re-evaluated next year.

**Intent Added by House Subcommittee**

It is the intent of the legislature that the department work with the Association of Alaska School Boards and school districts to ensure that digitization One-to-One funding is used to provide professional development in the form of training for teachers involved in working with new technologies. The legislature wants to ensure that equipment purchased with the digitization funding be used to full advantage to provide the best and most complete education experience possible. The department is requested to report to the legislature by January 15, 2014, regarding the progress and status of the project.

The subcommittee adopts the following reports:

Budget Action Worksheet

Legislative Finance Division Reports-House Structure (Numbers Only)

- Agency Totals – FY2014 Operating Budget
- Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
- Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF)
- Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and H Subcomm
- Transaction Comparison between Gov Amd+ and H Subcomm
- Wordage Report – FY2014 Operating Budget

Respectfully submitted,



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