

**Senate Finance  
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Budget Subcommittee**  
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**NARRATIVE CLOSE-OUT REPORT**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety submits a recommended operating budget for FY2020 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

(all funds in thousands)

FUND SOURCE	FY19 Mgt Plan	FY20 Adj Base	FY20 House	Chg-Adj Bs to Sen	
				FY20 Sen Sub	Over/(Under)
UGF	\$ 161,708.4	\$ 161,336.5	\$ 160,814.5	\$ 159,946.2	\$ (1,390.3)
DGF	8,301.0	8,301.0	8,446.1	8,446.1	145.1
Total GF	\$ 170,009.4	\$ 169,637.5	\$ 169,260.6	\$ 168,392.3	\$ (1,245.2)
Other	11,109.1	11,109.1	11,727.5	11,727.5	618.4
Federal	16,487.6	16,487.6	25,636.1	25,636.1	9,148.5
Total All Funds	\$ 197,606.1	\$ 197,234.2	\$ 206,624.2	\$ 205,755.9	\$ 8,521.7
<b>SALARY ADJUSTMENT FUND SOURCE - Informational Only</b>					
UGF				\$ 10,776.8	
DGF				54.6	
Total GF				\$ 10,831.4	
Other				75.9	
Federal				23.5	
Total All Funds				\$ 10,930.8	
<b>POSITIONS</b>					
PFT					807
PPT					18
Temp					13

## BUDGET ACTION:

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The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety held three public meetings and numerous conversations with the Department and analyzed all the Governor's budget transactions. Following are budget highlights.

### Governor's Amended Budget Request:

- Accepted the Governor's Amended Budget Request except for these items:
  - Reduce by 50% the Governor's proposed decrement to the VPSO Program thereby reducing this cut in funding to -\$1,500.0.
- Sub-Committee Additions, Reductions and Changes:
  - A \$250.0 G/F fund transfer from the VPSO Program to the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault for a victim-centered analysis of the epidemic of sexual assault and domestic violence in rural Alaska, particularly in the area of the dismal progress in Alaska at ending the scourge of the sexual abuse of minors. This analysis is meant to identify the gaps in Alaska's public safety program where the department, the VPSO Program, the Department of Law, schools and communities can better prevent the sexual victimization of current and future Alaskans.
- Other Changes:
  - Salary Adjustment figures are informational only. It is the best guess at this time for what will likely be needed once contracts are finalized. The correct dollars will be added after close-out in the full Finance committee CS.
  - Delete the following intent language: *At the discretion of the Office of Management and Budget, funding may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department.*
- Recommended Organizational Changes
  - To more properly align the core mission of the department, the subcommittee recommends the full Finance Committee approve transferring the VPSO grants administration function to the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development (DCCED). Under current statute the Commissioner of Public Safety is required to provide grants for the VPSO program. While the department should be commended for their work in administering past grants, DCCED is more suited to this function. Statutory revisions to AS18.65.670 will be required to accomplish this recommendation and therefore it falls outside the jurisdiction of the subcommittee.

- Recommended Organizational Changes - cont'd

Subject to legislative approval of a statutory change permitting this transfer of grant authority, the subcommittee further recommends removing two positions from the VPSO Program, one-Program Coordinator II (12-1969) and one-Admin Assistant III (12-1422), for a combined UGF savings of \$259.6. All public safety related functions of the VPSO Program, including the determination that all related grant requirements have been satisfied, would remain under the purview of DPS.

- Intent Language

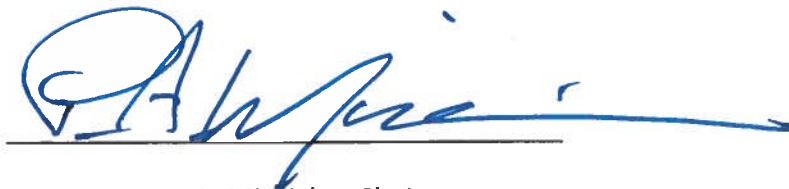
- It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Public Safety increase its efforts to combat internet child pornography in the state. Emphasis should be made to fill any vacant positions which will enhance the detection and arrest of those trafficking in child pornography. A report should be sent to the legislature by January 15, 2021 detailing the progress made in protecting Alaska from purveyors of child pornography.

**ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Public Safety adopts the attached reports:

- Agency Totals – FY2020 Operating Budget
- Transaction Comparison 1
- Transaction Comparison 2
- Transaction Comparison 3
- Wordage



Senator Peter A. Micciche, Chair