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NARRATIVE CLOSE-OUT REPORT

April 16, 2019

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Senate Finance Subcommittee for the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs submits a recommended operating budget for FY2020 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

					Chg-Adj Bs to Sen
FUND SOURCE	FY19 Mgt Plan	FY20 Adj Base	FY20 House	FY20 Sen Sub	Over/(Under)
UGF	16,969.9	16,869.9	16,329.8	16,279.8	(590.1)
DGF	28.4	28.4	28.4	28.4	-
Total GF	16,998.3	16,898.3	16,358.2	16,308.2	(590.1)
Other	10,174.1	10,174.1	11,183.7	11,183.7	1,009.6
Federal	30,942.9	30,942.9	31,294.3	31,294.3	351.4
Total All Funds	58,115.3	58,015.3	58,836.2	58,786.2	770.9
SALARY ADJUSTMENT FUND SOURCE - Informational Only					
UGF				223.8	
DGF				0	
Total GF				\$ 223.8	
Other				128.7	
Federal				331.2	
Total All Funds				\$ 683.7	
POSITIONS					
PFT					277
PPT					0
Temp					0
Total Positions					277

BUDGET ACTION:

The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs held four meetings with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's budget transactions. Following are budget highlights.

Governor's Amended Budget Request:

- Accepted the following Governor's Amended Budget Request items:
 - Accepted reduction of (210.9) in funding for the Alaska State Defense Force and the elimination of 2 PCN's.
 - Accepted reduction of (161.1) in funding for Special Assistant to the Commissioner and the elimination of 1 PCN.
 - 50% travel reductions department wide (Excluding the Alaska Aerospace Corporation).
 - Accepted Office of IT Salary Adjustment of 5.6.
 - Accepted an increase in Federal Authority for a NOAA grant of 500.0.
 - Accepted SDPR Authority to support Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests 300.0.
 - Accepted the elimination of the Information Officer 1 position 40.8 State / 40.9 Federal.
 - Accepted 50% (150.0) reduction of Governor's original (300.0) budget reduction request for Local Emergency Planning Committee.
 - Accepted Governor's increase of 50.0 for Funeral Honor Support for Alaska Veterans.
 - Accepted a Governor's amendment to transfer the DMVA Administrative Services Director PCN to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

- Sub-Committee Additions, Reductions and Changes:
 - Did not accept Executive branch travel reductions to the Alaska Aerospace Corporation. The corporation pays for travel from its own receipts.
 - Added a 100.0 increment to maintain existing Veteran Service Officers that was a one-time FY19 expenditure set to expire in FY20 due to uncertainty in federal grant funding levels.

- Other Changes:
 - Remove the following department level wordage: "At the discretion of the Office of Management and Budget, funding may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department."

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- Organizational Changes
 - There were no organizational changes.

- Intent Language
 - It is the intent of the legislature that the addition of the 100.0 funding in FY20 for the Veteran Service Officer program is identified as an essential and critical service provided to veterans and should be made permanent beyond FY20.

It is the intent of this legislature that the Department of Military and Veteran's Affairs analyze all Veteran Service Officer (VSO) positions and their effectiveness. By January 15, 2020 the department shall provide to the legislature a review of VSO's with information that breaks down VSO positions by region, identified impacts, identification of problem areas, ideas for improvement and the amount of funding they bring to the state of Alaska. It is the expectation of the legislature that by June 30, 2020 the department will present a new system of metrics for measuring the effectiveness and impact of VSO's.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

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

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

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