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Department of Natural Resources FY21 House Finance Budget Subcommittee Narrative report February 14, 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources submits recommended operating budgets for FY 2021 to the House Finance Committee. The numbers-only budget with amendment recommendations totals:

Fund Source:	(In thousands of dollars)
Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	65,595.0
Designated General Funds (DGF)	35,707.2
Other Funds	36,265.1
Federal Funds	15,964.6
TOTAL	153,531.9
Positions:	
Permanent Full-time	620
Permanent Part-time	247
Temporary	52
TOTAL	919

BUDGET ACTIONS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources held four meetings with the Department analyzing the Governors Budget. The Subcommittee accepted 13 of the 16 Budget Action Items proposed.

The following three items were not accepted:

- Transfer from North Latitude Plant Material Center for business process efficiencies.
- Transfer Agriculture development allocation from Agriculture appropriation to Fire, Land and Water.
- Transfer to Agriculture development for business process efficiencies.

The conversation in Committee revolved around the impact these proposals could have on the Agriculture Industry, which ultimately resulted in these items not being adopted by this Subcommittee.

SUBCOMMITTEE ITEMS:

The following amendments were submitted to the Department of Natural Resources House Finance Subcommittee for consideration:

1) 5,000,000 UGF 1004 (Inc OTI) – Add Funding to create new transaction for “Fire Risk Reduction” and Intent. Which will create a new transaction to fund Fire Risk Reduction, create of fire risk reduction projects including - but not limited to - fire breaks, and maintenance of existing risk reduction projects.

2) \$210,000 DGF 1021 - Agriculture Revolving Loan Fund, adds one permanent full time position (Natural Resource Specialist III, Range 18).

Both amendments were adopted.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

- Wordage Report
- Operating Budget Transaction Compare between 21Gov and House Sub
- Operating Budget Transaction Compare between 21Adj Base and House Sub
- Multi-year Agency Totals

Respectfully submitted,



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House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Natural Resources.