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The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law submits the following recommended operating budget for FY21 to the House Finance Committee:

Fund Source: (dollars are in thousands)

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$51,720.6
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$2,691.0
Other Funds	\$32,504.0
Federal Funds	\$2,026.2
Total	\$88,941.8

Positions:

Permanent Full-time	528
Permanent Part-time	0
Temporary	0
Total	528

The budget recommended by the Subcommittee is \$755 thousand lower in UGF funding than the Governor's Requested Budget for FY21. It is \$847.7 higher in UGF funding than the FY21 Adjusted Base. This increase from Adjusted Base is due to a fund source change from Power Costs Equalization Endowment Funds to UGF for costs associated with anti-crime legislation that passed last session.

BUDGET ACTION:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee accepted the Governor’s proposed changes to the FY21 Adjusted Base which include:

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- \$1,602.7 fund source change from PCE Endow (DGF) to UGF to maintain ongoing Criminal Division activities related to enactment of House Bill 49.
- \$300.0 Statutory Designated Program Receipts (Other) increment and 2 positions added to utilize funding from the North Slope Borough to increase staffing in the Utqiagvik District Attorney’s Office
- \$500.0 Federal Receipts (Fed) increment and 3 positions added to utilize grant money from the U.S. Department of Justice for staff to focus on felony crimes in rural Alaska.
- -\$224.8 AOGCC Receipts (DGF) decrement because these funds are no longer needed.

The Subcommittee also made the following reductions to the Civil Division:

- \$400.0 (UGF) decrement from the Labor and State Affairs allocation for reduced expenses for outside counsel.
- \$375.0 (UGF) decrement and deletion of three positions from the Special Litigation allocation reflecting high vacancy in the Civil Division and the need to reduce state spending.

OTHER SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION:

The Subcommittee renamed the Civil Division appropriation and created a new appropriation to segregate and limit funds available to hire private law firms to interpret the *Janus v AFSCME* U.S. Supreme Court decision. The Subcommittee funded the new appropriation with \$20.0 in the Services line.

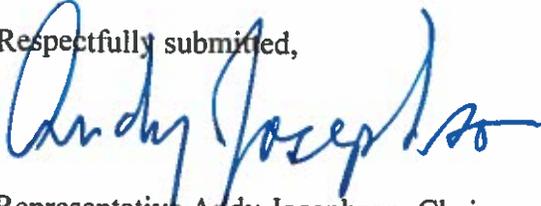
The Subcommittee adopted three pieces of intent language to clarify the intended uses of the new appropriation and renamed Civil Division appropriation, and to express the legislature’s intent that any excess Personal Services funding in the department be lapsed rather than used in other lines.

ATTACHED REPORTS:

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Office of the Governor adopts the attached reports:

1. Agency Totals
2. Transaction Compare FY21AdjBase to HouseSub
3. Transaction Compare FY21Gov to HouseSub
4. Wordage

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andy Josephson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

Representative Andy Josephson, Chair
House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Law