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	Column	Trans Type	Total Expenditure	Personal Services	Travel	Services	Commodities	Capital Outlay	Grants	Misc	PFT	PPT	TMP
Behavioral Health													
Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants													
Increase General Fund/Mental Health to Restore Behavioral Health Grants Supported by Declining Designated General Funds	27Enacted	Inc	3,557.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,557.0	0.0	0	0	0
1037 GF/MH (UGF)			3,557.0										
General Fund Mental Health to Restore Behavioral Health Grants Supported by Declining Designated General Funds	27Enacted	Veto	-3,557.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3,557.0	0.0	0	0	0
Preserve general fund resources to support long-term fiscal stability. This additional spending was vetoed and \$45.5 million is retained for grants to behavioral health treatment and recovery programs in the base budget.													
1037 GF/MH (UGF)			-3,557.0										
* Allocation Difference *			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Behavioral Health Administration													
Add General Fund/Mental Health to Maintain Operation of the Crisis Call Center	27Enacted	Inc	500.0	0.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
The Crisis Contact Center provides support to Alaskans who need someone to talk to, are experiencing emotional distress, or are facing a suicidal crisis. In addition to immediate intervention, the Center connects individuals to further services when necessary. This resource is available free of charge to all Alaskans 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.													
1037 GF/MH (UGF)			500.0										
* Allocation Difference *			500.0	0.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Behavioral Health Prevention and Early Intervention Grants													
Increase General Fund/Mental Health to Restore Behavioral Health Grants Supported by Declining Designated General Funds	27Enacted	Inc	723.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	723.0	0.0	0	0	0
1037 GF/MH (UGF)			723.0										
General Fund Mental Health to Restore Behavioral Health Grants Supported by Declining Designated General Funds	27Enacted	Veto	-723.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-723.0	0.0	0	0	0
Preserve general fund resources to support long-term fiscal stability. This additional spending was vetoed and \$6.8 million is retained for grants to behavioral health-related prevention and early intervention programs in the base budget.													
1037 GF/MH (UGF)			-723.0										
* Allocation Difference *			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
** Appropriation Difference **			500.0	0.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Public Assistance													
Child Care Benefits													
CC: Early Education Discretionary Funds for Workforce Recruitment and Retention	27Enacted	Inc	6,400.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6,400.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)			6,400.0										

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Public Assistance (continued)													
Child Care Benefits (continued)													
Early Education Discretionary Funds for Workforce Recruitment and Retention	27Enacted	Veto	-6,400.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-6,400.0	0.0	0	0	0
Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund legislation would increase funding towards the expansion of workforce training. This veto preserves general fund resources to support long-term fiscal stability.													
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)			-6,400.0										
* Allocation Difference *			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Energy Assistance Program													
CC: Restore the Alaska Affordable Heating Program	27Enacted	Inc	11,000.0	250.0	10.0	240.0	50.0	0.0	10,450.0	0.0	3	0	0
The Alaska Affordable Heating Program (AKHAP) provided financial aid to low-income Alaskan households to help cover home heating costs. This program was last funded in 2015, but remains in statute.													
AKHAP is in addition to, and based on, the federal Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and the program's individual benefits fluctuate with oil prices.													
This amendment reestablishes the office with three positions and the necessary line-item funding, including funding for individual benefits. Funding levels for the amendment are based on the average of its last five years adjusted for inflation.													
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)			11,000.0										
* Allocation Difference *			11,000.0	250.0	10.0	240.0	50.0	0.0	10,450.0	0.0	3	0	0
Public Assistance Field Services													
CC: GA Add Funding and Authority to Maintain the Division of Public Assistance Virtual Contact Center	27Enacted	Inc	7,345.6	0.0	0.0	7,345.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
The Division of Public Assistance's Virtual Contact Center (VCC) is a critical component of the Department of Health's service delivery infrastructure, ensuring uninterrupted access to benefits for Alaskans while meeting the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' federal requirement to operate a call center. The VCC manages approximately 20,000 to 24,000 calls each month, providing telephonic applications, outbound client contact, and eligibility-related assistance.													
Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) rules generally require that certification functions (interviews, eligibility/benefit determinations, case actions that affect eligibility/benefits, etc.) be done by merit-system employees (state employees). A recently approved demonstration waiver from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) allows non-merit VCC staff to perform certification functions on behalf of the department. This will enable the department to directly address application backlogs and improve timeliness of benefits.													
By leveraging Medicaid federal participation and general fund match for allowable costs, the department was able to reduce the contract cost with the demonstration waiver from \$12,000.0 to \$8,000.0 for fiscal year (FY) 2027. This approach maximizes federal funding while maintaining essential service capacity.													
Centralizing call center functions within the VCC allows State eligibility technicians to focus on core eligibility													

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Public Assistance Field Services (continued)													
CC: GA Add Funding and Authority to Maintain the Division of Public Assistance Virtual Contact Center (continued)													
processing rather than call handling. This division of labor has proven effective in improving compliance, reducing backlogs and minimizing delays in benefit access for eligible Alaskans.													
Discontinuation of the Virtual Contact Center would place significant operational strain on the division, delay access to critical assistance programs, disrupt service delivery, and risk noncompliance with federal and State requirements. Sustaining the VCC through FY2027 is a prudent and necessary investment in the department's ability to meet statutory obligations and serve Alaskans efficiently and effectively.													
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed) 4,345.6													
1003 GF/Match (UGF) 3,000.0													
* Allocation Difference *			7,345.6	0.0	0.0	7,345.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
** Appropriation Difference **			18,345.6	250.0	10.0	7,585.6	50.0	0.0	10,450.0	0.0	3	0	0
Public Health													
Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion													
New Carryforward Language for Tobacco Use Education and Cessation Funds		Senate	Wordage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
CC: New Carryforward Language for Tobacco Use Education and Cessation Funds		27Enacted	Wordage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
* Allocation Difference *			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
** Appropriation Difference **			0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0
Senior and Disabilities Services													
Senior and Disabilities Community Based Grants													
CC: Increase Funding to Support Adult Day Services		27Enacted	Inc	1,250.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,250.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)				1,250.0									
Increase General Funds for Grants to Centers for Independent Living Statewide		27Enacted	Inc	403.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	403.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)				403.0									
CC: Increase Funding to Support and Stabilize Senior Centers		27Enacted	Inc	500.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	500.0	0.0	0	0	0
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)				500.0									
* Allocation Difference *			2,153.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,153.0	0.0	0	0	0
Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs													
HFC 79 - Increase Funding to Support Early Intervention and Infant Learning Program		27Enacted	Inc	2,700.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,700.0	0.0	0	0	0
This amendment would add \$2.7 million to cover the decade of flat funding to the ILP program.													

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Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs (continued)													
HFC 79 - Increase Funding to Support Early Intervention and Infant Learning Program (continued)													
1037 GF/MH (UGF)			2,700.0										
HFC 79 - Increase Funding to Expand Early Intervention and Infant Learning Program	27Enacted	Inc	3,020.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,020.0	0.0	0	0	0
This amendment would add \$3.02 mil to cover the expansion from the current 50% developmental delay to the target 25% delay. Which would align with Part C of the Federal IDEA.													
1037 GF/MH (UGF)			3,020.0										
Increase Funding to Support Early Intervention and Infant Learning Program	Senate	Inc	2,764.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2,764.6	0.0	0	0	0
1037 GF/MH (UGF)			2,764.6										
Increase Funding to Expand Early Intervention and Infant Learning Program	Senate	Inc	3,178.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	3,178.1	0.0	0	0	0
1037 GF/MH (UGF)			3,178.1										
Funding to Expand Early Intervention and Infant Learning Program	27Enacted	Veto	-3,020.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3,020.0	0.0	0	0	0
Preserve general fund resources to support long-term fiscal stability. This additional spending was vetoed and \$12.3 million is retained for grants to early intervention and infant learning programs in the base budget.													
1037 GF/MH (UGF)			-3,020.0										
* Allocation Difference *			-3,242.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3,242.7	0.0	0	0	0
General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living													
Increase Daily Rate for General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living Payments	27Enacted	Inc	382.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	382.0	0.0	0	0	0
Add general funds in order to raise the daily rate for temporary assisted living to \$118.90.													
1004 Gen Fund (UGF)			382.0										
* Allocation Difference *			382.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	382.0	0.0	0	0	0
** Appropriation Difference **			-707.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-707.7	0.0	0	0	0
Medicaid Services													
Medicaid Services													
Increase Funding and Authority to Implement Guidehouse Recommendations for Air and Ground Ambulance Reimbursement Rates	27Enacted	Inc	16,100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	16,100.0	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)			13,700.0										
1003 GF/Match (UGF)			2,400.0										
Increase Funding and Authority to Implement Guidehouse Recommendations for Private-Duty Nursing Reimbursement Rates	27Enacted	Inc	1,250.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,250.0	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)			625.0										
1003 GF/Match (UGF)			625.0										
Intent Language for Private Duty Nursing Rates	Senate	Wordage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0

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Increase Funding to Align Reimbursement Rates for Adolescent-Specific Behavioral and Substance Use Health Services	27Enacted	Inc	336.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	336.0	0.0	0	0	0
1003 GF/Match (UGF)			336.0										
CC: Increase Funding and Authority to Partially Implement Guidehouse Recs for Direct Support Professionals Rates	27Enacted	Inc	11,143.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11,143.6	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)			6,143.6										
1003 GF/Match (UGF)			5,000.0										
CC: Increase Funding and Authority to Implement Guidehouse Recommendations for Community First and Personal Care Rates	27Enacted	Inc	15,127.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15,127.0	0.0	0	0	0
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)			8,877.0										
1003 GF/Match (UGF)			6,250.0										
Funding to Align Reimbursement Rates for Adolescent-Specific Behavioral and Substance Use Health Services	27Enacted	Veto	-336.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-336.0	0.0	0	0	0
Preserve general fund resources to support long-term fiscal stability. Retains \$784.5 million in general funds to support Alaska's Medicaid program, and an additional \$10 million through FY2027 for behavioral health clinic services.													
1003 GF/Match (UGF)			-336.0										
Funding and Authority to Implement Guidehouse Recs for Community First and Personal Care Reimbursement	27Enacted	Veto	-15,127.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-15,127.0	0.0	0	0	0
Preserve general fund resources to support long-term fiscal stability. Retains \$784.5 million in general funds to support Alaska's Medicaid program, and an additional \$10 million through FY2027 for behavioral health clinic services.													
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)			-8,877.0										
1003 GF/Match (UGF)			-6,250.0										
Funding and Authority to Partially Implement Guidehouse Recs for Direct Support Professionals Rates	27Enacted	Veto	-11,143.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-11,143.6	0.0	0	0	0
Preserve general fund resources to support long-term fiscal stability. Retains \$784.5 million in general funds to support Alaska's Medicaid program, and an additional \$10 million through FY2027 for behavioral health clinic services.													
1002 Fed Rcpts (Fed)			-6,143.6										
1003 GF/Match (UGF)			-5,000.0										
* Allocation Difference *			17,350.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17,350.0	0.0	0	0	0
** Appropriation Difference **			17,350.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	17,350.0	0.0	0	0	0
*** Agency Difference ***			35,487.9	250.0	10.0	8,085.6	50.0	0.0	27,092.3	0.0	3	0	0
**** All Agencies Difference ****			35,487.9	250.0	10.0	8,085.6	50.0	0.0	27,092.3	0.0	3	0	0

Column Definitions

Senate (Senate) - Senate substitute for the FY27 operating budget.

27Enacted (FY27 Enacted Operating Items) - Enacted FY27 operating budget items including FY27 Enrolled operating items and the Governor's vetoes.