

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW  
FY18 - Increment Status Report**

**Governor's Budget Items Approved as Requested**

Item #	Approp/Allocation	Description	Amount/Fund Source	FY18 CC Book Comment	GF Dec?	LFD Questions	Agency Comments
1	Civil Division/ Regulatory Affairs Public Advocacy (RAPA)	In-House Legal Services and Outside Counsel for Specialized Expertise on Pipeline Tariff Issues	\$375.0 UGF	As requested by the Governor, the legislature added \$375.0 UGF for Pipeline Tariff Proceedings handled by RAPA. The department continues to adapt and refine case management under the organizational structure begun in FY17. These changes allow for some work to be brought in-house while contracts with outside counsel and consultant experts having expertise in specialized oil, gas and mining issues will continue to be used as necessary.	No.	Impact of this increment?	The purpose of this increment is to pay for work, including outside legal counsel and expert services, on FERC pipeline tariff proceedings. In the first five months of FY18, RAPA expended over \$230,000 of UGF on this FERC matter, which includes internal legal work, outside counsel fees, expert fees, and travel. TAPS tariff proceedings are important to the state because TAPS tariff rates have a direct impact on production taxes and royalties. We recently settled a pending FERC TAPS tariff dispute that secured payment to the state of \$224 million, and will result in hundreds of millions of dollars for the state going forward.

**Legislative Addition**

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2	Criminal Division/ Judicial District: Anchorage	Money for Two Prosecutors and Associated Personal Services for Anchorage	\$244.2 UGF	The conference committee accepted a legislative amendment to add \$244.2 UGF for two prosecutors in the Third Judicial District: Anchorage. Funding may be used for associated costs as well. No new positions are added; it is assumed that the department will use the funds to fill existing vacant positions.	No. Law plans to hire an additional Prosecutor <i>and</i> an Office Assistant.	Has this funding allowed Law to fill two PCNs? If so, when were the PCNs filled?	The legislative amendment was a House proposal for 325.6 to fund 2 prosecutor positions. The conference committee reduced the amount to 244.2, which is not enough to fully fund 2 prosecutors. This funding allowed the department to fill an Attorney IV prosecutor position (03-1009, filled in October) that would otherwise have been held vacant. This hire increased the number of filled prosecutor positions in Anchorage to 29. The department is also preparing a recruitment for an Office Assistant II (03-1188) that was held vacant in Ketchikan but has now been moved to Anchorage.