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Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee  
Department of Education and Early Development  
FY14 Operating Budget

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT  
FY2014 SENATE FINANCE BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NARRATIVE REPORT  
March 18, 2013**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development submits a recommended operating budget (numbers only) for FY2014 to the Senate Finance Committee as follows:

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$ 66,554.4
Designated General Funds (DGF)	24,319.0
Other Funds	26,051.4
Federal Funds	233,798.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$350,722.8</b>

**BUDGET ACTION:**

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The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development held 5 meetings with the Department and analyzed all of the Governor's budget transactions. The following are budget action highlights and recommendations:

- Fund the Digitizing Education in Alaska Initiative at \$5,162.0, a reduction of \$738.0. This amount gives DEED flexibility to fund the One to One Initiative, Alaska Learning Network, Live Homework, and Online with Libraries in a way that is best for students.
- Fund the Iditarod Pilot Project at \$150.0, a reduction of \$350.0. Existing carryover (\$85.0) and future carryover funds will allow the school district to complete its stated FY14 plans.
- Deny increment of \$100.0 GF/MH for the Rural Transition Services program. The base is funded at \$150.0.

- Eliminate the proposed funding of \$800.0 for the Jobs for America's Graduates Program (JAG). The start-up of this new program will be postponed.
- Reduce the \$500.0 increment for the Assessment Contract increase by \$350.0. This reduction reflects the receipt of Federal dollars for the Standard Base Assessments (\$165.0) and the possible elimination of the TerraNova Assessment.
- Fund the K-3 literacy project at the requested level (\$320.0). This project provides pre- and post- screening assessments for students in K-3 (approximately 40,000 students).
- Deny the \$480.0 increment for the Pre-K Grant Program. This reduction maintains the base at the level of the original three-year pilot project.
- Deny the Mt Edgecumbe Boarding School increment request of \$10.1 and fund source change for \$44.9 to fund salary and health insurance increases. Fifty-three school districts absorb these increases through the foundation formula.
- Approve a \$305.0 increment for the Mt. Edgecumbe Boarding School new dormitory management contract which totals \$1,700.9.
- Reduce funding for the Best Beginnings Program by \$37.5, leaving \$900.0 in the base.
- Reduce funding for the Parents as Teachers Program by a total of \$362.0, (\$242.5 and \$119.5) leaving \$680.5 in the base.
- Convert the Pre-Kindergarten Grant Program base (\$2,000.0) to a one-time item, requiring a review next fiscal year.

**ATTACHED REPORTS:**

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The Senate Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Education and Early Development adopts the attached reports:

**Subcommittee generated reports**

Budget Action Worksheet

**Legislative Finance Division Reports – Senate Structure (Numbers Only)**

1. Agency Totals – FY2014 Operating Budget
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (All Funds)
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF)
4. Transaction Comparison between ADJ Base and S Subcomm
5. Transaction Comparison between Gov Amd and S Subcomm
6. Transaction Comparison between House and S Subcomm
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Senator Mike Dunleavy, Chair

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