



31st Alaska State Legislature  
 House Finance Budget Subcommittee  
 Department of Environmental Conservation  
 FY20 Operating Budget

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**SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation held five meetings with the department during the review of the FY20 budget request.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation recommends that the House Finance Committee accept the Department of Environmental Conservation’s FY20 budget with the following amendment recommendations:

The numbers-only budget with amendment recommendations totals (dollars are in thousands)

**Fund Source:**

Unrestricted General Funds (UGF)	\$15,359.9
Designated General Funds (DGF)	\$24,719.9
Other Funds	\$17,083.9
Federal Funds	\$23,506.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$80,670.0</b>

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY15 Management Plan to the FY20 House Subcommittee recommended budget is a reduction of \$6,882.1, a decrease of 30.9 percent.

The Unrestricted General Fund difference from FY20 Adjusted Base to the FY20 House Subcommittee Recommended budget is a decrease of \$31.9, a decrease of 0.2 percent.

**Positions:**

Permanent Full-time	483
Permanent Part-time	0
Temporary	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>484</b>

**GOVERNOR’S AMENDED BUDGET PROPOSALS**

The Governor submitted 17 budget action items. The House Finance Subcommittee accepted 6 of them. The House Finance Subcommittee rejected 11 of them. The items the House Finance Subcommittee rejected are:

- 5 items reducing travel line funding across all fund sources by 50%

- 4 items eliminating the Ocean Ranger program and related fund source changes
- 1 item eliminating the dairy program
- 1 item eliminating an Economist III position

**SUBCOMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

The following House Finance Subcommittee budget amendments are submitted to the House Finance Committee for consideration:

- 1) An amendment removing the following wordage: At the discretion of the Office of Management and Budget, funding may be transferred between all appropriations in the Department.
- 2) A 50% cut to Unrestricted General Funds in the travel line of four allocations, listed below, for a total decrement of \$41.2 from the FY20AdjBase.
  - a. Office of the Commissioner (\$7.6)
  - b. Administrative Services (\$0.3)
  - c. Air Quality (\$4.4)
  - d. Water Quality, Infrastructure Support & Financing (\$28.9)
- 3) Intent language stating that it is the intent of the legislature that, with regards to the Air Quality situation in the Fairbanks North Star Borough, the Department of Environmental Conservation shall:
  1. Submit a Serious State Implementation Plan (SIP) as quickly as possible that includes sufficiently stringent Best Available Control Technologies (BACT) and Best Available Control Measures (BACM) to be legally defensible and approvable by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
  2. Maintain adequate DEC staff in the Fairbanks North Star Borough and streamline the Notice of Violation (NOV) process to ensure compliance with current regulations in place and additional regulations implemented under the Serious SIP.
  3. DEC shall coordinate with local governments impacted by PM 2.5 non-attainment to best utilize municipal powers for mitigation, monitoring and enforcement to the maximum extend possible under state and local law.

**ATTACHED REPORTS**

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation adopts the attached reports:

- 1) Budget Action Worksheet
- 2) Wordage Report
- 3) Operating Budget Transaction Compare between 20GovAmdTOT and House Sub
- 4) Operating Budget Transaction Compare between 20AdjBase and Hose Sub
- 5) Multi-year Agency Totals

Respectfully submitted,



Representative Dan Ortiz, Chair  
House Finance Budget Subcommittee for the Department of Environmental Conservation