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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Agency Responses to FY25 Legislative Intent Language

This memorandum restates FY25 legislative intent (*italics*) for each agency and provides agency responses to our request for status reports. Responses indicating non-compliance, partial compliance, and indeterminate compliance have been identified using bold font and yellow highlighting.

This memo also includes follow-up on legislative intent from the FY24 budget for which compliance could not yet be determined when we sent the FY24 memo. Next year's memo will follow up on pending FY25 items.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

1. Centralized Administrative Services / Retirement and Benefits

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that new retirement applications be processed within six weeks of a completed application before the end of fiscal year 2025.

The Division of Retirement and Benefits (DRB) returned to a four- to six-week processing of all applications that are completed with no outstanding issues in August 2024; the DRB continues to meet this standard. The DRB also has processes in place to address staffing issues in the retirement processing section by cross training staff from other sections to assist in times of need.

2. Public Communications Services / Public Broadcasting - Radio

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE DUE TO VETO

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Administration allocate the funds to rural public radio stations whose broadcast coverage areas serve 20,000 people or fewer.

This funding was vetoed; no funding was allocated for this purpose.

3. Legal and Advocacy Services

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that defense attorneys take every reasonable action to work through the criminal case backlog with expediency.

Office of Public Advocacy (OPA)

The OPA is doing everything it can to address the case backlog with the resources at its disposal. Criminal and Child in Need of Aid trials are occurring at an increased frequency and progress is being made to work through the backlog. However, due to the volume and complexity of many of the cases, the situation remains challenging.

Public Defender Agency (PDA)

The PDA has implemented several initiatives to decrease backlogs and workload.

- The PDA has conducted several training and mentoring events for current attorneys emphasizing the case specific benefits of aggressive trial practice and speedy resolution of cases for both clients and their own workload.
- The PDA is regularly reviewing disposition rate information to assist in coaching and mentoring.
- The PDA has prioritized recruitment efforts for attorneys and staff, reducing the agency-

wide vacancy rate from 11 percent at this time last year to eight percent currently. The PDA has hired 43 attorneys since July 1, 2023.

Improving retention is critical to decreasing workloads and enabling attorneys to resolve cases. To improve attorney retention, the PDA is creating a Training and Development Unit of new attorneys focusing on misdemeanors to provide the new attorneys with the appropriate level of casework for learning trial practice. This will enable attorneys to learn litigation strategies and best practices with cases that have less serious outcomes; mitigating the stress that new practitioners experience as they begin their legal career and increasing the PDA's ability to retain and advance them into positions handling more serious caseloads over time.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

4. **Tourism Marketing** / Tourism Marketing Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

Is it the intent of the legislature that \$1,500,000 of the unrestricted general funds appropriated to the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and \$1,500,000 of the unrestricted general funds appropriated to the Alaska Travel Industry Association be used by both recipients to cooperate and collaborate together to efficiently deploy marketing dollars to both support Alaska seafood and Alaska as a destination for tourism.

A grant was issued to the Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA) for \$5,000,000 in unrestricted general funds for marketing efforts to support Alaska as a destination for tourism. The corresponding funding for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) was not enacted, so matching funds were not available for collaborative efforts. However, multiple efforts by the ATIA are complementary to seafood marketing, and the ATIA has identified efforts under this grant that promote Alaska seafood. These efforts include:

- **Paid Media Campaign**
 - o The updated FY2025 marketing campaign will include imagery and video components of seafood. Advertising tactics include digital display, online video, paid social media, search engine marketing, and print placements.

- **Owned Content**
 - o Three pages of the Official State Vacation Planner are dedicated to wild Alaska seafood and distributed to high-potential visitors requesting travel planning information.
 - o Articles, imagery, and video content are being created about Alaska seafood for placement on TravelAlaska.com.
 - o The July 2024 Travel Alaska E-newsletter was dedicated to Alaska seafood and distributed to 500,000 opt-in subscribers.
 - o Organic social media channels feature a weekly post about Alaska seafood called “Catch of the Week.”
 - o The ATIA and the ASMI share video and image libraries to co-promote tourism and seafood assets.

- **Public Relations**
 - o Media pitches and editorial briefings include seafood content.
 - o The ATIA and the ASMI co-hosted a writer for feature stories in the Travel & Leisure and the Food & Wine magazines.
 - o Annual Alaska Media Road Show event will feature wild Alaska seafood during meals.

- **Travel Trade and International**

- The ATIA will feature Alaska seafood and the ASMI promotional material at the ATIA-sponsored trade events such as the Alaska reception at Seatrade and the new Amazing Alaska Experience being held in Anchorage in February 2025.
- Alaska seafood is promoted in educational training seminars and through the Alaska Certified Expert program to help travel advisors sell Alaska tour packages.
- The ATIA includes seafood meals during familiarization tours (FAM) of Alaska with tour operators and travel agents. The FAM tour participants also receive ASMI branded items.

5. Alaska Gasline Development Corporation / Alaska Gasline Development Corporation Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation continue to work towards meeting the critical energy needs of Alaskans by advancing a pipeline project proposal which would deliver North Slope natural gas to Alaska's utilities, businesses, and homeowners. Further, it is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation complete an independent third-party review of a project proposal that would commercialize North Slope gas and present that analysis to the legislature by December 20, 2024. It is the further intent of the legislature that if analysis shows a positive economic value to the state, all parties would work toward Front End Engineering and Design for Phase 1 of a pipeline project.

Wood Mackenzie presented their preliminary information at the Alaska Gasline Development Corporation (AGDC) September 2024 Board Meeting. Their presentation is available at <https://agdc.us/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/2024.09.10-WM-AGDC-Alaska-LNG-Phase-1.pdf>.

In addition, on November 12, 2024, the Office of the Governor provided a memorandum and report to members and members-elect of the Alaska State Legislature in response to this intent language.

Finally, on November 19, 2024, the AGDC and Wood Mackenzie presented an update and the report to the House Resources Committee. The recording and presentation materials are available at <https://www.akleg.gov/basis/Meeting/Detail?Meeting=HRES%202024-11-19%2013:00:00#tab4> 4.

6. Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE DUE TO VETO

Is it the intent of the legislature that \$1,500,000 of the unrestricted general funds appropriated to the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute and \$1,500,000 of the unrestricted general funds appropriated to the Alaska Travel Industry Association be used by both recipients to cooperate and collaborate together to efficiently deploy marketing dollars to both support Alaska seafood

and Alaska as a destination for tourism.

7. Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature to match the level of seafood industry contributions from the most recent closed fiscal year in an amount not to exceed \$10 million and that the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) limit expenditures of Statutory Designated Program Receipts to \$10 million. It is further the intent that ASMI manage available resources to have between \$10 million and \$15 million for non-international marketing purposes available annually for the fiscal years 2025 through 2027.

The \$10 million in unrestricted general funds for the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute (ASMI) in HB268 was not enacted. The agency's statutory designated program receipts have been utilized to support the Alaska seafood industry. The ASMI continues to collaborate with the Alaska Travel Industry Association (ATIA) using existing marketing efforts. For example, the ASMI presented an educational session about Alaska seafood during the ATIA's Annual Convention and Trade Show in Juneau and sponsored the ATIA's Opening Night Reception with Alaska seafood. The ASMI anticipates sponsoring and participating in future ATIA events to ensure broader awareness and exposure to Alaska seafood as a benefit to the tourism sector.

The ASMI and ATIA will maintain their established partnership in FY2025 by continuing to share access to each other's asset libraries, share/cross-pointing on social media and other channels where appropriate, and displaying the other organization's materials at trade and consumer shows.

The ASMI's existing relationships with various cruise lines and other tour operators, such as Allen Marine, will be further expanded in the new fiscal year. The ASMI became a member of the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Alaska in 2024 and will continue this membership in 2025. The ASMI resources, like the "Seafood U" training course, "Seafood 101" informational brochure, the "Sustainability Story" brochure, and food service recipes, etc., are promoted and made available to all visitor industry partners. The ASMI also frequently shares suppliers of Alaska seafood with members of the visitor industry.

8. Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

The sum of \$4,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development for payment as a grant under AS 37.05.315 to the Municipality of Anchorage for the costs of operating a low-barrier shelter on East 56th Avenue in Anchorage for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. It is the intent of the legislature that the Municipality of Anchorage declare the area within a 200-yard radius of the shelter to be a drug-free zone.

The Division of Community and Regional Affairs issued a grant to the Municipality of Anchorage for the costs of operating a low-barrier shelter on East 56th Avenue. The grant scope includes the legislative intent that the area around the shelter be designated as a drug-free zone.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

9. Department of Corrections

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Corrections work with the Office of Management and Budget and the Legislative Finance Division to develop a budgetary projection model for the agency to be completed by December 20, 2024. It is the further intent of the legislature that the Department's Fiscal Year 2026 budget request accurately reflects projected expenditures and is supported by the projection model.

The Department of Corrections is working closely with the Office of Management and Budget to identify and develop a tool to meet this intent language. This model is being developed in an effort to ensure the FY2026 budget request reflects the projected expenditures by utilizing the new projection tool.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: While the Department of Corrections (DOC) did provide a budget projection model, DOC did not work with Legislative Finance Division during development. The model does not incorporate partial year actuals, and does not provide the projected expenditures beyond what is already depicted in Management Plan with adjustments for known omissions from the FY25 budget. The agency's submission is included as **Attachment 1**.

10. Department of Corrections

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Corrections prepare a report to the legislature that analyzes the possibility of closing an institution and submit it to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024. The report should examine which institutions would produce the most cost savings if they were closed, estimate the long-term cost savings associated with closing those institutions, and what transition costs would be needed, including capital costs.

In December 2014, a full analysis of the Department of Corrections (DOC) was completed through the Division of Legislative Audit's Performance Review, as was mandated in House Bill 30 (Chapter 19, SLA 2013). That analysis indicated the closure of the Goose Creek Correctional Center (GCCC) would achieve the most cost savings. In October 2016, the DOC closed the Palmer Correctional Center (PCC) in an effort to consolidate beds, reducing the DOC's budget. Due to legislative changes, a changing inmate population, and the increasing offender population, reopening the PCC was necessary. In August 2022, at a cost of \$17 million, the PCC

reopened and remains open and at capacity today.

The DOC is a unified system. Both unsentenced and sentenced prisoners are housed within the Alaska DOC. For various reasons, the number of unsentenced prisoners has surpassed the sentenced population. Given the current status of the overall DOC population and specifically the GCCC, the savings would be much lower than previously identified. In reality, consolidating beds to close a facility would result in increased costs due to contracts that would be necessary to house inmates out of state and the frequent and necessary transport of these unsentenced prisoners for court proceedings. In addition, due to the aging infrastructure within the DOC, fluctuating legislative priorities, and complicated prisoner cases of various custody levels, it is imperative that the DOC have the ability to move prisoners between facilities throughout the state for effective population management.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: DOC did not provide detailed analysis on the fiscal impacts of consolidation or estimates of transition costs to closing institutions.

11. Population Management

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department submit a report to the Co-chairs of the finance committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024 that sets forth a plan to increase efficiency of operating institutions, including avenues to reduce the costs associated with unused beds.

The Department of Corrections continuously reviews capacity to identify potential efficiencies and impacts. This is done in an effort to reduce costs associated with unused beds and maintain safe and secure operations. The analysis and findings can be found in the attached Facility Capacity and Bed Vacancy Report.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The Facility Capacity and Bed Vacancy Report provides a count of vacant beds and reasons for why beds are vacant, but the report does not include a plan to increase efficiency or reduce costs associated with unused beds. The agency's submission is included as **Attachment 2**.

12. Population Management

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department report to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division on a monthly basis by institution the amount spent on overtime and other premium pay, the number of overtime hours, and the vacancy rate. This report should include the Department's plan to complete the fiscal year without the need for a supplemental budget request.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) has developed and submitted a monthly report to meet this overtime reporting intent. The DOC is currently reviewing each institutional staffing profile, which will assist in determining appropriate staffing levels to accurately reflect budgeted personal service needs.

13. Population Management / Inmate Transportation
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall not use transfers to maintain a greater than 10% vacancy rate in institutions.

The Department of Corrections is not transferring prisoners for population management reasons when the facility has a vacancy rate greater than 10 percent. However, transfers for medical reasons and pursuant to court orders continue to occur regardless of the vacancy rate of that specific institution.

14. Population Management / Anchorage Correctional Complex
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department negotiate with the U.S. Marshals for the State to pay no more than half the cost of federal prisoner days for inmates with both State and federal charges.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) is working with the Department of Law to discuss the billing of federal prisoners. In addition, the U.S. Marshals will be meeting with the DOC to discuss not only the billing, but also the handling of these specific prisoners. This meeting has not been confirmed and is still pending.

15. Population Management / Pre-Trial Services
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Department notify the Court System promptly when a person in pre-trial status has been on electronic monitoring for longer than the person's potential sentence.

The Department of Corrections' Pretrial Services Offices have consistently submitted affidavits of compliance for defendants who have remained on pretrial electronic monitoring (EM) throughout their potential sentences without incurring technical violations. The courts have generally responded favorably to these submissions, often vacating supervision or resolving cases promptly thereafter. While many cases have seen positive outcomes, there is an unpredictability of sentencing hearings, given the numerous factors the court considers. Notably, it's important to understand that days spent on EM may not equate to days of incarceration.

16. Community Residential Centers / Community Residential Centers
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department expand alternative step-down strategies, including therapeutic beds and day centers.

The Department of Corrections (DOC) is exploring opportunities for expanding furlough and transitional housing to underserved communities. The DOC is piloting a furlough program for residential substance use disorder treatment in the Mat-Su Valley at two separate locations and exploring new transitional housing opportunities in Juneau.

Through the contract negotiation process, the DOC's, Division of Institutions will find efficiencies and reduce costs. Simultaneously, the DOC's Reentry Unit is identifying increased rehabilitation opportunities and enhanced case management in efforts to increase community placements.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT

17. Education Support and Admin Services / School Finance & Facilities Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that a school district report to the Department twice annually, once by the end of the count period set out in AS 14.17.500, and on February 1, 2025, the balance of each of the following funds: 1) school operating fund, 2) special revenue funds, 3) capital project funds, 4) other governmental funds. Additionally, each fund shall be reported based on the following classifications: 1) nonspendable fund balance, 2) restricted fund balance, 3) committed fund balance, 4) assigned fund balance, 5) unassigned balance. The Department shall provide these reports and associated data in electronic format to the Co-Chairs of Finance and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024 and by February 15, 2025.

The Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) shared the legislative intent language with school district superintendents and business managers in communications over the summer and provided the reporting template in early October 2024.

For the FY2025 data collection, the DEED will use the same reporting template collaboratively developed with the Alaska Association of School Business Officials (ALASBO) for the FY2024 reporting. Using the same template supports school district personnel by providing familiarity with reporting and data-gathering processes, as well as ensuring comparability of information across time periods.

The DEED will collect the data on a timeline similar to the FY2024 collection, with adjustments made to align with school district payroll schedules, based on feedback received from school district leadership. For the first round of reporting, districts will report their fund balances as of October 31, 2024 (to be submitted to the DEED by November 20, 2024, for submission to the Alaska Legislature by December 20, 2024). The second round of reporting will show fund balances as of December 31, 2024 (to be submitted to the DEED by January 20, 2025, for submission to the Alaska Legislature by February 15, 2025).

<p>Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The data was submitted on December 20, 2024, and is included as Attachment 4 in this packet.</p>

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

18. Department of Family and Community Services

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

COMPLIANCE MAY BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a report of transfers between appropriations that occurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by September 30, 2025.

A report of transfers between appropriations that occur during FY2025 will be provided to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by September 30, 2025.

19. Department of Family and Community Services

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a report to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024 for the programs administered under each budget allocation, with the following information: the State of Alaska constitutional requirement, federal requirement, statutory requirement, number of Alaskans served, percent of costs covered by fees, and relevance to the Department's mission.

The Department of Family and Community Services will submit a report to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024, for the programs administered under each budget allocation.

<p>Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The data was submitted on December 19, 2024, and is addressed in Attachments 5 and 6.</p>
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20. Alaska Pioneer Homes

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a plan and timeline for the renovation or replacement of the Fairbanks Pioneer Home to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

Two approaches were analyzed by the Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS) along with the architect who completed the plans; either remodel the existing Fairbanks Pioneer Home or replace the home with a new building.

Remodel:

- Cost Estimate: \$151,499.2 (thousands of dollars)
- Size: 92,400 square feet
- Timeline: 10 Years
- Requires new outbuilding to be built to facilitate the five phases required to move entire neighborhoods during the remodel.

Replacement:

- Cost Estimate: \$127,668.7 (thousands of dollars)
- Size: 89,780 square feet
- Timeline: 2.5 Years

Replacement of the 55-year-old Fairbanks Pioneer Home was the preferred option. It could be built quicker, cost less, and would not negatively impact the residents of the home through multiple moves.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The legislature included similar intent language in the FY24 budget directing the Department to provide a comprehensive report on the cost and benefits of either upgrading or replacing the Fairbanks Pioneer Home by December 20, 2023. The Department provided a draft copy of the report which contained the estimates represented here, noting that a finalized copy was expected in early 2024 but a final draft was never provided. Despite reinforcing the need for a selected proposal with the FY25 intent, the Governor's FY26 budget does not fund a replacement or renovation project for the Fairbanks Pioneer Home. The agency's response is included in **Attachment 6**.

21. Children's Services

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a plan to update or replace the Online Resources for the Children Alaska system, and include a completion date for the project, to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

Beginning in 2022, the Office of Children's Services (OCS) contracted with BerryDunn to conduct an analysis of potential alternatives to upgrade or replace the OCS's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) called the Online Resource for Children of Alaska (ORCA). The project included a needs assessment, assessment of alternatives, and a cost/benefit analysis of potential federal funds to support planning and implementation efforts.

The Department of Family and Community Services received the final report in early November 2023. The report identified recommended alternatives and associated cost estimates. Alternative 4: the Accelerator Solution was identified as the most ideal option, which would involve the OCS procuring a Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System (CCWIS) by implementing existing commercially available systems. BerryDunn estimates that Alternative 4 will have the lowest combination of design, development, implementation, and annual recurring maintenance and operations costs. This is due to several factors such as the leveraged value of a commercially available product over a customized design and the ability to reuse select components from other states.

The Accelerator Solution cost estimate and timeframe for implementation:

- System development and maintenance: \$51,266.2 (thousands of dollars)
- Federal/State Participation Rate: 50/50
 - Federal Portion: \$25,633.1
 - State Portion: \$25,633.1
- Timeline for completion: five to eight years

It is important to note that with inflation, the actual cost of the new system could be greater than the original cost estimate provided by BerryDunn.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The legislature included similar intent language in the FY24 budget directing the Department to provide a comprehensive report on the potential costs of an overhaul or replacement of the Office of Children's Services' case management database by December 20, 2023. The Department fulfilled that intent and provided a report which contained the estimates represented here. Despite reinforcing the need for a selected proposal with the FY25 intent, the Governor's FY26 budget does not fund a replacement or update project for the Online Resources for Children of Alaska system. The agency's response is included in **Attachment 6**.

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

22. Wildlife Conservation / Wildlife Conservation
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the agency shall provide a report detailing the activities of the Marine Mammals Protection Program and the Threatened and Endangered Species Program to the Co-chairs of Finance and Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

The Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation, will submit the report detailing the activities of the Marine Mammals Protection Program and the Threatened and Endangered Species Program to the Co-chairs of Finance and Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The agency submitted a report on December 20, 2024, and the response is included in **Attachment 7**.

23. Subsistence Research & Monitoring
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the agency shall restore Subsistence as a division, and that the agency submit a report to the Co-chairs of Finance and the Legislative Finance Division on the status of these efforts by December 20, 2024.

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has restored the Subsistence Research Section established under AS 16.05.094 as a division and are seeking a director to lead the division per the duties described in AS 16.05.094. To date, the DFG has been unsuccessful in finding a candidate, but efforts continue. The DFG will submit a report providing a status update on these efforts to the Co-chairs of Finance and Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The agency submitted this paragraph response in on December 20, 2024; and that memo is included in **Attachment 7**.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

24. Executive Operations / Executive Office Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Governor implement the recommendations of the Statewide Salary Survey (as funded in Section 14, Ch. 1, FSSLA 2023) and provide a report to the Co-chairs of the finance committees and the legislative finance division by December 20, 2024, detailing the steps taken to date and future actions needed to fully implement the recommendations of the Survey.

The Statewide Salary Survey is not complete. The Office of the Governor will provide a report outlining implementation to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and Legislative Finance Division once the study is complete.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: A draft report was completed but has not been shared with the legislature. A final report has not been shared with the legislature.

25. Executive Operations / Executive Office Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

PARTIAL COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that the budget prepared under AS 37.07.020 for the succeeding fiscal year adhere to AS 37.07.020(e) and present separately for each agency the annual facility operations, annual maintenance, and periodic repair or replacement of components of public buildings and facilities.

The Office of the Governor is working to ensure, for each agency, the annual facility operations, annual maintenance, and periodic repair or replacement of components of public buildings and facilities are presented separately in the FY2026 budget. For any agency still needing to present the information separately, the Office of the Governor will work with them closely over the next year to ensure it is presented separately in the FY2027 budget.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: Most agencies were presented in accordance with this statute in the Governor's FY26 budget, but a few (such as the University of Alaska) do not yet comply with the statute. Some agencies only reflect Interagency Receipt authority which is less informative than moving funding into those allocations.

26. Executive Operations / Executive Office Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

PARTIAL COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Office of the Governor shall submit a report to the Co-chairs of the finance committees and the legislative finance division by December 20, 2024, detailing by allocation operating and maintenance costs related to State-owned assets including vehicles, vessels, aircraft, and heavy equipment that are not included in the State Equipment Fleet.

During the budget development process, the Office of the Governor provided guidance to agencies on creating a structure using new or existing RDU's and adding related components for reporting all facility operations and maintenance costs. Agencies were given the option to include all costs under a single RDU or under multiple RDUs.

As applicable, agencies transferred authority and positions into the new RDUs and/or Components. Agencies considered all operating costs such as utilities, annual equipment replacement needs, personal services costs, etc. and used their best estimate for operations and maintenance costs for fiscal year (FY) 2026, knowing that the costs would be refined for future budget cycles as needed.

To allow for a transition period, the following language was added to Section 1 of the Governor's FY2026 Proposed Budget to allow for transfers between appropriations:

At the discretion of the Office of Management and Budget, up to \$5,000,000 may be transferred among appropriations within a department to address agency annual facility operations, annual maintenance and repair, and periodic renewal and replacement of public buildings and facilities as outlined in AS 37.07.020(e).

In addition, in September 2024, the Department of Administration, Division of Finance, added additional object codes to the State's accounting system, IRIS, to track the operating and maintenance costs related to State-owned assets including vehicles, vessels, aircraft, and heavy equipment that are not included in the State Equipment Fleet. The table below shows the object codes that were created. Agencies have been instructed to begin utilizing these codes by January 1, 2025.

Object Code	Name
3130	Maintenance – Vehicles (non-SEF)
3131	Maintenance – Large Vessels
3133	Maintenance – Aircraft
3134	Maintenance – Heavy Equipment
3135	Maintenance – Snowmachines
3136	Maintenance – All-Terrain Vehicles

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: A memo was submitted on December 20, 2024 that details steps taken to provide this information in the future, but the information itself was not yet included, so this is marked as partially compliant.

27. Executive Operations / Executive Office
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the executive branch implement the automation of processes, and delivery of state of Alaska services, where possible. It is the further intent of the legislature that the executive branch integrate automation of service delivery where possible to abate the impacts of workforce shortages on the delivery of state of Alaska services, and improve the processes by which State of Alaska services are delivered so it is easier for residents to utilize those services.

Where possible, the executive branch has already taken steps to implement the automation of processes and delivery of State of Alaska services. State agencies are embracing process automation to provide improved customer interactions and to offset the impacts of workforce shortages. This effort is moving forward in a diverse manner that is being driven by multiple factors that include agency knowledge.

All agencies participated in seminars hosted by the Department of Administration, Office of Information Technology, to understand the tools that are available and how to use them. In addition, agencies brought ideas and received guidance and training on the next steps for implementation. During these seminars there were over 300 potential use cases brought forward by all agencies.

Agencies are also independently identifying and implementing services that provide customer-facing improvements such as online templates and online inquiries to determine status of an application, chatboxes are being used or are in development, and there are efforts to improve access to information on agency websites.

In addition, agencies are independently providing better service delivery through automated communications and outreach, which includes redesigning websites for small screens and mobile devices, creating online fillable forms and automated processes for services such as permitting and status inquiries increasing online payment opportunities, implementing chatbots to acquire information, completing quality enhancements to provide users access to data faster, and automation of data to allow for faster decision making.

Furthermore, agencies are engaged in streamlining services both internally and externally through a review of processes that resulted in a reduction in steps to complete a task, automation of workflows using software to streamline, track, and report progress, establishing online forms for waitlists, and establishing metrics and digitizing paperwork for electronic records searches.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

28. Department of Health

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

COMPLIANCE MAY BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a report of transfers between appropriations that occurred during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by September 30, 2025.

A report of transfers between appropriations that occur during FY2025 will be provided to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by September 30, 2025.

29. Department of Health

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a report to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024 for the programs administered under each budget allocation, with the following information: the State of Alaska constitutional requirement, federal requirement, statutory requirement, number of Alaskans served, percent of costs covered by fees, and relevance to the Department's mission.

A report about programs administered will be provided to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The agency submitted a report on September 27, 2024, and the response is included in **Attachment 8**.

30. Public Assistance / Child Care Benefits

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature to help provide direct operating grants through the Child Care Grant Program, in the Child Care Program Office, to support place-based and home-based childcare centers.

The Division of Public Assistance intends to allocate funds through the Child Care Grant Program. These funds will be paid directly to providers, enhancing the financial stability of child care services.

31. Public Assistance / Child Care Benefits
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department prepare a report detailing how the State provides oversight of childcare centers, including inspections of the centers, and deliver the report to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

The Department of Health will provide a report detailing how the State provides child care center inspections and oversight to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The agency submitted a report on September 27, 2024, and the response is included in **Attachment 9**.

32. Senior and Disabilities Services / Senior and Disabilities Services Administration
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected)) and Mental Health Budget (CCS HB 270)

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department raise the \$18,500 per project cap for environmental modifications to \$40,000 per project, exclusive of shipping costs to remote communities, and extend the project timeline limit from 90 days to 270 days better reflect the true cost and time challenges of providing Environmental Modifications Services (E-Mods Program) in remote, rural areas of Alaska.

The Division of Senior and Disabilities Services (DSDS) adopted the raised cap for environmental modifications provided through the Medicaid waiver, as requested by the legislature. Although this request came with no funding, the utilization of environmental modifications is low enough that the division determined it could adopt this change with an insignificant impact to the Medicaid budget. Since approving this change (effective July 1, 2024), only one request has been received that was over the previous cap. The DSDS intends to solicit information from stakeholders on what changes are needed to improve the utilization of the environmental modifications service.

33. Senior and Disabilities Services / General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE DUE TO VETO

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall increase the daily rate for General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living from \$104.30 to \$112.55 to align with the increase to other Medicaid waiver payment rates.

Based on the appropriation in the FY2025 enacted budget, the Division of Senior and Disabilities

Services increased the daily rate to \$109.32 effective July 1, 2024.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: In addition to this intent, the legislature provided an Increment of \$821.5 (UGF) to support the cost of raising the relevant rate. The Governor partially vetoed this appropriation by reducing it to \$500.0, resulting in the temporary assisted living daily rate remaining below similar Medicaid payments.

34. Medicaid Services

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Health submit the Medicaid Services Projection Model and Summary Overview of UGF Medicaid Increments with year-to-date information for fiscal year 2025 to the Co-Chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 15, 2024, and subsequently update the report before resubmitting it by February 19, 2025.

The FY2025 Medicaid Services Projection Model and Summary and Summary Overview of UGF Medicaid Increments will be made available to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 15, 2024, with an update to the report being made available by February 19, 2025.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The agency submitted a report on September 27, 2024, and the summary is included in **Attachment 10**. The full projection is not printer-friendly and is available from the Legislative Finance Division upon request.

35. Medicaid Services

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE DUE TO VETO

It is the intent of the legislature that Alaska Medicaid use up to \$80,000 in UGF to reimburse Alaska pharmacies an extra fee to dispense opioids, stimulants, benzodiazepines, and recovery treatment medications in locking vials. Coverage will be administered as an additional pharmacy benefit and locking vial products will be added to Medicaid's covered over-the-counter list.

This funding was vetoed; no funding was allocated for this purpose.

36. Medicaid Services / Medicaid Services

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected)) and Mental Health Budget (CCS HB 270)

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall increase Medicaid reimbursement rates for autism services by 12.76% to bring payment parity with similar Medicaid behavioral health service codes.

The increased reimbursement rates for Medicaid autism services listed in this intent language went into effect on July 1, 2024. The 12.76 percentage rate was based on the rates the autism providers estimated they would have received if annual inflationary adjustments had been granted. At the time of the effective date, the amount of appropriated funds related to Autism Service Inflation Adjustment was \$518.3 (in thousands) (\$268.2 federal and \$250.1 general fund match), which resulted in a 12.1 percent increase.

37. Medicaid Services / Medicaid Services

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the employer entities receiving the increased reimbursement rate for providing services under the Home and Community Based Service Waivers, Personal Care Assistant State Plan, Community First Choice, and the Long Term Services and Supports, Targeted Case Management programs provide a 3% increase to employee wages.

The increased reimbursement rates for the division services listed in this intent language went into effect on July 1, 2024. The division has no way to compel or track whether employer entities increased employee wages as a result of this increase. However, in the messaging to providers, the division noted that it was the legislature's intent to apply the increase to employee wages.

DEPARTMENT OF LAW

38. Criminal Division

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

PARTIAL COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that prosecutors take every reasonable action to work through the criminal case backlog with expediency.

The Criminal Division has ongoing efforts to work through the criminal case backlog as quickly as possible.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: While the deliverables of the intent are vague, the agency makes no attempt to describe any efforts to change operations in a manner that would reduce the criminal case backlog. The Judiciary received similar intent and listed some specific policy changes and efforts to expedite hearings.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

39. Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Forest Management & Development Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the agency shall provide a report detailing salvage sales, emergency sales, and expedited sales of timber, including the timeline of recent and pending sales, as well as acreage sold and resulting state revenues. This report shall be provided to the Co-chairs of Finance and Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF) has not sold any expedited sales under the new authorization provided for in HB 104 and the amendments made to AS 38.05.117. The DOF is still working with the Department of Law to develop regulations for the amendments made to this statute. However, the DOF has made seven salvage timber sales available under AS 38.05.120. Included in those seven sales was 194.9 acres of burned spruce timber. The resulting State revenue from those sales was \$16,779.15.

The Best Interest Finding and Forest Land Use Plan for these sales were finalized on September 12, 2024. The Appeal Period ended on October 4, 2024, and no appeals were filed by that date; the final decision also went into effect on October 4, 2024. The timber sales were sold on November 1, 2024, in an oral outcry auction.

40. Fire Suppression, Land & Water Resources / Fire Suppression Preparedness Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

PARTIAL COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Fire Protection provide to the Co-Chairs of Finance and the Legislative Finance Division at the conclusion of the calendar year 2024 fire season an estimate of supplemental funding needed for the remainder of FY 2025. At the time of the Governor's FY 2025 supplemental budget submittal, the Department should also provide to the Co-Chairs of Finance and the Legislative Finance Division the Fire Cost Summary report providing a detailed breakdown of actual and projected expenditures and reimbursements.

The Division of Forestry & Fire Protection (DOF) will provide wildland fire cost estimates for the preceding fire season, to the Co-chairs of Finance and the Legislative Finance Division, between December 20, 2024, and the start of the regular legislative session. This will allow the DOF to obtain projected fire cost estimates, through the cross-billing process, from all cooperating agencies.

The estimate provided to the Co-chairs of Finance and the Legislative Finance Division will include costs to close out fire season 2024 and projected costs for the start of fire season 2025, both of which fall within fiscal year 2025.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The report provided on December 20, 2024 does not include the projected costs that will be incurred in the second half of FY2025. Last year's version of this report included a projected total of \$22.0 million for the second half of the fiscal year, including \$7 million for Spring Start-up costs. The report is included as **Attachment 11**.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

41. Victim Services

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected)) and Mental Health Budget (CCS HB 270)

NON-COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department, when preparing its FY26 budget submission to the legislature, consider how to maintain Child Advocacy Center service in regard to the loss of federal funding.

This legislative intent item was placed under the Department of Public Safety, but it is more appropriate for the Department of Family and Community Services to respond. As such, the Department of Family and Community Services is thoroughly exploring all available options to ensure continued support of Alaska's Child Advocacy Centers.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The agency's response is correct in pointing out at they are not necessarily the appropriate entity to respond to this intent. While the Department of Family and Community Services does provide support to Child Advocacy Centers (CACs), the Department of Public Safety does provide some grant support through the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (CDVSA). The Governor proposed a Decrement to CDVSA, which could potentially affect the amount of grant funding available to CACs. The majority of that funding is provided to shelters for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, and CDVSA administrators would need to determine how that Decrement would affect the distribution of grants.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

42. Department of Revenue

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Revenue clearly delineate the separate dollar amounts attributable to the FY25 Permanent Fund Dividend and the FY25 energy relief payments when making these payments.

The Department of Revenue clearly delineated the separate dollar amounts attributed to the FY2025 Permanent Fund Dividend and the FY2025 energy relief payments when making these payments.

43. Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Juneau Office Operations / Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation Juneau Office Operations Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation will not establish or maintain new office locations without corresponding budget increments for that purpose. It is the further intent of the legislature that the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation shall provide a report to the Finance Committee Co-chairs and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024, that details any actual expenditures to date related to the Anchorage office.

In compliance with this intent language, APFC is providing detailed expenses related to the opening of the Anchorage Office and taking this opportunity to report on its value.

The Anchorage Office

The Anchorage Office provides an Alaska-based solution to address recruitment and retention challenges. Since its opening nearly a year ago, it has enhanced APFC's capacity to retain and attract highly skilled professionals in a competitive market, which is vital for APFC's mission to manage and invest the Alaska Permanent Fund. This satellite office serves employees with established family ties in Southcentral Alaska and new recruits seeking the work-life balance offered by a larger city. Currently, there are six staff members in the Anchorage office: five in investments and one in trade operations.

Anchorage Office Expenditures

The operations and travel expenses for the Anchorage Office represent 0.02 basis points of APFC's beginning of FY2025 total assets under management. This small investment is significant for APFC's initiative to provide an additional Alaska-based opportunity for APFC's professional talent, complementing our Juneau-based

headquarters.

The legislature requested details on “any actual expenditures to date related to the Anchorage Office.” The following table also includes known lease and internet contractual costs *for the remainder of the fiscal year*.

Operations	FY24	FYTD25
Travel	\$33.7	\$27.6
Contractual Services	\$27.8	\$36.0
Commodities	\$1.6	\$1.7
Equipment	\$18.6	\$19.0
Totals per FY	\$81.7	\$84.3
Total to Date	\$165.9	

The FY2024 travel line includes temporary Juneau housing, meals and incidental expenses, and travel to Anchorage to look for housing for those hired to work in Anchorage who first did their training in Juneau. APFC has not paid for additional moves or relocations in FY2025. In terms of inter-office travel, in FY2024 there were nine trips to or from Anchorage. In FY2025, the inter-office travel to and from the Anchorage office has a total of 12 trips to date.

The FY2024 lease was prorated, and the FY2025 amount covers the annual contractual amount. The only other contractual service specific to the Anchorage Office is internet at \$375 per month. Although internet is billed monthly, the annual amount of \$4,500 is included in the FY2025 total.

The FY2024 equipment line captures the initial start-up costs associated with the Anchorage Office, including monitors, computer docks, and accessories, as well as office chairs, routers, and power cords. The FY2025 equipment line is primarily comprised of a meeting board and stand-up desks. This meeting board will allow the Anchorage team to participate in video meetings in the conference room.

In Conclusion

The Anchorage satellite office is a modest budget expenditure that significantly contributes to APFC’s ongoing success in creating in-state work opportunities as the nation’s largest sovereign wealth fund and Alaska’s primary renewable financial revenue generator.

APFC’s Board of Trustees and staff share in the accountability and stewardship obligations for the Alaska Permanent Fund to benefit all Alaskans. APFC values our

partnership with the legislature and acknowledges its importance in ensuring that we meet the expectations of our Alaskan stakeholders at the highest standards.

We thank you for your ongoing support of the Corporation's efforts and your understanding of the vital role that recruitment and retention play in our collective goal of a prosperous future for Alaska.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: APFC continued to maintain and further establish the Anchorage Office, which defies the legislature's intent.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC FACILITIES

44. Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department remove posted signs that require the use of headlights at all times, except in the case of designated safety corridors.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has removed posted signs that require the use of headlights at all times from all known locations with the exception of safety corridors as allowed by law.

45. Highways, Aviation and Facilities / Statewide Contracted Snow Removal

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department prepare a plan to improve the timeliness of snow removal from roads and sidewalks and submit it to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and the Legislative Finance Division in draft form by October 1st, 2024, and in a final version by December 20, 2024. The plan should not include increased reliance on contractors and should focus on use of Department staff.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities sent a response in final form to the Co-Chairs of the Finance committees and the Legislative Finance Division on October 1, 2024.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The report is included as **Attachment 11.**

46. Highways, Aviation and Facilities / Hiring & Recruitment Incentives for Central Region

State Workforce

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE DUE TO VETO

It is the intent of the legislature that funding in this allocation be focused on hiring mechanics and operators to reach full capacity in Anchorage.

This funding was vetoed; no funding was allocated for this purpose.

47. Highways, Aviation and Facilities / Northern Region Highways and Aviation

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

NON-COMPLIANCE DUE TO VETO

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department work with the owner companies of the Manh Cho mining project to establish an agreement for payment of highway maintenance and other costs resulting from the project.

This funding was vetoed; no funding was allocated for this purpose.

48. Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department remove posted signs that require the use of headlights at all times, except in the case of designated safety corridors.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has not identified any posted signs that require the use of headlights at all times to be removed from the Alaska Marine Highway System facilities.

UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA

49. University of Alaska

Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the University of Alaska and University of Alaska Museum of the North honor and respect existing agreements with associated partners in Fairbanks by facilitating the return of the Childs Frick-Alaska Quaternary Mammal Collection from the American Museum of Natural History to Alaska, making materials available for further discovery and scientific advancement.

The University of Alaska Museum of the North intends to work with associated stakeholders in Fairbanks to the extent permitted by, and as is consistent with, recognized professional ethical standards and in keeping with established best practices within both the scientific and academic communities.

JUDICIARY

50. Alaska Court System / Trial Courts Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that Judicial Officers take every reasonable action to work through the criminal case backlog with expediency.

The Judicial Branch as a whole, and trial judges who handle criminal cases in particular, are and have been highly motivated to move all criminal cases forward from initial filing by the prosecutor to full disposition as quickly and as efficiently as due process allows. Because jury trials were temporarily halted during the COVID-19 pandemic, and because the agencies then struggled to retain enough experienced attorneys to handle the excess criminal matters that would have otherwise proceeded, an unsatisfactory number of criminal cases are pending without yet reaching resolution.

In the last several years, with the guidance of the Supreme Court, the court system has taken a number of concrete steps intended to shorten the time that a criminal case takes to resolve, and thus to reduce the backlog. Moving criminal cases forward more rapidly is a major focus for the Criminal Justice Working Group, which has as members the Chief Justice, court administrators, the Attorney General, the Public Defender, and numerous others who recognize that faster case processing benefits everyone involved in the justice system. Specific changes that we have adopted include:

- Recognizing that delays are very often due to agency attorneys seeking a “continuance,” or postponement of a deadline or of a hearing, the Supreme Court and presiding judges have issued directives and orders about limiting the number and length of continuances that can be granted.
- Trial courts are using “trailing calendars” more routinely, meaning that multiple trials are scheduled to begin the same day, because experience tells us that trials very often fold on the trial date, and the court system wants another to be ready to go immediately when that happens.
- The court system is looking more carefully at pre-trial conferences and hearings in criminal cases to try to make each hearing meaningful and to minimize repetitive hearings where little forward progress is made.
- The court system has a policy providing that if the prosecutor and the defense attorney are ready to bring a criminal case to trial, then a judge will always be available for that trial. When necessary to adhere to this policy (because, for example, a particular judge has two trials scheduled to proceed on a particular day), the court system calls retired judges back to service to preside over a case that is ready. In other words, criminal cases are never slowed down due to judge unavailability for trial.

The steps outlined above, along with the Judiciary’s ongoing focus on reducing the time to resolve criminal cases, help ensure that the court system is avoiding unnecessary delays and working through the pending case load efficiently and expediently. And as the Supreme Court, trial judges, court administrators, agency attorneys, and others identify additional steps that could

increase criminal case processing efficiency and speed, the court system will certainly explore those options and continue efforts to reduce that backlog.

SLA 2023 FY 2024 INTENT ITEMS

Department of Administration / Centralized Administrative Services / Personnel
Operating/Capital Budget (SLA 2023 SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S)

COMPLIANCE MAY BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Division of Personnel set the job classification salary alignment to the 65th percentile.

The job classification salary study is not complete, and alignment to the 65th percentile may be a factor for consideration in the final report.

Department of Administration / Centralized Administrative Services / Personnel
Operating/Capital Budget (SLA 2023 SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S)

COMPLIANCE MAY BE DETERMINED AT A LATER DATE

It is the intent of the legislature that the Statewide Salary Survey include benefits and salaries to ensure that comparisons more accurately represent compensation differences between employers.

The job classification salary study is not complete, and benefits and salaries may be a factor for consideration in the final report.

Department of Law

Operating/Capital Budget (SLA 2023 SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S)

(a) The sum of \$5,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Law, civil division, for litigation relating to the defense of rights to develop and protect the state's natural resources, to access land, to manage its fish and wildlife resources, and to protect state sovereignty in the fiscal years ending June 30, 2024, June 30, 2025, and June 30, 2026.

(b) It is the intent of the legislature that funds from the appropriation made in (a) of this section may not be used for any action that may erode existing federal or state subsistence rights.

As the intent language indicated, none of the statehood defense multi-year funding has been spent on cases that relate to federal or state subsistence rights.

Legislative Fiscal Analyst Comment: The agency has not provided a comprehensive list of legal engagements and has been involved in multiple cases of litigation regarding subsistence rights in recent years. The Legislative Finance Division cannot confirm whether or not any of the “Statehood Defense” appropriations have been used for litigation related to subsistence rights.

Department of Transportation / Airport Improvement Program
Operating/Capital Budget (SLA 2023 SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S)

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities submit a quarterly report of Federal Aviation Administration funding programmed through the Statewide Rural Airport System Overruns & Other Projects allocation to the Legislative Finance Division and the House and Senate Finance Committee chairs no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter. The legislature intends that this reporting will take place for the life of the allocation.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities provided the FY2025 quarter one response related to this intent language to the Legislative Finance Division and the Co-chairs of Finance on October 1, 2024.

Department of Transportation / Surface Transportation Program
Operating/Capital Budget (SLA 2023 SCS CSHB 39(FIN) am S)

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities submit a quarterly report of Federal Highway Administration funding programmed through the Surface Transportation Overruns & Other Projects allocation to the Legislative Finance Division and the House and Senate Finance Committees chairs no later than 30 days after the end of each quarter. The legislature intends that this reporting will take place for the life of the allocation.

The Department of Transportation and Public Facilities provided the FY2025 quarter one response related to this intent language to the Legislative Finance Division and the Co-chairs of Finance on October 1, 2024.

FY2025 DOC UGF Projected Expenditures						
RDU	Component	Straight-Line Projected			Budget	Shortfall/Surplus
		PS Expenditures	Non-PS Expenditures	Total Expenditures		
Administration and Support	Administrative Services	4,885,100.00	531,500.00	5,416,600.00	5,416,600.00	0.00
Administration and Support	Office of the Commissioner	1,130,200.00	920,700.00	2,050,900.00	2,050,900.00	0.00
Administration and Support	Information Technology MIS	2,534,000.00	1,081,900.00	3,615,900.00	3,529,800.00	(86,100.00)
Administration and Support	DOC State Facilities Rent	-	289,900.00	289,900.00	289,900.00	0.00
Administration and Support	Research and Records	937,700.00	76,300.00	1,014,000.00	1,014,000.00	0.00
Facility-Capital Improvement Unit	Facility-Capital Improvement Unit	684,600.00	1,046,400.00	1,731,000.00	1,646,300.00	(84,700.00)
Community Residential Centers	Community Residential Centers	-	20,948,300.00	20,948,300.00	20,948,300.00	0.00
Electronic Monitoring	Electronic Monitoring	1,922,800.00	347,100.00	2,269,900.00	2,135,700.00	(134,200.00)
Health and Rehabilitation Services	Behavioral Health Care	9,283,600.00	2,339,600.00	11,623,200.00	11,577,400.00	(45,800.00)
Health and Rehabilitation Services	Domestic Violence Program	-	-	-	-	0.00
Health and Rehabilitation Services	Health and Rehabilitation Director's Office	1,539,700.00	162,000.00	1,701,700.00	1,701,700.00	0.00
Health and Rehabilitation Services	Physical Health Care	30,947,400.00	26,887,400.00	57,834,800.00	57,633,000.00	(201,800.00)
Health and Rehabilitation Services	Reentry Unit	507,100.00	174,900.00	682,000.00	682,000.00	0.00
Health and Rehabilitation Services	Substance Abuse Treatment Program	410,700.00	5,095,400.00	5,506,100.00	5,506,100.00	0.00
Health and Rehabilitation Services	Sex Offender Management Program	726,400.00	357,600.00	1,084,000.00	1,084,000.00	0.00
Offender Habilitation	Education Programs	341,800.00	(314,700.00)	27,100.00	27,100.00	0.00
Offender Habilitation	Vocational Education Programs	-	-	-	-	0.00
Population Management	Anchorage Correctional Complex	41,965,300.00	(12,540,400.00)	29,424,900.00	21,815,700.00	(7,609,200.00)
Population Management	Anvil Mountain Correctional Center	8,086,100.00	849,200.00	8,935,300.00	8,797,800.00	(137,500.00)
Population Management	Classification and Furlough	1,568,200.00	26,800.00	1,595,000.00	1,464,700.00	(130,300.00)
Population Management	Correctional Academy	1,462,300.00	405,600.00	1,867,900.00	1,867,900.00	0.00
Population Management	Regional Community Jails	-	9,239,400.00	9,239,400.00	9,239,400.00	0.00
Population Management	Fairbanks Correctional Center	13,704,900.00	1,903,500.00	15,608,400.00	15,477,000.00	(131,400.00)
Population Management	Goose Creek Correctional Center	44,336,900.00	6,777,500.00	51,114,400.00	50,977,100.00	(137,300.00)
Population Management	Combined Hilland Mountain Correctional Center	16,815,700.00	2,269,800.00	19,085,500.00	18,973,300.00	(112,200.00)
Population Management	Institution Director's Office	2,107,300.00	1,438,600.00	3,545,900.00	3,443,100.00	(102,800.00)
Population Management	Ketchikan Correctional Center	5,323,300.00	705,400.00	6,028,700.00	5,922,000.00	(106,700.00)
Population Management	Lemon Creek Correctional Center	11,476,100.00	2,567,200.00	14,043,300.00	13,784,000.00	(259,300.00)
Population Management	Matanuska-Susitna Correctional Center	7,592,400.00	668,400.00	8,260,800.00	8,075,700.00	(185,100.00)
Population Management	Out-of-State Contractual	-	300,000.00	300,000.00	300,000.00	0.00
Population Management	Overtime and Incentive Costs	-	-	-	-	0.00
Population Management	Parole Board	1,732,600.00	171,900.00	1,904,500.00	1,904,500.00	0.00
Population Management	Palmer Correctional Center	14,680,000.00	5,346,300.00	20,026,300.00	19,910,500.00	(115,800.00)
Population Management	Point Mackenzie Correctional Farm	4,827,300.00	899,300.00	5,726,600.00	5,618,400.00	(108,200.00)
Population Management	Point of Arrest	-	628,700.00	628,700.00	628,700.00	0.00
Population Management	Probation and Parole Director's Office	1,212,000.00	144,800.00	1,356,800.00	1,356,800.00	0.00
Population Management	Pre-Trial Services	11,625,400.00	5,258,400.00	16,883,800.00	16,433,900.00	(449,900.00)
Population Management	Recruitment and Retention	417,400.00	285,000.00	702,400.00	702,400.00	0.00
Population Management	Spring Creek Correctional Center	23,816,800.00	5,030,300.00	28,847,100.00	28,631,300.00	(215,800.00)
Population Management	Statewide Probation and Parole	18,545,400.00	1,404,200.00	19,949,600.00	19,217,600.00	(732,000.00)
Population Management	Inmate Transportation	2,263,200.00	585,400.00	2,848,600.00	2,767,600.00	(81,000.00)
Population Management	Wildwood Correctional Center	16,725,900.00	2,103,900.00	18,829,800.00	18,738,200.00	(91,600.00)
Population Management	Yukon-Kuskokwin Correctional Center	10,352,000.00	1,567,600.00	11,919,600.00	11,773,600.00	(146,000.00)
Recidivism Reduction Grant	Recidivism Reduction Grant	-	253,800.00	253,800.00	253,800.00	0.00
24 Hour Institutional Utilities	24 Hour Institutional Utilities	-	11,662,600.00	11,662,600.00	11,662,600.00	0.00
Total	Total	316,487,599.99	109,897,500.00	426,385,099.99	414,980,400.00	(11,404,700.00)

**Department of Corrections
Facility Capacity and Bed Vacancy Report**

Facility	General Capacity	Count 12/26/2024	Vacant Beds	Reasons
Anchorage Correctional Complex (ACC)	829	762	67	Charlie mod (36 beds) closed for routine maintenance, 21 beds are vacant in the worker dorm, 10 other vacant beds due to "cell alone" restrictions. ACC has a higher than average segregated population due to being the largest intake facility and housing the only acute mental health unit for males. Additional mods and portions of mods have been converted to segregation further reducing their capacity to house general population inmates.
Anvil Mountain Correctional Center	126	112	14	7 vacant beds in female only dorm, 7 other vacant beds ready for new remands.
Fairbanks Correctional Center	248	223	25	14 vacant female beds, 11 other vacant beds ready for new remands.
Goose Creek Correctional Center	1,408	1,105	303	40 vacant beds in Charlie mod (subacute mental health unit), 25 vacant beds in the sex offender mods, 238 other vacant beds ready for transfers.
Hiland Mountain Correctional Center	395	314	81	20 beds vacant in H2 Restricted Activities Wing, 1 bed vacant due to hospitalization, 60 other beds open and ready for new transfers or remands.
Ketchikan Correctional Center	52	37	15	1 vacant bed in female dorm, 14 other vacant beds ready to be filled.
Lemon Creek Correctional Center	124	114	10	9 vacant beds in sex offender program mod, Post 4 was closed for construction and the female tent was torn down reducing the overall capacity by 102 beds. Until they reopen fully males and females must be housed in the same segregation unit. Segregation has open faced cells, so one female placement reduces available cells for males to 8.
Matsu Pretrial	98	77	21	7 beds vacant due to cell alone status, 2 beds (1 Cell) are down for maintenance, 12 open beds for new bookings.

**Department of Corrections
Facility Capacity and Bed Vacancy Report**

Facility	General Capacity	Count 12/26/2024	Vacant Beds	Reasons
Palmer-Med Correctional Center	328	323	5	5 beds empty in House 1 (subacute mental health unit).
Palmer-Min Correctional Center	176	174	2	2 vacant beds scheduled to be filled.
Pt. Mackenzie Correctional Farm	128	68	60	38 beds are closed due to maintenance (House #4 & #5), 20 beds are vacant and ready to be filled between House #1, House #2, House #3, House #7.
Spring Creek Correctional Center (SCCC)	535	372	163	SCCC closed 2 mods (126 beds; H-Mod = 64 / J-Mod = 62) to reduce overtime due to staffing shortages. There are 88 prisoners in Segregation which includes not only regular segregation, but also protective custody, Administrative Segregation-10, and 8 acute mental health prisoners in E-Mod. SCCC has all custody levels, IDRs (Individual Determination of Restrictions), and different Administrative Segregation levels that sometimes require prisoners to cell alone which can affect the bed space availability also. Total open beds at SCCC is 37.
Wildwood Correctional Center	354	317	37	10 vacancies in Building 10 on first floor (residential substance abuse treatment beds), 16 beds on the second and third floors waiting for transfers, 11 beds at Wildwood Transitional Program open for minimum inmates.
Wildwood Pretrial	111	76	35	12 vacant beds in female dorm, 2 vacant beds in ADA dorm, 11 beds vacant and ready to be filled in rest of pretrial.
Yukon-Kuskokwim Correctional Center	189	132	57	15 vacant beds in the female dorms, 9 vacant beds in the special needs dorm, 33 open beds for new remands.

**Department of Corrections
Facility Capacity and Bed Vacancy Report**

Facility	General Capacity	Count 12/26/2024	Vacant Beds	Reasons
Total	5,101	4,206	895	Of the 895 vacant beds described in this report 202 are unavailable due to construction or inadequate staffing. 219 are located in specialty dorms for females, mental health inmates, workers, inmates needing ADA accommodations, and inmates with cell alone restrictions for various reasons. The total available bed count is 472, roughly 10% of our statewide general capacity. That number is within the recommended population range for healthy prison systems. A 5-15% bed vacancy rate allows each facility to periodically close down mods for maintenance without overcrowding or taking away segregation or infirmary beds. It also allows for population swells and dips throughout the year.

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October 8, 2024

The Honorable Lyman Hoffman
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Sent via email: Senate.Finance.Committee@akleg.gov, House.Finance@akleg.gov

Dear Senators and Representatives,

This letter serves as the Department of Corrections' (DOC) reporting as part of the Intent Language report regarding the institutional overtime and premium pay.

"It is the intent of the legislature that the Department report to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and to the Legislative Finance Division on a monthly basis by institution the amount spent on overtime and other premium pay, the number of overtime hours, and the vacancy rate. This report should include the Department's plan to complete the fiscal year without the need for a supplemental budget request."

The attached report reflects the FY2025 year-to-date personal services costs for each of the 13 correctional facilities and the Prisoner Transportation Unit. This information does not include any associated retroactive payments or pay adjustments needed for these reported months, which will post to future pay periods as the adjustments are made by Payroll Services.

I look forward to future opportunities to share the department's ongoing efforts addressing our budgetary needs. Thank you for your continued support of DOC.

Sincerely,

Jen Winkelman
Commissioner
Department of Corrections

cc Alexei Painter, Director, Legislative Finance Division

Enclosure: DOC FY2025 YTD Overtime and Premium Pay



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Attachment 4
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December 20, 2024

The Honorable DeLena Johnson
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Re: Legislative Intent Language – House Bill 268

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs:

Enclosed, please find the Department of Education and Early Development's response to the legislative intent language from House Bill 268 (Chapter 7, SLA 2024, Section 1, Page 12, Lines 14-22) on school district balances for each of the following funds: 1) school operating fund, 2) special revenue funds, 3) capital project funds, and 4) other governmental funds.

Please feel free to contact me if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deena M. Bishop".

Deena M. Bishop, Ed. D.
Commissioner

Enclosure (1) FY2025 Intent Language Fund Balance Report Final

cc: Alexei Painter, Director, Legislative Finance Division
Lacey Sanders, Director, Office of Management and Budget



Report to the Legislature

School District Fund Balances

as required by HB268 (Chapter 7, SLA 2024)

December 20, 2024

Introduction

During the 2024 legislative session the 33rd Legislature included the following legislative intent language in the operating budget (Chapter 7, SLA 2024, Section 1, Page 12, Lines 14-22 (HB 268)):

It is the intent of the legislature that a school district report to the Department twice annually, once by the end of the count period set out in AS 14.17.500, and on February 1, 2025, the balance of each of the following funds: 1) school operating fund, 2) special revenue funds, 3) capital project funds, 4) other governmental funds. Additionally, each fund shall be reported based on the following classifications: 1) nonspendable fund balance, 2) restricted fund balance, 3) committed fund balance, 4) assigned fund balance, 5) unassigned balance. The Department shall provide these reports and associated data in electronic format to the Co-Chairs of Finance and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024 and by February 15, 2025.

This language tasked the Department of Education and Early Development with collecting data from the 52 school districts regarding fund balances.

Report Sections

This report consists of:

1. District-provided data by each identified fund type, by the five classifications.
2. District-provided comments regarding the reported data.
3. Definitions of the Fund Types and Fund Balance Classifications.

Unreserved Fund Reporting

This data collection is separate from the “unreserved” school district operating fund balance collections and reports. Audited fiscal year end fund balance data is submitted to the department under AS 14.17.505 and is defined by 4 AAC 09.160; this monitors the requirement for a district to not exceed a year-end unreserved operating fund balance of 10 percent of annual expenditures. The 10 percent fund balance limit was waived through the end of fiscal year 2025 (June 30, 2025), during which time a report on the forecasted unreserved operating fund balance is due to the legislature by February 15 (Chapter 2, SLA 2021, Section 10, Page 10, Lines 16-21 (HB 76)).

Data Variations

Due to the mid-fiscal year dates identified, the data can fluctuate between and within districts due to many reasons, including:

- Districts that receive Impact Aid have the balance of their current application receipts transfer from committed to unassigned at the beginning of the fiscal year.
- Municipal districts receive local contributions at different times, based on local processes. Some districts may receive a lump sum at the beginning of the fiscal year, some may receive monthly payments, some may receive all or a portion of funds at different times of the year.
- Bulk purchases of fuel, food, etc. may occur at the beginning of the school year.
- The fund balance reporting will be impacted by budget true-ups that occur as a result of the student count data reconciliation, projection to actuals.

Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
 FY2025 School District **OPERATING FUND**: Current Fund Balance as of October 31, 2024

School District	Nonspendable Fund Balance	Restricted Fund Balance	Committed Fund Balance	Assigned Fund Balance	Unassigned Fund Balance	Total
Alaska Gateway	125,786	-	920,626	-	148,406	1,194,818
Aleutian Region	64,308	-	-	-	12,841	77,149
Aleutians East	198,343	-	283,171	71,165	834,557	1,387,236
Anchorage	2,828,159	30,308,147	3,035,852	63,314,559	50,175,801	149,662,518
Annette Island	15,649	-	5,403,833	-	1,077,545	6,497,027
Bering Strait	1,229,689	-	-	-	5,337,049	6,566,738
Bristol Bay	48,698	-	239,138	-	88,680	376,516
Chatham	82,490	-	-	180,693	186,456	449,639
Chugach	103,677	-	-	1,025,525	798,869	1,928,071
Copper River	178,837	206,907	-	-	1,997,216	2,382,960
Cordova	38,974	-	-	-	-	38,974
Craig	27,933	-	189,377	-	204,569	421,879
Delta/Greely	1,450,361	-	318,229	-	2,047,283	3,815,873
Denali	-	-	1,819,165	627,123	-	2,446,288
Dillingham	4,124	-	-	-	-	4,124
Fairbanks	820,342	1,771,802	-	7,838,089	(31,779,285)	(21,349,052)
Galena	1,012,609	1,898,684	17,759,822	-	5,054,670	25,725,785
Haines	-	-	125,486	-	300,233	425,719
Hoonah	21,111	-	-	617,971	1,129,705	1,768,787
Hydaburg	8,883	-	-	-	179,865	188,748
Iditarod	311,989	-	-	-	1,307,660	1,619,649
Juneau	213,805	456,853	17,890	1,878,024	-	2,566,572
Kake	14,877	-	-	718,753	(125,269)	608,361
Kashunamiut	-	-	-	768,747	-	768,747
Kenai Peninsula	1,892,866	3,779,620	4,434,649	6,674,727	11,185,745	27,967,607
Ketchikan	-	-	(2,079,696)	-	-	(2,079,696)
Klawock	918,444	-	-	890,056	(827,551)	980,949
Kodiak	375,514	-	191,194	2,309,073	6,781,172	9,656,953
Kuspuk	869,027	-	-	250,000	3,789,944	4,908,971
Lake and Peninsula	102,319	251,089	-	1,221,416	(897,241)	677,583
Lower Kuskokwim	4,270,645	-	6,400,000	3,105,161	822,172	14,597,978
Lower Yukon	1,456,447	-	-	-	15,244,140	16,700,587
Mat-Su	7,918,814	3,389,851	-	750,000	21,184,142	33,242,807
Nenana	281,860	1,273,962	-	-	1,792,923	3,348,745
Nome	909,714	-	-	748,653	-	1,658,367
North Slope	8,000	-	14,854,048	6,276,295	-	21,138,343
Northwest Arctic	4,374,745	-	-	-	6,802,918	11,177,663
Pelican	-	-	-	-	20,512	20,512
Petersburg	432,814	-	-	-	2,094,685	2,527,499
Pribilof	13,739	714,756	-	-	1,712,433	2,440,928
Saint Mary's	596,465	-	-	-	-	596,465
Sitka	-	-	1,974,661	-	-	1,974,661
Skagway	16,045	-	-	-	1,737,345	1,753,390
Southeast Island	-	-	-	-	2,574	2,574
Southwest Region	782,985	-	-	6,811,467	669,580	8,264,032
Tanana (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unalaska	1,352,495	-	38,097	97,101	2,395,173	3,882,866
Valdez	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wrangell	35,853	-	-	-	1,704,260	1,740,113
Yakutat	20,492	-	-	-	346,138	366,630
Yukon Flats	152,602	-	-	-	1,137,320	1,289,922
Yukon Koyukuk	351,611	4,590,529	-	-	3,333,441	8,275,581
Yupiit	1,136,198	-	-	-	4,258,892	5,395,090
Total	37,070,338	48,642,200	55,925,542	106,174,598	124,267,570	372,080,248

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Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
 FY2025 School District **SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**: Current Fund Balance as of October 31, 2024

School District	Nonspendable Fund Balance	Restricted Fund Balance	Committed Fund Balance	Assigned Fund Balance	Unassigned Fund Balance	Totals
Alaska Gateway	-	-	39,687	78,208	(169,362)	(51,467)
Aleutian Region	-	-	51,459	-	-	51,459
Aleutians East	-	-	476,521	1,701,660	809,493	2,987,674
Anchorage	3,410,456	-	-	7,361,140	-	10,771,596
Annette Island	5,706	-	1,490,076	11,674	(205,240)	1,302,216
Bering Strait	731,312	-	10,880,653	-	(370,001)	11,241,964
Bristol Bay	-	-	-	58,711	(64,521)	(5,810)
Chatham	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chugach	-	-	-	(173,872)	-	(173,872)
Copper River	17,734	98,955	598,790	8,005	(194,148)	529,336
Cordova	26,104	193,146	-	219,336	(19,166)	419,420
Craig	12,384	-	79,082	67,643	(190,319)	(31,210)
Delta/Greely	-	780,932	-	-	-	780,932
Denali	-	493,273	-	-	-	493,273
Dillingham	-	1,037,909	-	-	-	1,037,909
Fairbanks	1,684,479	-	-	3,218,883	(875,870)	4,027,492
Galena	46,718	4,548,945	-	-	-	4,595,663
Haines	-	-	15,312	-	153,926	169,238
Hoonah	-	-	-	97,840	(69,089)	28,751
Hydaburg	-	-	-	-	(84,199)	(84,199)
Iditarod	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juneau	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kake	13,544	-	-	28,237	(69,608)	(27,827)
Kashunamiut	-	-	-	528,033	-	528,033
Kenai Peninsula	368,197	316,727	3,512,637	1,255,562	(1,288,502)	4,164,621
Ketchikan	-	893,239	-	-	-	893,239
Klawock	36,095	143,940	735,413	45,890	(86,003)	875,335
Kodiak	-	-	746,991	-	-	746,991
Kuspuk	29,554	-	-	1,414,166	-	1,443,720
Lake and Peninsula	28,470	-	101,766	87,369	(10,653)	206,952
Lower Kuskokwim	-	-	13,821,211	-	(929,764)	12,891,447
Lower Yukon	-	-	-	-	(1,357,766)	(1,357,766)
Mat-Su	-	426,484	16,505,857	4,279,088	11,012	21,222,440
Nenana	-	-	9,844	-	-	9,844
Nome	120	483,707	2,397,917	333,960	(71,076)	3,144,628
North Slope	458,155	-	7,683,601	1,953,681	-	10,095,437
Northwest Arctic	118,952	966,837	-	362,890	(1,006,629)	442,050
Pelican	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petersburg	4,076	-	-	887,012	-	891,088
Pribilof	9,094	154,883	438,960	-	-	602,937
Saint Mary's	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sitka	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skagway	-	470,551	91,816	445,713	-	1,008,080
Southeast Island	-	-	916,048	-	-	916,048
Southwest Region	-	-	1,603,053	-	-	1,603,053
Tanana (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unalaska	25,232	-	262,352	104,245	(440,281)	(48,452)
Valdez	41,525	-	769,558	-	10,791	821,874
Wrangell	-	-	255,246	43,508	-	298,754
Yakutat	-	-	137,751	128,418	(33,513)	232,656
Yukon Flats	11,914	-	417,927	104,812	(11,914)	522,739
Yukon Koyukuk	155,918	-	48,475	2,436,593	(219,764)	2,421,222
Yupiit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	7,235,739	11,009,528	64,088,003	27,088,404	(6,782,166)	102,639,509

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Alaska Department of Education & Early Development
 FY2025 School District **CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS**: Current Fund Balance as of October 31, 2024

School District	Nonspendable Fund Balance	Restricted Fund Balance	Committed Fund Balance	Assigned Fund Balance	Unassigned Fund Balance	Totals
Alaska Gateway	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aleutian Region	-	-	1,466,200	-	-	1,466,200
Aleutians East	-	-	-	851,518	-	851,518
Anchorage	-	-	13,349,494	104,686,251	-	118,035,745
Annette Island	-	-	7,866,064	-	(1,593,768)	6,272,296
Bering Strait	-	-	8,110,541	-	-	8,110,541
Bristol Bay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chatham	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chugach	-	-	-	-	-	-
Copper River	-	-	768,427	-	(10,195)	758,232
Cordova	4,028	-	-	445,661	-	449,689
Craig	-	-	2,312,489	-	(212,748)	2,099,741
Delta/Greely	-	-	-	1,544,952	-	1,544,952
Denali	-	260,970	-	-	-	260,970
Dillingham	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fairbanks	-	1,043,371	-	-	-	1,043,371
Galena	-	-	6,610,856	-	-	6,610,856
Haines	-	-	146,181	-	32,767	178,948
Hoonah	-	-	631,402	-	-	631,402
Hydaburg	-	-	-	81,196	61,362	142,558
Iditarod	-	-	2,294,097	-	-	2,294,097
Juneau	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kake	-	-	-	455,699	-	455,699
Kashunamiut	-	-	-	836,796	-	836,796
Kenai Peninsula	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ketchikan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Klawock	-	-	5,000,101	-	(9,180)	4,990,921
Kodiak	-	-	1,050,733	-	-	1,050,733
Kuspuk	-	-	-	1,065,776	(21,590)	1,044,186
Lake and Peninsula	-	-	170,869	-	-	170,869
Lower Kuskokwim	-	-	26,026,004	-	(21,794,050)	4,231,954
Lower Yukon	-	-	-	2,789,567	-	2,789,567
Mat-Su	-	-	5,151,910	-	-	5,151,910
Nenana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nome	-	-	3,210,073	-	(507,354)	2,702,719
North Slope	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northwest Arctic	-	53,386	-	6,425,995	(623,046)	5,856,335
Pelican	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petersburg	-	-	-	594,798	-	594,798
Pribilof	-	-	162,450	-	-	162,450
Saint Mary's	-	-	-	1,824,160	-	1,824,160
Sitka	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skagway	-	-	-	-	(13,788)	(13,788)
Southeast Island	-	-	492,810	-	-	492,810
Southwest Region	-	-	4,013,122	-	-	4,013,122
Tanana (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unalaska	-	-	1,592,465	-	-	1,592,465
Valdez	-	-	962,602	-	-	962,602
Wrangell	-	-	-	1,172,341	-	1,172,341
Yakutat	-	-	1,252,909	-	-	1,252,909
Yukon Flats	-	-	-	2,045,315	-	2,045,315
Yukon Koyukuk	-	-	1,492,870	16,870	(1,177,650)	332,090
Yupiiit	-	-	-	312,305	-	312,305
Total	4,028	1,357,727	94,134,669	125,149,200	(25,869,240)	194,776,384

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Alaska Department of Education & Early Development

FY2025 School District **OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**: Current Fund Balance as of October 31, 2024

School District	Nonspendable Fund Balance	Restricted Fund Balance	Committed Fund Balance	Assigned Fund Balance	Unassigned Fund Balance	Totals
Alaska Gateway	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aleutian Region	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aleutians East	-	-	-	-	-	-
Anchorage	-	-	-	-	(24,049,433)	(24,049,433)
Annette Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bering Strait	-	-	293,000	-	-	293,000
Bristol Bay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chatham	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chugach	-	-	639,894	-	-	639,894
Copper River	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cordova	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craig	-	-	-	-	-	-
Delta/Greely	(27,905)	-	353,101	575,578	-	900,774
Denali	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dillingham	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fairbanks	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galena	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haines	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hoonah	29,491	2,441	192,566	-	(53,219)	171,279
Hydaburg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iditarod	54,525	192,829	84,270	-	(408,166)	(76,542)
Juneau	69,326	3,037	1,398,943	3,149,605	1,834,105	6,455,016
Kake	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kashunamiut	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kenai Peninsula	-	3,940,370	-	425,841	-	4,366,211
Ketchikan	-	-	-	-	-	-
Klawock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kodiak	305,398	880,008	-	-	(2,002)	1,183,404
Kuspuk	-	-	-	51,277	-	51,277
Lake and Peninsula	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lower Kuskokwim	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lower Yukon	-	-	146,204	666,966	-	813,170
Mat-Su	-	-	1,240,944	1,091,797	-	2,332,741
Nenana	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nome	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Slope	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northwest Arctic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pelican	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petersburg	-	68,748	-	-	-	68,748
Pribilof	-	-	533,667	-	-	533,667
Saint Mary's	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sitka	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skagway	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southeast Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southwest Region	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tanana (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unalaska	-	197,085	123,269	-	(43,278)	277,076
Valdez	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wrangell	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yakutat	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yukon Flats	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yukon Koyukuk	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yupiiit	100,827	51,530	25,367	-	(46,638)	131,086
Total	531,662	5,336,048	5,031,224	5,961,064	(22,768,631)	(5,908,633)

(1) Tanana City School District merged with Yukon Koyukuk School District in FY2025.

FY2025 HB268 Fund Balance Report (12/20/24) Comments

The following districts provided supplemental comments during this fund balance data collection. DEED has edited some of these comments for grammar, consistency, and clarity. The substantive content of the comments has not been changed.

Aleutian Region

Special: Student activities.

Capital: Funds held for repairs not expected to receive State maintenance funding.

Anchorage

Operating: Anchorage's unreserved fund balance includes \$26.4 million that is restricted for use as it is held to preserve the Municipality of Anchorage's bond rating, therefore, overstating the amount of spendable reserves by that amount. This is due to a misalignment between the State's definition of Reserved Fund Balance and the GASB 54 definitions that we are required to report on.

Anchorage cautions users of this report against extrapolating the data for the entire year as there are a number of timing issues that significantly change the amount of fund balance available. A few examples are: 1.) The district does not receive any tax payments from the municipality until December. Not receiving payments in 12 equal installments will lend itself to underreporting of fund balance. 2.) The teachers payroll is paid from September through June with two additional payments being made in May which would lend itself to overreporting fund balance. 3.) The district will not receive any one time funds until February or March and any adjustment to State revenue based on the OASIS count won't begin to be adjusted until April.

Special: Includes Student Transportation, Food Service, and Student Activities Funds. Grants have been excluded as revenues are equal to expenditures and no net fund balance is reported.

Capital: The District received approximately \$72.2 million in bond sale proceeds in July that will be spent down over the course of the next year. Other residual funds are mostly due to State Bond Debt Reimbursement that has been assigned to capital needs within the District.

Other: Debt Service Fund reduction is due to the timing of bond payments and not receiving any tax payments from the municipality until December. The Anchorage School District expects this fund to be positive by fiscal year end.

Annette Island

Operating: The committed fund balance is the remaining Impact Aid money for FY25.

Special: The committed fund balance is money designated for Early Education grade PreK-Grade 1.

Capital: \$3.859 million of the committed fund balance is for the Facilities building to free up instructional space.

Juneau

Operating: Juneau will not be carrying an unreserved fund balance of 43% through the end of the year. This calculation does not include any encumbrance for salaries and benefits. Further, the City and Borough of Juneau provides 100% of their local contribution to the district during the first week of July. This results in a large, unreserved fund balance early in the year, which will slowly recede throughout the fiscal year. The district has budgeted \$67 million in operating fund expenditures and anticipates fully expending their budget by year end 6/30/2025.

Kashunamiut

Operating: All of the 06/30/2024 fund balance will be used to balance the current year's budget due to substantially fewer intensive students - students moved out of District.

Kenai Peninsula

Operating: This calculation does not include salaries and benefits that are obligated and encumbered. In-kind budget is \$15,311,926 and is not encumbered. Utilities are not encumbered.

Ketchikan

Operating: Best Ketchikan can provide at this date as the FY2024 audit is still not finalized.

Special: Represents Food Service/Transportation; all other special revenue funds are reimbursable grants.

Capital: Capital Projects are on a reimbursable basis from the Ketchikan Gateway Borough.

Lake and Peninsula

Operating: Includes encumbrances for object codes 400-532.

Lower Yukon

Special: Teacher Housing Fund and Food Service Fund.

Other: Scholarship Fund and Student Activity Funds.

Mat-Su

Operating: Current use of fund balance as of 10/31 is \$14,086,278.

North Slope

Capital: No beginning fund balance or activity.

Petersburg

Operating: The Petersburg School District intentionally carried forward a large fund balance into FY25 because of state funding uncertainties. As FY25 is the last year districts can carry more than 10% forward, Petersburg felt it necessary to carry a fund balance that could help the district through a couple years of increased cost and supplement any insufficiencies in state funding. In light of the one-time funding that the district will be receiving this year, the district does have plans to revise the FY25 budget in December to add back in some of the expenses that had been removed. Primarily staffing and technology.

Special: The Petersburg School District received a one-time contribution to the pupil transportation fund from the Petersburg Borough for \$250,000 in early FY25. This has been done to prepare for the possibility of the State Board of Education limiting contribution to funds other than the operating fund in the future. The district's pupil transportation expenditures have been higher than the revenues for a long time now, due to insufficient state funding. The district felt it necessary to safeguard their ability to contract adequate and essential bussing services for students. Thus, the district requested the large one-time contribution from the Borough to support the fund into the near future.

Saint Mary's

Capital: Teacher housing.

Tanana

Tanana City School District merged with Yukon Koyukuk School District in FY2025.

Unalaska

Operating: June, July, and August (2025) Certified Staff payrolls are posted in June 2025 (FY25). This is 1/4 of the budgeted certified salary that will only show as expenses in the end of FY25. Budget revisions will happen in January, so there are currently no changes in budgeted expenditures.

Special: Many of the funds in this category receive City contributions outside of the CAP/General Fund. Even so, most of these funds run in the negative (as shown in the "Unassigned Fund Balance") or close to \$0 fund balance. In other words, the district is struggling for funding even with additional City contribution to Special Revenue Funds.

Wrangell

Operating: The district has worked incredibly hard to build the fund balance over the past few years, but estimates an ending fund balance of a little less than 10%. FY25 includes a \$700k deficit of expenditures over revenues, one which cannot be sustained moving into FY26. FY25 will also include negotiations with the teacher's union which will affect the FY26 Budget, in addition to the already expected rise in costs for staffing, goods, and services.

Special: These funds include those raised by student groups as well as scholarship funds that are in our trust.

Capital: Committed for emergency major maintenance.

Current Fund Balance Report - Fund Definitions

Fund Type	Definition
School Operating Fund	General Fund (School Operating Fund) is the fund used to account for all operations of the school district not required by law or administrative action to be accounted for in another fund. Fund code 100.
Special Revenue Funds	Special Revenue Funds are funds used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. More than one special revenue fund may need to be established. Fund codes 200 - 399.
Capital Project Funds	Capital Projects Fund is a fund used to account for financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets (other than those or proprietary funds or trust funds). To account for resources used for acquiring capital facilities including real property, initial equipment, additions and major repairs or improvements to facilities. All projects funded by state construction grants, bonded indebtedness, and district designated capital projects. Fund codes 500 - 579.
Other Governmental Funds	Other Governmental Funds includes (1) Debt Service and (2) Permanent Funds. DEBT SERVICE FUND - A fund used to account for financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditures for principal and interest. Debt service funds should be used if legally mandated, as well as for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt obligations maturing in future years. Fund Code 400. PERMANENT FUND - A fund used to account for resources that are legally restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the school district's programs. Fund codes 580 - 599.
Excluded Funds	Please EXCLUDE the following funds from this report. ENTERPRISE FUND - A fund used to account for any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. These funds are used to account for activities, that are self-supporting either on a short term or long term basis such as a swimming pool or a resale house construction project. More than one enterprise fund may need to be established. Fund codes 600 - 649. INTERNAL SERVICE FUND - A fund used to account for the financing of goods or services provided by one department or agency to other departments or agencies of the governmental unit, or to other governmental units, on a cost-reimbursement basis. Fund codes 650 - 699. AGENCY FUND - A fund used to account for assets held by the district acting as an agent for others. Fund codes 700 - 759. TRUST FUND - These funds account for assets held by a school district in a trustee capacity for others - e.g., members and beneficiaries of pension plans and other post employment benefit (OPEB) plans, external investment pools, or private-purpose trust arrangements - and that therefore cannot be used to support the school district's own programs. Trust funds include pension trust funds, investment trust funds, and private-purpose trust funds. More than one trust fund may need to be established. Fund codes 760 - 769.

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Section: Fund Classifications

Current Fund Balance Report - Fund Balance Definitions

Category	Definition
Nonspendable Fund Balance	Nonspendable fund balance represents the amount of fund balance that cannot be spent because either (a) it is not in spendable form (most commonly evidenced by inventory, prepaid assets, and long-term portions of receivables); or (b) it is legally or contractually required to remain intact (most commonly evidenced by the nonexpendable principal in a permanent fund). There is an enforceable requirement that the money be maintained intact and thus cannot be used. This would include items that are not in cash or not expected to be converted to cash such as inventory, supplies, and prepaid amounts. It may also include the long-term amount of loans and receivables, as well as property acquired for resale and the corpus (principal) of a permanent fund. For example, a donation to the district that stipulates only the interest earnings on that donation can be spent would be considered as a part of "nonspendable" fund balance. Object code 810.
Restricted Fund Balance	Restricted fund balance should be reported to reflect legally enforceable constraints placed on the use of resources that are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (e.g., debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. This would include an unexpended student allotment provided through a correspondence study program. Object code 819.
Committed Fund Balance	Committed fund balance represents formal constraints imposed through formal action at the district's highest level of decision making authority (generally the school district's governing board). Object code 820.
Assigned Fund Balance	Assigned fund balance represents intentional constraints placed on resources by the governing board or its appointees' intent to be used for specific purposes, but meet neither the restricted nor the committed forms of constraint. The creation of these constraints does not require formal action, although formal action to enact is not prohibited and formal action is not required to reverse that classification. Also, the assigned fund balance classification is the residual classification for the special revenue, debt service, capital projects, and/or permanent funds after nonspendable, restricted, and committed balances have been identified (unless the residual amount is negative, which would require presentation as unassigned fund balance). This would include encumbrances, Impact Aid advances, and self-insurance. Object code 830.
Unassigned Fund Balance	The unassigned fund balance classification is the residual classification, for the general fund only, after nonspendable, restricted, committed, and assigned balances have been identified. For the general fund, unassigned fund balance may represent either a positive or negative balance. In funds other than the General Fund, an Unassigned Fund Balance may be used only if their respective residual balances are negative. The unassigned fund balance classification is used for special revenue, debt service, capital projects, or permanent funds only if the residual amount of fund balance is negative. It is also used to report the residual amount for all other governmental funds after nonspendable, restricted, and committed balances have been identified, if the residual amount is negative. Object code 845.
Unreserved Fund Balance	Per Alaska Statute 14.17.505 (https://www.akleg.gov/basis/statutes.asp#14.17.505) and 4 AAC 09.160 (https://www.akleg.gov/basis/aac.asp#4.09.160)

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Section: Object Codes - Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position

Division	Component	Program	Alaska Constitutional Requirement	Federal Requirement	Statutory Requirement	Number of Alaskans Served	Percent of Costs Covered by Fees	Relevance to Department's Mission
Alaska Pioneer Homes	Alaska Pioneer Homes Payment Assistance	Payment assistance for Pioneer Homes resident food service, personal care attendant services and pharmaceutical services in Sitka, Fairbanks, Palmer, Anchorage, Ketchikan and Juneau to Alaskan elders.	Article VII § 4 Public Health; Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	None	AS 44.30.020(a)(15) Duties of the Department of Family and Community Services AS 47.55 Alaska Pioneer's Home and Alaska Veterans' Home AS 44.30.100 Alaska Pioneer Homes Advisory Board 7 AAC 74 Pioneer's Homes	585	0%	Provide financial support to Alaskan elders regardless of their ability to pay.
Alaska Pioneer Homes	Alaska Pioneer Homes Management	Managing the waitlist, accounts payables, accounts receivables, budget creation and management, programmatic assistance, and other administrative efforts as needed. The Pioneer Homes Advisory Board's duty is to conduct annual inspections of the properties, review admission procedures, take testimony from residents and interested parties about the homes and develop Board recommendation reports.	Article VII § 4 Public Health; Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	None	AS 44.30.020(a)(15) Duties of the Department of Family and Community Services AS 47.55 Alaska Pioneer's Home and Alaska Veterans' Home AS 44.30.100 Alaska Pioneer Homes Advisory Board 7 AAC 74 Pioneer's Homes	7,248. Served 585 elders living in the homes and another 6,663 elders on the inactive and active waitlist	0%	Supports the Pioneer Homes and the Pioneer Home Pharmacy.
Alaska Pioneer Homes	Pioneer Homes	Provide a home, memory care, activities, food service, personal care attendant services and pharmaceutical services in Sitka, Fairbanks, Palmer, Anchorage, Ketchikan and Juneau to Alaskan elders.	Article VII § 4 Public Health; Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	42 CFR, Part 440 Medicaid 1115 Behavioral Health Waiver - Section 1115 of the Social Security Act 38 CFR, Part 51	AS 44.30.020(a)(15) Duties of the Department of Family and Community Services AS 47.55 Alaska Pioneer's Home and Alaska Veterans' Home AS 44.30.100 Alaska Pioneer Homes Advisory Board 7 AAC 74 Pioneer's Homes	585	36%	The Department of Family and Community Services' mission is, "To provide support, safety, and personal well-being for vulnerable Alaskans." Alaska Pioneer Homes has been helping to promote and protect the health and well-being of Alaskans since the first home was established in 1913 by the First Territorial Legislature. The current Division's mission summarizes this century-old commitment as, "providing elder Alaskans a home and community, celebrating life through its final breath."
Office of Children's Services	Tribal Child Welfare Compact	A total of five scopes of work are in place including initial diligent and ongoing placement searches, safety walk-throughs of unlicensed relative homes, assistance to potential relatives and foster parents in the licensing process, and facilitation of family visits.	Article 7 - Section 5	None	AS 18.05.010-070 Administration of Public Health and Related Laws AS 47.05.010 Duties of department AS 47.14.100 Powers and duties of department over care of child AS 47.05.110 Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact	Currently there are approximately 1658 Alaska Native children in out of home placement	0%	Facilitate the Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compact.
Office of Children's Services	Children's Services Management	Programmatic support required for foster home licensing, four federal grants (IV-B, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act, Social Services Block Grant, Chafee), Title IV-E, 41 outgoing grants, 22 contracts, 11 provider agreements, and a Tribal Compact. OCS programs focus on: protecting children from repeat exposure to severe incidences of abuse and neglect; reducing the incidence and severity of abuse and neglect experienced by the target children and families; and providing services to families and children to support reunification efforts. When necessary, provide permanent placements for children in state custody through subsidized adoptions and guardianships when family reunification is not possible.	Article 7 - Section 5	42 U.S.C. 671 Title IV-E	AS 18.05.010-070 Administration of Public Health and Related Laws AS 44.29.020(a) Duties of department AS 47.05.010 Duties of department AS 47.14.100 Powers and duties of department over care of child AS 47.14.980 Grants-in-aid AS 47.32 Centralized Licensing and Related Administrative Procedures	AK Population	0%	Comprehensive technical, managerial, administrative, and financial support to Office Children's Services (OCS) programs and employees.
Office of Children's Services	Children's Services Training	Training is designed to: enhance workers' ability to identify child maltreatment, assess safety and risk factors of children in their homes, mitigate safety and risk to the child within the family's home, enhance parental protective factors, achieve timely permanency for children, address child well-being and prevent child maltreatment whenever possible.	Article 7 - Section 5	42 U.S.C. 622 - State Plans for Child Welfare Services	AS 18.05.010-070 Administration of Public Health and Related Laws AS 47.05.010 Duties of department AS 47.14.112 Training and Workload Standards AS 47.14.100 Powers and duties of department over care of child	AK Population	0%	Provides for education and training to the Office of Children's Services (OCS) Protective Services Specialists, Social Services Associates, and Foster Care Licensing staff, supervisors, and managers.
Office of Children's Services	Front Line Social Workers	Deliver child protective services; investigate protective services reports; crisis intervention; assess families for present and impending danger to children; assess the risk of future harm in families in the absence of intervention; and assess family strengths and needs. Develop case plans; assess progress toward achieving case plan goals; initiate legal action to protect children; monitor the implementation of treatment plans; coordinate services. Arrange out-of-home care, when appropriate and necessary, in the least restrictive setting. determine when children can be safely returned to their own homes; and arrange alternative permanent placement for children when a return home is not possible.	Article 7 - Section 5	42 U.S.C. § 5106a(b)(2)(A) Grants to States for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Treatment Programs	AS 18.05.010-070 Administration of Public Health and Related Laws AS 47.05.010 Duties of department AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.32 Centralized Licensing and Related Administrative Procedures Personal	AK Population	0%	Provide direct services to carry out the legal mandates of the department in response to and for the prevention of child maltreatment.

Division	Component	Program	Alaska Constitutional Requirement	Federal Requirement	Statutory Requirement	Number of Alaskans Served	Percent of Costs Covered by Fees	Relevance to Department's Mission
Office of Children's Services	Family Preservation	Pre-placement/preventative services targeted to families with potential difficulties and concerns related to the proper functioning of the family and care and safety of the children. In-home support services, including facilitated access to resources; service coordination of early childhood, medical and educational/employment services; parent education and support, and transportation services. Provide family contact services for families who need ongoing support to meet reunification goals. Provide support to enhance and expand the capacity of the statewide network of community-based prevention services providers. Provide regular comprehensive transition planning and independent living services for foster youth age 16 and older aging out of foster care. Provide financial and program support for Child Advocacy Center programs that furnish a safe, child friendly environment for multiple agencies to coordinate child sexual abuse investigations, and follow-up.	Article 7 - Section 5	42 U.S.C. 671(a)(12) State Plan for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance (Title IV-E)	AS 47.05 010 Duties of department AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.32 Centralized Licensing Related to Administrative Procedures 7 AAC 50 Community Care Licensing 7 AAC 56 Child Placement Agencies 7 AAC 53 Social Services	AK Population	0%	Management of outgoing grants to community-based service providers. Grant programs purchase an array of services for children, youth, and families that focus on preventative services; intervention and support; and in-home services to either keep families intact or to reunify families in a timely manner.
Office of Children's Services	Foster Care Base Rate	Reimburses foster parents for the basic and ongoing needs of raising a child.	Article 7 - Section 5	42 U.S.C. 671(a)(12) State Plan for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance (Title IV-E) 42 U.S.C. 675(4)(A) Definition of Foster Care Maintenance Payments (Title IV-E)	AS 47.05 065(3) Legislative Findings Related to Children AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.14 020 Duties of Department AS 47.14 100 Powers and Duties of Department Over Care of Child AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.40 Purchase of Services 7 AAC 53, Article 1 Child Foster Care Payment Rates and Difficulty-of-Care Augmentation 7 AAC 53, Article 3 Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income	Currently, as of 12/06/2024, there are 1064 licensed providers and 486 unlicensed caring for approximately 2404 children	43%	Reimburse licensed foster parents for the basic needs of foster children in their care.
Office of Children's Services	Foster Care Augmented Rate	Reimburses foster care providers for extraordinary costs and higher levels of supervision not otherwise covered by the Foster Care Base Rate program.	Article 7 - Section 5	None	AS 47.05 010 Duties of department AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.14 100 Powers and Duties of Department Over Care of Child AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.40 Purchase of Services 7 AAC 53, Article 1 Child Foster Care Payment Rates and Difficulty-of-Care Augmentation 7 AAC 53, Article 3 Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income	Approx 311 children	0%	Provide for the cost to care for foster children with physical, developmental, and mental disabilities, in addition to the already provided foster care base rate.
Office of Children's Services	Foster Care Special Need	Pre-placement/preventative services targeted to families with potential difficulties and concerns related to the proper functioning of the family and care and safety of the children. In-home support services, including facilitated access to resources; service coordination of early childhood, medical and educational/employment services; parent education and support, and transportation services. Provide family contact services for families who need ongoing support to meet reunification goals. Provide support to enhance and expand the capacity of the statewide network of community-based prevention services providers. Provide regular comprehensive transition planning and independent living services for foster youth age 16 and older aging out of foster care. Provide financial and program support for Child Advocacy Center programs that furnish a safe, child friendly environment for multiple agencies to coordinate child sexual abuse investigations, and follow-up.	Article 7 - Section 5	CAPTA and CBCAP	AS 47.05 010 Duties of department AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.14 100 Powers and Duties of Department Over Care of Child AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.40 Purchase of Services 7 AAC 53, Article 1 Child Foster Care Payment Rates and Difficulty-of-Care Augmentation 7 AAC 53, Article 3 Children in Custody or Under Supervision: Needs and Income	Approx 560+ children receiving in home, IL services or ongoing support. Families subject to investigation are also considered possibly utilizing CAC services	0%	Provide funding to meet special and/or occasional needs of children in state custody, as mandated by statute. This financial support enhances the State's service delivery system by fulfilling many fiduciary obligations for children in state custody and their families that fall outside of monthly reimbursed rates to foster parents.
Office of Children's Services	Subsidized Adoptions & Guardianship	Facilitate permanency through recruitment of homes for children who need permanent homes; home studies on potential adoptive and guardianship families; pre-adoption services for the child and family; and post-adoption services after the final adoption or guardianship court hearing. Provide for permanent homes to children that are in the custody of the state and who are unlikely to be adopted or placed in a guardianship without a subsidy.	Article 7 - Section 5	42 U.S.C. 671(a)(12) State Plan for Foster Care and Adoption Assistance (Title IV-E)	AS 25.23 Adoption AS 25.23.190-240 Subsidy For Hard-to-Place Child - Definitions AS 47.10.080 Judgments and Orders 7 AAC 53 Article 2 Subsidized Adoption and Subsidized Guardianship Payments	Approx 4133 children	0%	Facilitates permanent placements through adoptive or guardianship homes for the increasing number of children in state custody with special needs that make them hard to place.

Division	Component	Program	Alaska Constitutional Requirement	Federal Requirement	Statutory Requirement	Number of Alaskans Served	Percent of Costs Covered by Fees	Relevance to Department's Mission
Division of Juvenile Justice	McLaughlin Youth Center	Provides secure detention and related services to youth who have been charged or adjudicated of an offense and are awaiting adjudication or further court action; services for youth who have been committed to the facility for long-term secure treatment; and transition/aftercare services to offenders being released from secure treatment. Detention services include a 47-bed secure detention program consisting of separate living units for male and female residents. The program provides supervision and custody and care services for accused and adjudicated delinquent youth. Secure treatment services include a 111-bed treatment program consisting of three living units. The treatment program provides supervision, custody and care, long-term treatment, and transitional services for adjudicated delinquent youth. Two of the program units are considered statewide resources, providing specialized treatment for violent offenders and juvenile sex offenders from around the state.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Public Laws 93-415, 108-79, 115-385	AS 47.05 Administration of Welfare, Social Services and Institutions AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors AS 47.14 Juvenile Programs and Institutions AS 47.15 Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.18 Programs and Services Related to Adolescents AS 47.21 Adventure-Based Education AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act 7 AAC 52 Juvenile Correctional Facilities and Juvenile Detention Facilities 7 AAC 54 Administration	296	<1%	To hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities, and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.
Division of Juvenile Justice	Mat-Su Youth Facility	Provides secure detention and related services to youth who have been charged or adjudicated of an offense and are awaiting adjudication or further court action; and transition/aftercare services to offenders being released from secure treatment. Detention services include a 15-bed secure co-ed detention program. The program provides supervision and custody and care services for accused and adjudicated delinquent youth.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Public Laws 93-415, 108-79, 115-385	AS 47.05 Administration of Welfare, Social Services and Institutions AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors AS 47.14 Juvenile Programs and Institutions AS 47.15 Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.18 Programs and Services Related to Adolescents AS 47.21 Adventure-Based Education AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act 7 AAC 52 Juvenile Correctional Facilities and Juvenile Detention Facilities 7 AAC 54 Administration	90	0%	To hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities, and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.
Division of Juvenile Justice	Kenai-Peninsula Youth Facility	Provides secure detention and related services to youth who have been charged or adjudicated of an offense and are awaiting adjudication or further court action; and transition/aftercare services to offenders being released from secure treatment. Detention services include a 10-bed secure co-ed detention program. The program provides supervision, and custody and care services for accused and adjudicated delinquent youth.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Public Laws 93-415, 108-79, 115-385	AS 47.05 Administration of Welfare, Social Services and Institutions AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors AS 47.14 Juvenile Programs and Institutions AS 47.15 Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.18 Programs and Services Related to Adolescents AS 47.21 Adventure-Based Education AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act 7 AAC 52 Juvenile Correctional Facilities and Juvenile Detention Facilities 7 AAC 54 Administration	49	0%	To hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities, and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.
Division of Juvenile Justice	Fairbanks Youth Facility	Provides secure detention and related services to youth who have been charged or adjudicated of an offense and are awaiting adjudication or further court action; services for youth who have been committed to the facility for long-term secure treatment; and transition/aftercare services to offenders being released from secure treatment. Detention services include a 21-bed secure co-ed detention program. The program provides supervision, and custody and care services for accused and adjudicated delinquent youth. Treatment services include a 16-bed secure treatment program. The treatment program provides supervision, custody and care, long-term treatment, and transitional services for adjudicated delinquent youth.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Public Laws 93-415, 108-79, 115-385	AS 47.05 Administration of Welfare, Social Services and Institutions AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors AS 47.14 Juvenile Programs and Institutions AS 47.15 Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.18 Programs and Services Related to Adolescents AS 47.21 Adventure-Based Education AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act 7 AAC 52 Juvenile Correctional Facilities and Juvenile Detention Facilities 7 AAC 54 Administration	51	0%	To hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities, and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.
Division of Juvenile Justice	Bethel Youth Facility	Provides secure detention and related services to youth who have been charged or adjudicated of an offense and are awaiting adjudication or further court action; services for youth who have been committed to the facility for long-term secure treatment; and transition/aftercare services to offenders being released from secure treatment. Detention services include a 12-bed secure co-ed detention program. The program provides supervision, and custody and care services for accused and adjudicated delinquent youth. Treatment services include an 11-bed secure treatment program. The treatment program provides supervision, custody and care, long-term treatment, and transitional services for adjudicated delinquent youth.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Public Laws 93-415, 108-79, 115-385	AS 47.05 Administration of Welfare, Social Services and Institutions AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors AS 47.14 Juvenile Programs and Institutions AS 47.15 Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.18 Programs and Services Related to Adolescents AS 47.21 Adventure-Based Education AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act 7 AAC 52 Juvenile Correctional Facilities and Juvenile Detention Facilities 7 AAC 54 Administration	36	0%	To hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities, and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.

Division	Component	Program	Alaska Constitutional Requirement	Federal Requirement	Statutory Requirement	Number of Alaskans Served	Percent of Costs Covered by Fees	Relevance to Department's Mission
Division of Juvenile Justice	Johnson Youth Center	Provides secure detention and related services to youth who have been charged or adjudicated of an offense and are awaiting adjudication or further court action; services for youth who have been committed to the facility for long-term secure treatment; and transition/aftercare services to offenders being released from secure treatment. Detention services include an eight-bed secure co-ed detention program. The program provides supervision, and custody and care services for accused and adjudicated delinquent youth. Treatment services include a 22-bed, female only cognitive behavioral treatment program. The treatment program provides supervision, custody and care, long-term treatment, and transitional services for adjudicated delinquent youth.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Public Laws 93-415, 108-79, 115-385	AS 47.05 Administration of Welfare, Social Services and Institutions AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors AS 47.14 Juvenile Programs and Institutions AS 47.15 Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.18 Programs and Services Related to Adolescents AS 47.21 Adventure-Based Education AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act 7 AAC 52 Juvenile Correctional Facilities and Juvenile Detention Facilities 7 AAC 54 Administration	42	0%	To hold juvenile offenders accountable for their behavior, promote the safety and restoration of victims and communities, and assist offenders and their families in developing skills to prevent crime.
Division of Juvenile Justice	Probation Services	There are four regional Probation Offices: Northern Region Probation Office (NRO), Anchorage Probation Office (APO), Southeast Region Probation Office (SCRO), and Southeast Region Probation Office (SERO). All regional Probation Offices utilize the Restorative Justice Model, which considers the needs of the victim, community and offender. The goal is to restore the harm done by offenders to victims and communities and to subsequently build competency in offenders so they can be productive members of those communities. Core services include: Intake, Community Collaboration, Court Services, Case Management Supervision, Transitional Services, Program Administration, Training, Quality Assurance, and Policy and Planning.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Public Laws 93-415, 108-79, 115-385	AS 09.35 Execution AS 11.81 General Provisions AS 12.25 Arrests and Citations AS 12.35 Search and Seizure AS 25.27 Child Support Services Agency AS 47.05 Administration of Welfare, Social Services and Institutions AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors AS 47.14 Juvenile Programs and Institutions AS 47.15 Uniform Interstate Compact on Juveniles AS 47.17 Child Protection AS 47.18 Programs and Services Related to Adolescents AS 47.21 Adventure-Based Education AS 47.30 Mental Health AS 47.35 Child Care Facilities, Child Placement Agencies, Child Treatment Facilities, Foster Homes, and Maternity Homes AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act 7 AAC 52 Juvenile Correctional Facilities and Juvenile Detention Facilities 7 AAC 53 Social Services	1322	0%	Encompasses the division's juvenile probation services, which provides intake and supervision services for delinquent juveniles, and the Division Director's Office, which provides statewide agency administrative support and management oversight for juvenile probation services and the juvenile facility components.
Division of Juvenile Justice	Delinquency Prevention	Programs administered include: Juvenile Holding Programs, Rural Alaska Community Action Program's (Rural CAP), Rural Alaska Culture Camp Compliance Monitoring Activities, The Alaska Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities Electronic Monitoring, Trauma Informed Effective Reinforcement System (TIERS), Strength-Based Assessments, Resiliency Efforts, Reducing Isolation and Room Confinement, Rural Outreach and Tribal Diversion Programming, co-occurring Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment Improvements Program, Transitional Programming Improvement Project and compliance with the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Public Laws 93-415, 108-79, 115-385	AS 47.05.010(7) Duties of Department AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors AS 47.14 Juvenile Programs and Institutions 7 AAC 78 Grant Programs	Approximately 250	0%	Provide grant funding and ensure that the State of Alaska complies with the core mandates of the Department of Justice's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
Division of Juvenile Justice	Youth Courts	Providing from-end accountability for first and second-time low-level juvenile offenders.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare Article I § 8 Public Safety	Public Laws 93-415, 108-79, 115-385	AS 47.05.010(7) Duties of Department AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors AS 47.14 Juvenile Programs and Institutions	178	0%	Provide funding for statewide youth court grants across the state. These youth courts provide early intervention and serve as a community-based diversion program for youth who have been referred to juvenile probation on misdemeanor charges, to District Court for status offenses, or school suspensions.
Division of Juvenile Justice	Juvenile Justice Healthcare	Supports the health and well-being of youth residing in detention and institutional treatment facilities through necessary medical and mental health assessments, dental services, mental health support, and health care.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare Article VI § 4 Public Health	Public Laws 93-415, 108-79, 115-385	AS 47.05 Administration of Welfare, Social Services and Institutions AS 47.12 Delinquent Minors AS 47.14 Juvenile Programs and Institutions	564	0%	Supports the department's mission to promote and protect the health and well-being of Alaskans by providing for a juvenile's basic health needs.

Division	Component	Program	Alaska Constitutional Requirement	Federal Requirement	Statutory Requirement	Number of Alaskans Served	Percent of Costs Covered by Fees	Relevance to Department's Mission
Departmental Support Services	Coordinated Health & Complex Care	DET and Designated Evaluation and Stabilization (DES) psychiatric emergency services are one component within the Division's continuum of behavioral health services and are essential to controlling admissions to Alaska Psychiatric Institute, Alaska's only public psychiatric hospital. The Designated Evaluation and Treatment (DET) program provides fee-for-service funding on a payer-of-last resort basis to designated local community hospitals. These designated hospitals provide involuntary evaluation and treatment services to people court-ordered under Alaska Statute 47.30.655 - 47.30.915, and to people who meet commitment criteria but have agreed to voluntary services in lieu of commitment under Alaska Statute 47.31.010(b)(1)(B). A DET facility may provide up to 72 hours of inpatient psychiatric evaluation; seven to ten days of crisis stabilization and treatment services; and 30 to 40 days of inpatient psychiatric hospital services as close to the consumer's home, family, and support systems as possible. Component funding also supports consumer and escort travel to the designated hospitals and back to their discharge placement. Provide emergency and court-ordered inpatient psychiatric services. Provide increased coordination efforts and a network of placement options involving high-needs, complex, and hard-to-place individuals (both children and adults).	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	None	Title 47, and varies by division.	<1000	0%	Provide coordination efforts and a network of placement options involving high-end needs, complex, and hard-to-place individuals (both children and adults) needing services.
Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Alaska Psychiatric Institute	Provide accessible, quality, and active inpatient treatment in a safe and comfortable setting - through assessment, individualized planning and delivery of active multidisciplinary education and treatment services, discharge planning and arrangements in accordance with statutory mandates and strict health care industry standards and requirements. Provide and coordinate interagency behavioral health care through providing: (1) criminal court valuations for persons with questionable competence to stand trial or be held culpable for a crime; and (2) court-ordered inpatient treatment for competency or a finding of not guilty by reason of insanity.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	None	AS 12.47.010 - 130 Insanity and Competency to Stand Trial AS 47.30.655 - 915 State Mental Health Policy (Hospitalization of Clients) AS 18.20 Regulation of Hospitals AS 08.86.010 - 230 Psychologists and Psychological Associates AS 18.70.010 - 900 Fire Protection AS 08.68.010 - 410 Nursing AS 08.64.010 - 380 State Medical Board AS 08.95.010 - 980 Clinical Social Workers AS 08.84.010 - 190 Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists 7AAC 12.215 Psychiatric Hospitals	>500	35%	Improve and enhance the quality of life for individuals impacted by mental health disorders through quality inpatient evaluation, care, and treatment.



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Re: FY 2025 Legislative Intent Language

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs,

Please find below (and attached) the department's response to legislative intent language from House Bill 268.

Department of Family and Community Services

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a report to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024 for the programs administered under each budget allocation, with the following information: the State of Alaska constitutional requirement, federal requirement, statutory requirement, number of Alaskans served, percent of costs covered by fees, and relevance to the Department's mission.

Please see the attached document titled "DFCS Programs" which contains the department's full response to this request.

Alaska Pioneer Homes

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a plan and timeline for the renovation or replacement of the Fairbanks Pioneer Home to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

Two approaches were analyzed by the department along with architect Steve Fishbeck who completed the plans to remodel the existing Fairbanks Pioneer Home or replace the home with a new building.

Remodel:

- Cost Estimate: \$151,499,200
- Size: 92,400 square feet
- Timeline: 10 Years
- Requires new outbuilding to be built to facilitate the five phases and requires moves of entire neighborhoods during the remodel.

Replacement:

- Cost Estimate: \$127,668,700
- Size: 89,780 square feet
- Timeline: 2.5 Years

Replacement of the 55 year-old Fairbanks Pioneer Home was the preferred option, it could be built quicker at a lower cost, and would not negatively impact the residents of the home through multiple moves.

Children's Services

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a plan to update or replace the Online Resources for the Children Alaska system, and include a completion date for the project, to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and to the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

Beginning in 2022, the Office of Children's Services (OCS) contracted with BerryDunn to conduct an analysis of potential alternatives to upgrade or replace the division's Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS) called the Online Resource for the Children of Alaska (ORCA). The project included a needs assessment, assessment of alternatives, and the cost/benefit analysis of potential federal funds to support planning in implementation efforts.

The department received the final report in early November 2023 identifying a recommended alternative and cost estimates for each alternative. The report recommends Alternative 4: the Accelerator Solution, under which OCS procures an existing commercially available system to manage child welfare information. BerryDunn estimates that Alternative 4 will have the lowest combined costs associated with design, development, implementation, and annual recurring maintenance and operations. This is due to several factors such as the leveraged value of a commercially available product over a customized design and the ability to reuse select components from other states.

The Accelerator Solution cost estimate and timeframe for implementation are as follows:

- System development and maintenance cost: \$51,266,200
- Federal/State Participation Rate:
 - Federal Portion: \$25,633,100
 - State Portion: \$25,633,100
- Timeline for completion: five to eight years

It is important to note that with inflation, the actual cost of the new system could be greater than the original cost estimate provided by BerryDunn last year.

Sincerely,

Marian Sweet
Assistant Commissioner

cc: Lacey Sanders, Director, Office of Management and Budget
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Dear Co-Chairs Johnson, Edgmon, and Foster:

Please find below and attached the Alaska Department of Fish and Game's (ADF&G) response to legislative intent language from House Bill 268.

Wildlife Conservation / Wildlife Conservation
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the agency shall provide a report detailing the activities of the Marine Mammals Protection Program and the Threatened and Endangered Species Program to the Co-chairs of Finance and Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a report on the activities of the Division of Wildlife Conservation's (division) Marine Mammals Protection Program (MMP) and the Threatened, Endangered, and Diversity (TED) Program.

The State of Alaska continues to combat federal overreach on species managed by federal agencies under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Federal actions taken under these laws affect the State's authority to manage and develop its natural resources. The funding provided by the Legislature for marine mammal and threatened and endangered species has been used by the ADF&G to help mitigate the increased impact of federal overreach while still ensuring appropriate conservation of those species.

In FY2024 and FY2025, the Legislature approved the request from the ADF&G for \$1.3 million in unrestricted general funds (UGF) to maintain endangered species and marine mammal programs. This UGF fully substantiates the division's MMP and TED programs, which form the

foundation for the State's response to federal actions under the ESA and MMPA. The ADF&G programs conduct research on listed species and species of concern to inform the ESA listing decisions. Program staff also coordinate with the Department of Law to develop the State's formal response and challenges to federal ESA proposals and decisions. To the extent possible, these programs take a proactive approach to the ESA issues by striving to keep common species common and recover depleted populations prior to the ESA listings through scientifically rigorous research and implementing effective population management strategies. The State's strongest tool to ensure federal agencies reach appropriate ESA decisions is the scientific information generated by these programs.

The MMP and TED programs cannot use the Fish and Game Fund¹ (FGF) and have required in-kind and external match from partners to continue the programs' work in previous years. The UGF provides a consistent match funding source that has increased the levels of service and allowed both programs to commit to and expand existing projects. This is reflected in the extensive list of projects in Attachment 1. These programs primarily leverage the funding provided as federal match dollars that are used to address management of numerous species.

In FY2024, these funds supported an increased level of service and aligned objectives within our grants. The funds were also used to address increased overhead costs such as increased lease prices, administrative support, and inter-departmental charges. The FGF cannot be used to pay for these costs to the MMP and TED programs.

Attachment 1 is a list of marine mammal and ESA relevant projects from FY2024, many of which are still ongoing. Below are highlights of accomplishments of the program as well as recent funding commitments and the work funded by the FY2024 increment.

Specific Accomplishments in FY2024:

- Successfully avoided an ESA listing of wolves in Southeast Alaska
- Completed an analysis of prey data to assess federal agency presumptions of fisheries impacts on Cook Inlet belugas
- Worked closely with the Department of Law to successfully overturn an overly expansive critical habit designation for ringed and bearded seals
- Worked to minimize the possibility of unnecessary threatened or endangered listings for Pacific walrus, northern bog lemming, little brown bat, and three species of bumblebees by providing expertise to inform population assessments for these species
- Provided analyses and comments to limit a proposed critical habitat expansion for North Pacific right whales
- Worked with the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission to track movements and feeding areas of endangered bowhead whales
- Continued work to improve federal analyses of the impacts of oil and gas activities on polar bears that were exaggerating those impacts and needlessly constraining industry activities

¹ AS 16.05.130(d) Revenue from the sale of general hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and tags together with the federal matching funds from Pittman-Robertson, Dingell-Johnson/Wallop Breaux programs shall be allocated by the department to programs intended to directly benefit license purchasers of general hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses...

- Collected abundance, distribution, and genetic data on Southeast Alaska harbor porpoise in an effort to avoid federal agencies placing unnecessary restrictions on the Southeast gillnet fishery
- Provided match required to obtain federal funding for three projects on ESA listed species: Cook Inlet belugas, ringed seals, and Steller sea lions
- Conducted Steller sea lion disease and diet analyses
- Conducted research and implemented management strategies for species of conservation concern to avoid future ESA listings
- Initiated a revision of the Alaska State Wildlife Action Plan to remain eligible for federal State Wildlife Grant (SWG) funding and facilitated the prioritization of research and management projects for species of conservation concern
- Prepared numerous State of Alaska ESA comment letters regarding species being considered and reviewed for listing, critical habitat designations, and other regulatory matters
- Provided expertise on the ESA issues to other divisions within ADF&G (e.g., the department's response to the petition to list Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon under the ESA)

FY2025 Projects and Plans for Future Years:

- Finalize the Alaska State Wildlife Action Plan 2025 Revision to remain eligible for SWG funding and facilitate prioritization of research and management for species that could be petitioned for future ESA listing
- Research on species that are on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service workplan for ESA listing in future years (e.g., multiple bat species, grey-headed chickadee) and provide data to inform listing decisions
- Address new ESA listing efforts (e.g., large marble butterfly, glacier buttercup)
- Publish assessment of flaws with federal analyses of impacts of oil and gas activities on North Slope polar bears
- Continue to:
 - Prepare ESA responses for the State and provide expertise to other departments and ADF&G divisions, including for the ongoing listing review of Gulf of Alaska Chinook salmon and the proposed threatened listing of sunflower sea stars
 - Support the division's work to reintroduce wood bison, including ensuring the state maintains primary authority to manage wood bison in Alaska
 - Implement research and management projects for species of conservation concern (e.g. shorebirds, boreal songbirds) to avoid further declines and ESA listings
 - Monitor and address new and ongoing ESA issues
 - Collect population status monitoring data on ringed seals (ESA listed), bearded seals (ESA listed), spotted seals, and ribbon seals
 - Track movements and feeding areas of bowhead whales in collaboration with the North Slope Borough and Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission
 - Collect data on Southeast harbor porpoise
 - Collect population data on other ESA listed species: Cook Inlet belugas, ringed seals, and Steller sea lions

Re: ADF&G Response to FY2025 Budget Legislative Intent Language

December 20, 2024

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Subsistence Research & Monitoring / State Subsistence Research
Operating/Capital Budget (CCS HB 268 (Corrected))

It is the intent of the legislature that the agency shall restore Subsistence as a division, and that the agency submit a report to the Co-chairs of Finance and the Legislative Finance Division on the status of these efforts by December 20, 2024.

The ADF&G has restored the Subsistence Research Section established under AS 16.05.094 as a division and are seeking a director to lead the division per the duties described in AS 16.05.094. To date, the ADF&G has been unsuccessful in finding a candidate, but efforts continue. Currently, the Division Operations Manager is fulfilling the oversight responsibilities under the direction of the Commissioner for the Division of Subsistence.

I hope you find this report to be informative. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Respectfully,



Doug Vincent-Lang
Commissioner

Attachment

cc: Alexei Painter, Director, Legislative Finance Division
Jordan Shilling, Legislative Director, Office of the Governor
Lacey Sanders, Director, Office of Management and Budget

Attachment 1: Project List for FY2024

Marine Mammals Protection (MMP) Program		General Fund
Project Names		
Foraging & Diet Modeling -Cook Inlet Beluga		\$39,744
Pacific Walrus abundance estimates		\$20,040
Cook Inlet Beluga information recovery and stakeholder engagement		\$29,523
Marine mammal and ESA Data analysis, statistics, and manuscripts		\$131,484
Marine Mammals State Response for Endangered Species Act Listings, Candidates of Concern, and Species of Concern Federal Notice Documents		\$23,000
Marine Mammals Operations Field Support, Equipment Upgrades, and Field Supplies to support Data on Strategic Dock for SE Alaska Harbor Porpoise impacting Southeast Alaska Gill Net Fishery		\$158,123
Analysis of samples and data to inform the state on Marine Mammal and ESA listed species including listed sea lions, polar bears, and ringed seals		\$134,289
Marine Mammals Subsistence Seal Harvest		\$20,000
Equipment repair and maintenance to support Marine Mammal and ESA field data collection		\$68,745
Marine Mammals Staff Essential Training for Animal Handling, Proper field studies, Data Collection		\$42,512
Marine Mammals Field and Equipment for Polar Bear Field Studies Sample Collections		\$20,000
Marine Mammals Field and Equipment for Ringed Seals Sample Collections		\$20,000
Total		\$707,460
Threatened, Endangered, and Diversity (TED) Program		General Fund
Project Names		
Endangered Species Act and Research Coordination		\$272,686
TED Program Misc Field Equipment, Supplies and Small Contracts for Wildlife Research and Data Analysis		\$249,964
State Wildlife Action Plan 2025 Revision Contract		\$117,500
Red Knot Research and Data Analysis		\$102,700
Region 1 Bat Monitoring Research and Data Analysis		\$142,963
Region 1 Seabird and Marine Mammal Mortality Monitoring		\$4,620
Region 2 Collared Pika Population Ecology Research		\$10,738
Region 2 Lesser Yellowlegs Migration & Demography Research and Data Analysis		\$64,003
Region 3 Olive-Sided Flycatcher Migration & Breeding Biology Research and Data Analysis		\$35,635
Region 3 Bank Swallow Research and Data Analysis		\$22,000
Region 3 Songbird Monitoring and Research		\$11,917
Region 5 Alaska Hare Monitoring Surveys		\$20,987
Region 5 Grey-headed Chickadee Research		\$1,161
Region 5 McKay's Bunting Surveys and Research		\$40,000
Region 5 Raptor Monitoring, Research and Data Analysis		\$119,248
Total		\$1,216,122
Combined Total		\$1,923,582



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Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs:

Intent language from House Bill 268 requires the Department of Health to provide the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division information about the programs administered by the department.

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department shall submit a report to the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024 for the programs administered under each budget allocation, with the following information: the State of Alaska constitutional requirement, federal requirement, statutory requirement, number of Alaskans served, percent of costs covered by fees, and relevance to the Department's mission.

Please see the attached document in response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Pam Halloran".

Pam Halloran
Assistant Commissioner, Department of Health

cc: Alexei Painter, Legislative Finance
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Department of Health Programs

Division	Component	Program	Alaska Constitutional Requirement	Federal Requirement	Statutory Requirement	Number of Alaskans Served	Percent of Costs Covered by Fees	Relevance to Department's Mission
Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Grants	Treatment and Recovery provides: Rural Peer Support, Supported Employment, Recidivism Reduction, First Episode Psychosis, Permanent Supported Housing, Bethel Community Service Patrol, Bethel Community Sobering Center, Comprehensive Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Outpatient, Comprehensive Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Residential/Withdrawal Management, Comprehensive Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Peer and Consumer Support, Mobile Outreach, Recovery Housing, and Crisis Stabilization	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Community services (Pub. L. 97-35, sections 671-683) (42 U.S.C. 9901-9912). Preventive health and health services (Pub. L. 97-35, section 901) (42 U.S.C. 300w-300w-8). Community mental health services (Public Health Service Act, sections 1911-1920 and sections 1941-1954) (42 U.S.C. 300x-1-300x-9 and 300x-51-300x-64). Substance abuse prevention and treatment (Public Health Service Act, sections 1921-1935 and sections 1941-1954) (42 U.S.C. 300x-21-300x-35 and 300x-51-300x-64). Maternal and child health services (Social Security Act, Title V) (42 U.S.C. 701-709). (Social services, empowerment zones and enterprise communities (Pub. L. 97-35, sections 2351-55; Pub. L. 103-66, section 1371) (42 U.S.C. 1397-1397f)). Low-income home energy assistance (Pub. L. 97-35, sections 2601-11) (42 U.S.C. 8621-8629).	Alaska Statutes (AS): AS 47.30.520 - 620 Community Mental Health Services Act; AS 47.30.011-061 Mental Health Trust Authority; AS 47.30.655-915 State Mental Health; 7AAC 78 & 81 Grant Programs; 7AAC 71.010 - 300 Community Mental Health Services; AS 47.37 Uniform Community Mental Health Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act; 7AAC 29 Uniform Alcoholism and Treatment Act; 7AAC 32 Depressant Hallucinogenic, and Stimulant Drugs; 7 AAC 33 Methadone Programs; AS 47.30.665 - 915 State Mental Health Policy; 7AAC 78 Grants	26,941	0%	Protect and improve the quality of life for people who are impacted by mental disorders or illnesses, and/or substance use disorders, by providing grants to local and regional non-profit community-based organizations and behavioral health centers for treatment and recovery.
Behavioral Health	Alcohol Safety Action Program	The Alaska Alcohol Safety Action Program (ASAP) provides substance abuse screening, education/treatment referrals, case management and accountability for Operating Under the Influence (OUI), Driving Under the Influence (DUI), and other alcohol/drug related misdemeanor cases. (ASAP/TC) The therapeutic court provides an alternative justice model in which a collaborative team oversees and closely monitors participants who choose the treatment program in lieu of incarceration for some felony and misdemeanor offenses. ASAP provides case management and the public safety for these courts.	Article I § 8 Public Safety Article VII § 5 Public Welfare		AS 28.35.030 Miscellaneous Provisions; AS 47.30.011-061 Mental Health Trust Authority; AS 47.30.470-500 Mental Health; AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism & Intoxication Treatment Act; 7AAC 29 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment; 7AAC 78 Grant Programs	3,733	15%	Identify offenders involved in alcohol or substance abuse, facilitate intervention, and monitor offenders' compliance to those interventions, thus ensuring the safety of Alaskan communities.

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Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health Administration	Manage the Administrative Services Organization for Alaska's Behavioral Health Reform 1115 Waiver Manage and support the Alaska Automated Information Management System Complete reporting requirements of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Assistance to support the Behavioral Health Reform 1115 Waiver Manage federal regulation for Synar to limit youth's retail access to tobacco. Manage Provider Agreements and funding to support the Complex Behavioral Collaborative Oversee licensing requirements for Adolescent Residential Programs and Adult 1115 Mental Health Homes	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Medicaid 1115 Behavioral Health Waiver - Section 1115 of the Social Security Act Synar - Public Law 116-94 PL 102-321 Community Mental Health Services	AS 47.30.520 - 620 Community Mental Health Services Act AS 47.30.011-061 Mental Health Trust Authority; 7AAC 71.010 - 300 Community Mental Health Services; AS 47.30.665 - 915 State Mental Health Policy; 7AAC 78 & 81 Grant Programs; AS 44.29.020 Department of Health (duties of department); AS 44.29.210-230 Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Revolving Loan Fund; AS 47.30.470-500 Mental Health; AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act; 7AAC 29 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act; 7AAC 32 Depressant, Hallucinogenic, and Stimulant Drugs; 7AAC 33 Methadone Programs 7 AAC 78 Grant Programs,	15,099	0%	To direct and administer the statewide behavioral health service continuum, spanning the full system of programs providing prevention, early intervention, treatment and recovery. Also administering the Behavioral Health Reform Medicaid 1115 waiver program.
Behavioral Health	Behavioral Health Prevention and Early Intervention Grants	Community Coalitions - Funding support for coalitions promoting healthy lifestyles for individuals, families, and communities including the prevention of behavioral health challenges with early intervention when a need is recognized. The section provides grant oversight and management along with training and technical assistance for Prevention and Early Intervention coalitions. Suicide Prevention - Funding supports for ongoing suicide prevention efforts as well as oversight of the 988 and Alaska Crisis Line contract.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Section 1921 of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II and III of the Public Health Services (PHS) Act Title 78 Code of Federal Regulations Part 96.94 Federal Register 1492 direct how much Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) can require states to spend on prevention from their block grant funding.	AS 28.35.030 Miscellaneous Provisions; AS 47.30.011-061 Mental Health Trust Authority; AS 47.30.470-500 Mental Health; AS 47.37 Uniform Alcoholism & Intoxication Treatment Act; 7AAC 29 Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment; 7AAC 78 Grant Programs	5,000	0%	Ensure that effective community-based behavioral health prevention services are available statewide, incorporating community readiness, planning, partnerships and coalitions, and evidence-based strategies that demonstrate positive outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.
Behavioral Health	Residential Child Care	Fund room and board for facilities providing three levels of 24-hour, high quality, time-limited residential care for vulnerable children and at-risk youth.	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	AS 47.05.010 Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions; AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid; AS 47.17 Child Protection; AS 47.30 Mental Health Trust Authority; AS 47.40 Purchase of Services; 7AAC 53 Article 1 Child Foster Care Payments; 7AAC 53 Article 3 Children in Custody or Under Supervision, Needs and Income	AS 47.05.010 Administration of Welfare, Social Services, and Institutions; AS 47.10 Children in Need of Aid; AS 47.17 Child Protection; AS 47.30 Mental Health Trust Authority; AS 47.40 Purchase of Services; 7AAC 53 Article 1 Child Foster Care Payments; 7AAC 53 Article 3 Children in Custody or Under Supervision, Needs and Income	357	0%	The Residential Care for Children and Youth (RCCY) program provides 24-hour structured care for vulnerable children (state custody and parental custody) who are unable to remain in their homes. The program also provides therapeutic interventions, beyond those available in foster care, for at-risk youth who present severe and complex needs related to severe emotional disturbances, sexual abuse or aggression, substance use disorders, delinquency, and other high-risk behaviors.

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Behavioral Health	Alaska Mental Health Board and Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	AMHB/ABADA	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare		AS 44.29.100-140 Advisory board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse; AS 47.30.470 (8) Welfare, Social Services & Institutions, Mental Health AS 47.37.040 (10) Welfare, Social Services & Institutions, Uniform Alcoholism and Intoxication Treatment Act; AS 47.30.661-669 Welfare, Social Services & Institutions, Mental Health, Alaska Mental Health Board ASD 47.30.530(a)(9)		0%	The Alaska Mental Health Board (AMHB) is the state planning and coordinating body for the purposes of federal and state laws relating to mental health services for persons with mental health disorders. The Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drugs Abuse (ABADA) is the planning and coordinating body for purposes of federal and state laws relating to alcohol, drug, and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services.
Behavioral Health	Statewide Suicide Prevention Council	Statewide Suicide Prevention Council	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare		AS 44.29.300-390 Department of Health, Statewide Suicide Prevention Council		0%	The Statewide Suicide Prevention Council (SSPC) serves in an advisory capacity to the Legislature and Governor regarding suicide awareness and prevention. In collaboration with communities, faith-based organizations, and public-private entities, the SSPC works to improve the health and wellness of Alaskans by reducing suicide and its effect on individuals and communities.
Health Care Services	Health Facilities Licensing and Certification	Health Facilities Licensing and Certification	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): 42 CFR 488 Survey, Certification, and Enforcement Procedures Social Security Act (SSA): SSA Title XIX Medicaid; SSA XVIII Medicare	Alaska Statutes (AS): AS 18.05 Administration of Public Health and Related Laws; AS 18.20 Hospitals and Nursing Facilities; AS 18.23 Health Care Services Information and Review Organizations; AS 47.05 Criminal History and Registry; AS 47.32 Centralized Licensing and Related Administrative Procedures ; AS 08.80 Pharmacy; AS 08.64 Medical Professionals Alaska Administrative Code (AAC): 7 AAC 10 Licensing, Certification, and Approvals; 7 AAC 12 Facilities and Local Units		10.77% of total combined federal / state budget - OR - 38.30% of state budget only	Direct relevance. This helps protect Alaska's most vulnerable populations through the certification and licensing sections.
Health Care Services	Residential Licensing	Background Check Program	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	42 CFR 455.434 42 CFR § 483.12(a)(3) 45 CFR 98.43	AS 47.05.300-390 7 AAC 10.900-990 7 AAC 105.210 7 AAC 57.220(b)	53,212	45%	Direct Relevance. Background checks ensure the health, safety, and welfare of vulnerable populations while meeting federal requirements for employment at licensed and certified facilities.

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Health Care Services	Residential Licensing	Residential Licensing, Assisted Living Homes Inspections and Investigations	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Social Security Act: Title XVIII Medicare Title XIX Medicaid Title XXI Children's Health Insurance Program	AS 18.05 A 44.29 AS 47.05 AS 47.32 AS 47.33 7 AAC 10 7 AAC 50 7 AAC 75	4,877	2%	Direct Relevance: Residential Licensing protects and reduces the risk to the health, safety, and exploitation of Alaska's most vulnerable citizens being served and ensures there is public confidence in the health care and community service delivery systems through regulatory, enforcement, and background check activities.
Health Care Services	Medical Assistance Administration	Medicaid Program Administration, including EPSDT (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment), Alien Medicaid, Utilization Management Services, Provider Enrollment, Care Management, Alaska Medicaid Coordinated Care Initiative, Third Party Liability and Cost Avoidance, Recovery, and Tribal Reclamation	Article VII § 4 Public Health; Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	42 CFR 441.50 - 441.62 42 CFR 440.255 42 CFR 482.30 42 CFR 455.410 42 CFR 431.51 CMCS Informational Bulletin 7.24.13 - Targeting Medicaid Super-Utilizers to Decrease Costs and Improve Quality 42 CFR 433.135 - 433.138 Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (OBRA 93) SHO 16-002		251,923	0%	Direct relevance. The mission of the Department of Health is "Promoting the health, well-being, and self-sufficiency of Alaskans."
Public Assistance	Alaska Temporary Assistance Program	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	45 CFR 260	AS 47.27.005 - 990	6,304	0%	The Alaska Temporary Assistance Program promotes and protects the health and well-being of low-income Alaskan families with dependent children by providing them with temporary financial assistance for basic living expenses while caretaker relatives go to work and prepare to become self-sufficient.
Public Assistance	Adult Public Assistance	Adult Public Assistance and Interim Assistance	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(IV) and 1902(a)(10)(A)(i)(XI) of the Act	AS 47.25.430 - 615	15,885	0%	Adult Public Assistance provides financial assistance for basic living expenses to needy elderly, blind, or disabled Alaskans in order for them to remain as independent as possible in the community. Expenditures meet Maintenance of Effort requirements for Medicaid.

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Public Assistance	Child Care Benefits	Child Care Assistance	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	45 CFR 98	AS 47.25.001 - .095	3,904	0%	Child Care Assistance provides critical support for working Alaskans by ensuring they have access to affordable and quality (safe, healthy, and nurturing) child care for their children. The component helps strengthen families by providing child care subsidies to eligible families; provides resources for parents to assist them in understanding what quality care looks like and how to go about choosing care that meets their family's needs; and offers professional development opportunities for early childhood professionals (providers) who care for and educate Alaska's young children. Child care licensing and facility monitoring activities help protect vulnerable Alaskans by ensuring children in care are in a safe environment.
Public Assistance	General Relief Assistance	General Relief/Burial	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare		AS 47.25.120-300	259	0%	General Relief Assistance promotes and protects the health and well-being of Alaskans by providing a safety net for very low-income individuals who are not eligible for other state or federal assistance.
Public Assistance	Energy Assistance Program	Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Public Law 97-35 45 CFR 96.80 – 96.89	AS 47.25.621-.626 Alaska Affordable Heating Program	10,476	0%	The Energy Assistance Program is designed to promote the general welfare and safeguard the health and well-being of Alaska's population by offsetting the cost of home heating for low-income families.
Public Assistance	Public Assistance Field Services	SNAP, Alaska Temporary Assistance, Medicaid, Adult Public Assistance, Interim Assistance, General Relief, Senior Benefits, Energy Assistance	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Public Law 97-35 7 CFR 246	AS 47.05.010-.080 AS 47.25.975-.990 AS 47.27.005-.990 AS 47.25.430-.615 AS 47.25.120-.300 AS 47.45.301-.309 AS 47.07.010-.900 AS 43.23.075 AS 47.25.001-.095 AS 47.32.010-.900 7 AAC 44	288,689	0%	Promoting self-sufficiency and providing for basic living expenses to Alaskans in need.

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Public Assistance	Women, Infants, and Children	WIC, Farmers Market, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Education (SNAP ED)	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	7 CFR 246	AS 18.05.010-.070	23,351	0%	Improving the health and quality of life for pregnant women, children, families, and decreasing health care costs by furthering nutrition education, promoting access to nutritious foods, and improving access to nutrition services.
Public Health	Nursing	Nursing	Article VII § 4 Public Health		<p>Primary</p> <p>AS 18.15.395 AS 44.29.020</p> <p>Secondary</p> <p>AS 09.55.556 AS 09.65.161 AS 11.41.360 AS 11.41.434-440 AS 11.66.110-150 AS 14.07.020 AS 14.30.065-125, 127, 191, 231 AS 18.05 AS 18.05.042 AS 18.09.200 AS 18.15</p>	0.219%	Public health nurses address a wide range of health-related issues, focusing on disease reduction, health improvement, and addressing health related needs. By delivering accessible healthcare and collaborating with local entities, Public Health Nursing supports the department's commitment to promoting public health and preventing disease at both individual and systemic levels.	
Public Health	Women, Children, and Family Health	Women, Children, and Family Health	Article VII § 4 Public Health	Title V of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 701-709) authorizes the Title V Maternal Child Health (MCH) Services Block Grant to States Program	<p>AS 18.05.030 AS 18.15.010-900 AS 18.16.060 AS 18.05.032 AS 18.23 AS 44.29.020 AS 47.20.300-390 AS 18.15.205</p>	About 8,779 pregnant women, 8,741 infants, and 103,362 children	10.13%	This section improves health status, ensures health service access, and eliminates health disparities. Target populations include those who are pregnant or postpartum, infants, children, adolescents, children and youth with special health care needs, those with low-income status, and those with limited access to health services.

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Public Health	Emergency Programs	Rural Community Health Systems	Article VII § 4 Public Health	<p>Title 42 CFR Part 70, 71, 110</p> <p>Title 42 CFR Part 401, 409; Title 21 CFR</p> <p>Title 44 CFR Part 206, 201, 204</p> <p>Title 44 CFR Part 206, 201, 204</p> <p>Title 45 CFR Part 165</p> <p>Sec. 215 of the Public Health Service Act,</p> <p>58 Stat. 690 (42 U.S.C. 216)</p> <p>42 U.S.C. § 254f(d)</p> <p>42 U.S.C. § 254q-1 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (P.L. 117-2); Section 2602 PL 111-148, Sec 10908, IRC Section 108(f)(4) as amended by section 10908 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010</p> <p>42 U.S.C. § 254r</p> <p>42 U.S.C. § 1395i-4</p> <p>Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-33)- (Title 42 CFR 485.601-647)</p> <p>8 U.S.C. § 1153</p>	<p>AS 08.64.369</p> <p>AS 18.08</p> <p>AS 26.23</p> <p>AS 44.29.020</p> <p>7 AAC 12.104-190</p> <p>7 AAC 24</p> <p>7 AAC 26</p> <p>7 AAC 80.045</p>	<p>Nearly every community, providing vital prehospital emergency care through both ground and air ambulance responses, with 86,020 ground and 6,743 air ambulance responses in FY2024.</p> <p>Credentialed 2,924 EMTs, 825 paramedics, 69 ground ambulance services, 10 air ambulance services.</p>	16.35%	<p>Rural and Community Health Systems (RCHS) houses five diverse business units, the Office of EMS, Trauma Systems, Health Emergency Response Operations, the Office of Healthcare Access, and Homelessness Health Intervention and Prevention. Collectively the work of Rural and Community Health Systems touches every Alaskan community and is integral to the overall Mission of the department and division.</p>
Public Health	Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	Article VII § 4 Public Health	<p>Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (Public Law 97-35) authorized a series of health and social services block grants, including the Preventive Health and Health Services (PHHS) Block Grant.</p>	<p>AS 44.29.020</p> <p>AS 37.05.580</p> <p>AS 18.35.301</p> <p>AS 17.20.080</p> <p>AS 14.30</p> <p>AS 18.23.030</p> <p>AS 11.71</p> <p>AS 17.38</p> <p>AS 19.09.300</p> <p>AS 18.05</p> <p>AS 18.15</p>	<p>All Alaskans through activities that prevent and address chronic disease and injury.</p> <p>Also supports Alaskans in managing chronic conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, dementia, and stroke.</p>	0%	<p>Collects and shares information on the health challenges Alaskans face and activities that prevent and address chronic disease and injury.</p>

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Public Health	Epidemiology	Epidemiology	Article VII § 4 Public Health	42 USC 11434A(2) 42 USC 247B 45 CFR 74 45 CFR 92 Public Health Service Act 317 PL 104-191 PL 107-188	AS 08.80.030(b) AS 08.80.188 AS 08.80.480(27) AS 14.30.125 AS 44.29.020	All Alaskans by conducting statewide surveillance and disease control activities and supporting distribution of interventions, such as vaccines, to the wider population. Epidemiology also serves non-Alaskans by maintaining surveillance response capacity and oversight for travelers or workers who may be diagnosed with an infectious condition while in Alaska.	0.39%	Provide timely health data to respond to urgent and ongoing public health issues and to promote and facilitate prevention strategies that are therefore key to the department's mission of promoting the health of Alaskans.
Public Health	Bureau of Vital Statistics	Health Analytics and Vital Records	Article VII § 4 Public Health	S.3312 Cancer Registries Amendment Act Public Health Service Act	AS 18.50 AS 25.05 AS 18.15 AS 18.23.500	All Alaskans through the administration of the Alaska Vital Records System, Alaska Cancer Registry, Health Care Price Transparency Reporting Facilities Discharge Reporting System, In FY2024 issued certified copies of Vital Records to 40,360 Alaskans.	59.42%	Provides key population and health data that is utilized by every other section within the Division of Public Health are therefore key to the department's mission of promoting the health of Alaskans.

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Public Health	State Medical Examiner	State Medical Examiner	Article VII § 4 Public Health	42 CFR 35.16 49 CFR 831.10 38 CFR 17.170 28 CFR 549.80	AS 12.92 AS 09.55.062 AS 18.50.230 AS 18.50.240	Entire population of Alaska through conducting medicolegal death investigations.	0.0054%	Responsible for identifying the cause(s) of sudden, unexpected deaths that might threaten public health through infectious agents or toxins. Those deaths are reported to the State Epidemiology Section. Provide death information to other Public Health sections for various required CDC reporting.
Public Health	Public Health Laboratories	Public Health Laboratories	Article VII § 4 Public Health	42 USC 263a 42 CFR Part 493 7 CFR Part 331 9 CFR Part 121 29 CFR 1910.1450 40 CFR Parts 261-266 42 USC 262 45 CFR Parts 160, 162, 164 45 CFR Part 46	AS 18.15.355-395 AS 08.36.315 AS 18.60.075 AS 18.05.010-070 AS 18.15.300 AS 18.07.111 AS 44.29.020	Provides testing services for healthcare providers that focus on communities that are underinsured and uninsured. 98,631 tests in FY2024	2.45%	Provides essential diagnostic testing and disease surveillance that supports every section within the Division of Public Health. The data generated by these labs is foundational to health analytics, vital records, and public health decision-making. Labs help promote the health of Alaskans across the lifespan, enhance healthcare access and quality, and ensure community safety.
Senior Benefits Payment Program	Senior Benefits Payment Program	Senior Benefits Payment Program	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare		AS 47.45.301-309	13,798	0%	The Senior Benefits Payment Program helps low-income seniors, who are at least 65 years of age, remain independent in the community by providing a cash benefit.
Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior and Disabilities Community Based Grants	Senior and Disabilities Community Based Grants	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	45 CFR, Part 1321 PL 98-459 PL 100-203	AS 44.29.020 AS 47.05 AS 47.65.290 AS 47.80 7 AAC 78.010-320	27,071	0%	Senior and Disabilities Services Community Based Grants funds a network of local service providers throughout the state to support seniors and individuals with disabilities in the setting of their choice to ensure health safety. It also provides information about and access to services that are designed to help them maintain independence and remain in their own homes and communities. Programs and services are targeted to those most in need including individuals living in rural areas, low income, minority, and/or socially isolated. These grants recognize the importance of community, family and culture and individual preferences in the delivery of services.

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Senior and Disabilities Services	Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs	Early Intervention/Infant Learning Programs	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Federal Statute 33	AS 47.20.060-390 7 AAC 78.010-320 7 AAC 23.010-100 7 AAC 80.010-925	1,988	0%	Early intervention/Infant Learning Program (E/I/ILP) promotes access to a flexible array of quality services for Alaskan infants and toddlers with special developmental needs and their families. It provides early intervention services and support to families of children from birth to the age of three who experience diagnosed conditions or significant developmental delay. Services are provided in a manner that respects families, communities, cultural differences, and promotes genuine partnerships in all aspects of service design and delivery. The program is administered in accordance with Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).
Senior and Disabilities Services	Senior and Disabilities Services Administration	Senior and Disabilities Services Administration	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	42 CFR, Part 440 45 CFR, Part 1321	AS 44.29.020 AS 47.24 AS 47.33 AS 47.65 AS 47.80 7 AAC 43 7 AAC 72 7 AAC 78	13,327	0%	Provides administrative and logistics support and services to division leadership and program staff as well as provide oversight of grant and Medicaid waiver programs for Alaska's seniors and disabled.
Senior and Disabilities Services	General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living	General Relief/Temporary Assisted Living	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	42 CFR, Part 440	AS 44.29.020 AS 47.24 AS 47.33 AS 47.65 7 AAC 43 7 AAC 47.300-525	496	0%	Provide temporary assisted living funding to protect Alaska's vulnerable adults.
Senior and Disabilities Services	Commission on Aging	Commission on Aging	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare		AS 47.45.200-290 AS 47.65.100 AS 47.65.290		0%	Since 1982, the Alaska Commission on Aging has served to ensure the dignity and independence of all older Alaskans by addressing their needs through planning, advocacy, education, and interagency cooperation.
Senior and Disabilities Services	Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education	Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	PL105-17 Part B PL105-17 Part C PL106-402	AS 14.30.231 AS 14.30.610 AS 47.80.030-090		0%	Conduct federally required capacity building, systems change, and advocacy activities that help Alaskans with developmental and other severe disabilities, students receiving special education services, and infants and toddlers with disabilities to live safe, healthy and productive lives in their local communities.

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Human Services Community Matching Grants	Human Services Community Matching Grants	Human Services Community Matching Grants	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare		AS 29.80.600 - 650, Human services community matching grants	Unknown	0%	AS 29.80.600 authorizes the department to make grants to qualified municipalities. Services from municipalities include, but are not limited to, the following: substance abuse treatment, mental health services, food and shelter for the low income, sexual assault shelters, domestic violence treatment, runaway shelters, health services for low-income housing and rehabilitation for the physically and mentally ill. These services are purchased through contracts with non-profit sub-grantee agencies.
Community Initiative Matching Grants	Community Initiative Matching Grants	Community Initiative Matching Grants	Article VII § 5 Public Welfare			Unknown	0%	Provide essential human services to communities throughout the state that are ineligible for Human Services Community Matching Grant funds. Additional preference points were available to those organizations who proposed services that met Department of Health and Social Services definition of "essential". Services provided through these programs support Alaska's most vulnerable population. The homeless, hungry, and destitute depend on these services to remain alive and safe. These services are of the most basic type where sometimes the goal is simply keep someone from freezing to death.

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Medicaid Services	Medicaid Services	Medical Assistance Program; Children's Health Insurance Program	Article VII § 4 Public Health; Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; 42 CFR Chapter IV Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, DHHS (continued); 45 CFR Part 95 General Administration-Grant Programs (Public Assistance, Medical Assistance and State Children's Health Insurance Programs) Social Security Act (SSA): SSA Title XIX Medicaid; SSA XVIII Medicare; SSA XXI Children's Health Insurance Program	Alaska Statutes (AS): AS 36 Public Contracts; AS 37 Public Finance; AS 47.07 Medical Assistance for Needy Persons; AS 47.08 Assistance for Catastrophic Illness and Chronic or Acute Medical Conditions; AS 47.25 Public Assistance Alaska Administrative Code (AAC): 7 AAC 43 Medicaid; 7 AAC 48 Chronic and Acute Medical Assistance 7 AAC 100 Medicaid Eligibility; 7 AAC 105 Medicaid Provider and Recipient Participation; 7 AAC 160 Medicaid Program; General Provisions 7 AAC 145.400- 7 AAC 145.410 Dispensing Fee	259,398	0%	Direct relevance. The mission of the Department of Health is "Promoting the health, well-being, and self-sufficiency of Alaskans."
Medicaid Services	Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Services	Adult Preventative Dental Medicaid Services	Article VII § 4 Public Health; Article VII § 5 Public Welfare	Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): 2 CFR Part 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; 42 CFR Chapter IV Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, DHHS (continued); 45 CFR Part 95 General Administration-Grant Programs (Public Assistance, Medical Assistance and State Children's Health Insurance Programs) Social Security Act (SSA): SSA Title XIX Medicaid; SSA XVIII Medicare	Alaska Statutes (AS): AS 47.07 Medical Assistance for Needy Persons; AS 47.25 Public Assistance Alaska Administrative Code (AAC): 7 AAC 43 Medicaid; 7 AAC 100 Medicaid Eligibility; 7 AAC 105 Medicaid Provider and Recipient Participation; 7 AAC 160 Medicaid Program; General Provisions	31,873	0%	Direct relevance. The mission of the Department of Health is "Promoting the health, well-being, and self-sufficiency of Alaskans."



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Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs:

Intent language from House Bill 268 requires the Department of Health to provide the Co-chairs of the Finance Committees and the Legislative Finance Division information about oversight of child care centers,

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department prepare a report detailing how the State provides oversight of childcare centers, including inspections of the centers, and deliver the report to the Co-chairs of the Finance committees and the Legislative Finance Division by December 20, 2024.

Oversight of Licensed Child Care Facilities

Alaska Statute 47.32 establishes the centralized licensing and administrative procedures governing child care facilities in the state. The purpose of this chapter is intended to promote safe and appropriate services by setting standards for licensure that will reduce predictable risk; improve quality of care; foster individual rights; and otherwise, advance public health, safety, and welfare. The ultimate goal is always to provide for the safety and well-being of children at child care facilities.

The Alaska Department of Health is tasked with administering and enforcing the provisions of this chapter. Its responsibilities include adopting regulations necessary to coordinating and developing policies, programs, and planning related to licensure operations of child care facilities. These powers include the authority to inspect, monitor, and investigate child care facilities and to delegate those powers to a municipality that has adopted an ordinance providing for child care licensing. The State of Alaska has delegated licensing and monitoring of child care facilities to the Municipality of Anchorage for facilities falling under their jurisdiction.

Licensed Child Care Facilities

State of Alaska licensed child care facilities provide care for children birth to 12 years of age. Child care is defined as the supervision and provision of developmental opportunities, with or without compensation, to a child who does not have a parent present. The State of Alaska has three types of licensed child care facilities: Licensed Homes provide care for up to 8 children in a residential home with one administrator caregiver; Licensed Group Homes care for 9 to 12 children in a residential home with an administrator and one additional caregiver; and Licensed Centers care for more than 13 children in a commercial building with an administrator and specific child to caregiver ratios based on the age of the children in care in each classroom.

Alaska Administrative Code does provide for exemptions to the licensing requirement, such as exempting certified pre-elementary schools and Head Start preschool programs, care provided by a relative, and care provided in the child's own home. Child care homes or centers routinely providing care for five or more children which do not qualify as an exempt facility must be licensed under Alaska Administrative Code 7 AAC 57.010-990.

Licensing Process

Licensing of a child care facility begins upon receipt of a provisional license application. Throughout the licensing process, applicants and licensing specialists work together to ensure the facility will be a safe and healthy place for children when they are outside their home and away from the direct care of their parent(s) or guardian(s). The licensing process follows a series of steps. This includes a review of administrator and staff qualification requirements, an initial announced physical inspection of the facility to ensure the facility is in good repair and in compliance with State and local building and fire safety codes, and a review of the facility's plan of operation. The plan of operation ensures the facility will operate in compliance with all applicable statutes and regulations. Orientation is provided to all child care facility administrators allowing for review and discussion of the licensing requirements and establishing a firm foundation of knowledge by the administrator.

Licensing Inspections

Once a child care facility is licensed, announced and unannounced inspections will occur. Inspections verify compliance with statutes and regulations, such as child to caregiver ratios, appropriate supervision, caregiver qualifications, criminal history checks, annual training completion, and compliance with health and safety requirements.

Announced inspections occur during the licensing renewal process and are required by regulation for monitoring compliance.

Unannounced inspections are conducted once a year and ensure the child care facility is maintaining compliance with health and safety requirements. Unannounced inspections may also occur at license-exempt facilities to verify a facility continues to meet exempt facility status.

Unannounced investigations, triggered by receipt of a report of concern or complaint, may happen at any time. Investigations are typically more focused on the area of concern and may

involve an in-depth review of facility documentation, caregiver and family interviews, and at times, coordination with other partners, including local law enforcement agencies.

Correction and Enforcement

The department provides coaching and education, guidance regarding variance applications, violation reports requiring corrective action, and enforcement actions. Enforcement actions start with a plan of correction and can progress up to license suspension or revocation, based on the severity of the violation.

This structured approach ensures that child care facilities operate safely, effectively, and in compliance with state and municipal regulations, prioritizing the health, safety and well-being of children in care.

Sincerely,

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FY26 Medicaid Services Summary UGF Overview
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FY25 UGF Current Budget (Basis for FY26) \$ 727,080,700

Medicaid Projection Increments FY26 Internal / Clarifying Notes

RBRVS (for Physician Svcs) Rate Increase	\$ 832,000	Resource-Based Relative Value Scale (Physician Services Rates)
CY2025 Medicare Part D Premiums Clawback	\$ 1,700,000	Federal Required Rate Increase
Facility and Hospital Regulatory Annual Rate Adjustment	\$ 4,700,000	State and Federal Required Provider-Specific Annual Rate Increases
Home and Community Waiver Regulatory Annual Rate Adjustment	\$ 6,000,000	
Behavioral Health Regulatory Annual Rate Adjustment	\$ 1,100,000	
subtotal	\$ 14,332,000	

Other Contributing Factors for FY26 Internal / Clarifying Notes

Incorporating FY25 Projected Shortfall (carries into FY26)	\$ 14,200,000	Reflects projected FY2025 Supplemental Request
Federal Register Published FFY2026 FMAP Rate Increase	-\$ 8,900,000	
subtotal	\$ 5,300,000	

FY2026 Projected Governor's Amend UGF Request \$ 19,600,000

FY2026 Governor's Amend UGF Budget \$ 746,680,700

FY2026 Projected UGF Spend \$ 746,715,336 as of 12/04/24

FY2026 Projected UGF (Shortfall)/Surplus (\$34,636)

*Footnote: Projections based on current enrollment figures.



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Subject: Winter Operations Improvements for the 2024/2025 Season

Dear Finance Committee Co-Chairs,

I am writing to provide an update on the Alaska Department of Transportation & Public Facilities' (DOT&PF) preparations for the upcoming 2024/2025 winter season with respect to snow clearing on roads and sidewalks, which has been a topic of significant interest and attention. This letter serves to fulfill both the October 1, 2024, and December 20, 2024 reporting request responsive to the legislative intent language in the FY 2025 operating budget.

Alaska DOT&PF has undertaken several initiatives and improvements to enhance our snow removal operations and ensure the safety and mobility of Alaskans throughout the winter months. These efforts reflect our commitment to maintaining a resilient and adaptable transportation system in the face of Alaska's challenging, even unprecedented, winter conditions.

Our key snow removal improvements fall under the following three categories in this update:

- Workforce and Resourcing
- Equipment
- Policies and Communications

Workforce and Resourcing Improvements

Increased LTC Contract Funding and Vacancy Rates: Thanks to Governor Dunleavy and the Legislature's approval of monetary terms in the latest collective bargaining agreement (CBA) for labor, trades and crafts (LTC), of which many Maintenance and Operations (M&O) forces at DOT&PF are a member, this new CBA included significant increases in LTC. Starting on July 1, 2024, these individuals—who play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and reliability of our transportation infrastructure—will see a five percent increase in their wages across the board for cost of living along with step increases for a total increase of 14.75 percent in the first year of the new agreement along with additional increases based on the consumer price index (CPI) for Anchorage, Alaska. These step increases offer an accelerated pathway for career growth and enhanced earnings potential, particularly for those in the lower wage grades where competitive wages were most challenged, who could receive

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additional step boosts under the agreement. Recognizing the rising cost of living in certain areas of the state, there was also an adjustment to subsistence rates, increasing the allowances for workers stationed in central duty locations, helping to offset daily living expenses. Overall, this new agreement provides not only a financial increase but also a clearer, more structured progression for those whose work is essential to maintaining the lifelines of our state.

Relative to more recent contracts, these increases are the highest in recent memory and will assist the department in improving recruitment and retention of winter operations personnel, including operators and mechanics, who are essential to keeping Alaska’s roads safe during winter. Below is a snapshot of vacancies rates from the time the Department is compiling this letter to this same time last year. Note the overall improvements:

M&O Vacancy Rates	October 2023	October 2024
Southcoast Region M&O (SR)	19%	13% (-6%)
Central Region M&O (CR)	13%	11% (-2%)
Northern Region M&O (NR)	25%	27% (+2%)
State Equipment Fleet (SEF)	24%	20% (-4%)
Fairbanks International (FAI)	28%	14% (-14%)
Anchorage International (ANC)	11%	11% (No Change)

In areas such as Fairbanks M&O, where vacancies have remained higher than other areas, strategies include:

- A “2-week-on, 2-week-off” (2x2) work schedule gives 22 hours of coverage per day, seven days a week, as both an incentive to work those shifts for the pay and operational efficiencies for that same crew spending more time onsite. This schedule also helps with recruitment as it is approximately a 25 percent pay increase due to built-in overtime (OT) within the schedule. It also allows the department to call in staff who are off shift and work them for a few days, while they still get a decent time off, thereby reducing crew fatigue.
- Some internal position management downgrading to allow for more opportunities for apprentices and training.
- Implementing flex positions allowing operators to come in with less experience, and as they grow, they can flex up to higher pay without having to move positions.
- Implementing Non-Permanent operator positions statewide, which allows the department to keep interested equipment operators on a list to be called in when needed. This allows for off-season operators or retired DOT&PF staff to take short callouts for assistance to help when needed.

Snow Removal Contracts: While the intent language provided in the FY25 operating budget calls for a plan that “should not include increased reliance on contractors,” the Governor advanced, and the legislature approved, \$915.5 in UGF for a new, statewide allocation to contract for snow removal and to improve service. This strategy was advanced and adopted because it gives flexibility, through contracted supplemental snow removal, where the department can focus those resources. No one can guess where the next extraordinary weather event will occur and, therefore, flexibility in resourcing for response is vital to providing the best service where it is needed most. To that end, Alaska DOT&PF has expanded through this FY25 operating budget allocation for contracted snow removal in several regional hubs, concentrating on population centers, including Fairbanks, Anchorage, the Mat-Su Valley, and Kenai. These contracts supplement our State maintenance forces, while remaining flexible to allow for the

reallocation of resources across the state during extreme winter events that demand above-anticipated assistance.

Enhanced Focus on Sidewalk Snow Removal: The department is increasing collaboration with local governments and contractors to address sidewalk snow removal more effectively. Regional contracts include sidewalk clearing, and M&O forces are coordinating closely with local public works to provide seamless service across all modes of public access. As an example, Central Region DOT&PF has scheduled recurring meetings with the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) to continue their collaborative effort and ensure state / local forces can be agile with the department's plan to address challenges and unforeseen events as they arise. These efforts aim to improve pedestrian safety and mobility, particularly in urban areas where sidewalks are critical for winter transportation.

Equipment Improvements

State Equipment Fleet (SEF) Mechanics: Specialized skillsets such as heavy equipment mechanics have been more of a challenge in recent years given a highly competitive labor market. Equipment used for snow and ice removal requires constant maintenance and repairs both pre-season and during the winter season. This time last year, SEF saw higher vacancy rates, over 30 percent versus under 10 percent a few years before, among heavy duty mechanics. In Anchorage, more mechanics available ensures M&O forces have more equipment available to respond to snow events. At this time last year, the Anchorage Heavy Equipment shop had 60 percent of mechanic positions vacant; this year it is down to 33 percent.

Seasonal Equipment Changeovers: State M&O equipment is modified at the shoulder of each major season - summer operations and winter operations – to optimize use of maintenance assets. The phasing of these equipment changeovers is timed to ensure summer season work tapers off where needed while winter season capacity is available when first ice and snow is present. SEF and M&O forces have worked closely together, with improvements in workforce vacancies versus this time last year, on the changeover of equipment. Unavailable equipment, either because fewer mechanics were available, or the start of winter operations began sooner than equipment was ready to address, was a contributing factor to previous significant event responses. Additional mechanic staff and better coordination of equipment changeover will improve equipment readiness going into the winter season.

Equipment Location and Task Optimization: M&O and SEF crews are constantly evaluating equipment needs based on winter operations experience. Where there are assets identified that are underutilized at specific stations, that equipment is transferred to other regional stations to ensure optimal use of those assets to compliment the overall resourcing at that location. SEF has also worked diligently on specific equipment such as sidewalk blowers (supporting additional inventory on key components such as carrier unit and blower heads) to ensure such equipment can be operational and the clearing of pedestrian facilities can receive more attention with faster response to clear activities.

Additionally, SEF has worked on acquiring additional equipment, such as the highway snowblower recently added to the Anchorage fleet (via surplus from Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport), and SEF is working to fortify the fleet with additional backup plow trucks and graders from surplus or overhauls. As a specific example, Central Region DOT&PF is leasing two additional sidewalk blower units this winter season and they have ordered two additional blower units that will mount on Ag tractors (easier to source than other alternative equipment). The blower units will allow Central Region to use what has been seasonal equipment year-round to clear hillside pathways. While these new

blowers are not scheduled for delivery until March 2025, this information is intended to demonstrate the department's commitment to enhancing sidewalk snow clearing efforts and should be available to M&O forces for what is historically the snowiest months of the winter season.

Policies and Communications

Updated 511 Policy: We have revised the department's 511 policy to ensure that timely and accurate information regarding winter road conditions and traffic impacts is available for all roadways. This update will provide the public with enhanced access to real-time road condition information, allowing for better trip planning and decision-making.

Guidance for Supplemental Contract Service: The department is working through the development of a new policy and procedure (P&P) designed to assist our M&O teams in determining when to trigger supplemental services for lower-priority roads (Priority 3 and Priority 4). This will help ensure equitable snow removal and maintenance across all regions, particularly for communities that have reported the department's focus on higher priority roads have led to hardships on lower priority roads they utilized to access larger arterials and highways. At the moment, contract language uses M&O discretion based on information reported by crews and other stakeholders to trigger supplemental service. While this allows crews flexibility and discretion, a policy to ensure a maximum time for service can be established and is planned for future contracts.

Winter Operations Dashboard: In January 2025, the department is targeting the launch of a new Winter Operations Dashboard, available to the public. This near-real-time platform will display road maintenance and snow clearing activities, offering Alaskans critical insights to better inform their travel routes during winter conditions. This dashboard fulfills a commitment to the public and legislators as a result of reviewing legislative intent directing a review of winter road priorities and our 2023 Snow Summit discussions.

M&O Manual Updates: Updates to the M&O Manual, last updated in 2014, with new details to reflect best practices in winter maintenance, are planned by the end of the year. The specific update, targeted for late 2024 or early 2025, is an update on use and policies surrounding brine for snow and ice management. A literature review currently underway will inform this manual update.

Mobile Road Weather Information Systems (MRWIS) installed on DOT&PF Vehicles: This cutting-edge technology will provide real-time road condition reporting, enhancing safety and decision-making for both department staff and the traveling public. With predictive analysis capabilities, MRWIS will further improve winter maintenance strategies and resource allocation across Alaska's highways.

Virtual Snow Summit Update: In October/November 2024, DOT&PF plans to provide an update through a series of presentations online as a follow-up to our successful Snow Summit in October 2023. This virtual update will draw from much of the material in this letter with department staff to provide a more detailed readout of the process and path to continued improvements. Useful input was solicited in the 2023 Snow Summit, which informed some of the above efforts and the department believes in the continued commitment of sharing with stakeholders the progress that has been made together. Another in-person Snow Summit is planned for 2025 to bring stakeholders into the same location for information and input sessions (working toward an every-other-year in-person vs. virtual Summit).

These improvements reflect Alaska DOT&PF's commitment to both public safety and operational efficiency. The department is confident that these initiatives will enhance the ability to respond to winter weather challenges and maintain the critical transportation infrastructure that Alaskans depend on.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Alaska DOT&PF. I look forward to continued collaboration as we work together to serve the people of Alaska. Should you have any questions or require further details, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Anderson".

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