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MEMORANDUM

To: Mike Hawker
House Finance Co-Chair

From: Bill Stoltze
Chair – Law Budget Subcommittee

Representatives Gruenberg, Harris, Holmes, Keller,
Muñoz & Seaton, Law Subcommittee Members

Date: 2/28/09

Re: Law Budget Close Out

House Finance Budget Subcommittee FY 10 Department of Law

The House Finance Budget Subcommittee (HFBS) on The Department of Law (DOL) submits an operating budget for FY10 as follows:

General Funds	\$ 46,299.9
Federal Funds	\$ 3,233.7
Other Funds	<u>\$ 25,193.1</u>
Total	\$ 74,726.7

The HFBS budget authorizes \$10,525.5 less general funds than the Governor's FY10 DOL request. The FY10 subcommittee budget requests a total decrement from the 09 Revised Management Plan of \$5,039.4 general funds.

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Department of Law

House Finance Budget Subcommittee FY10 Highlights

INTRODUCTION

In determining the appropriation levels for FY10, the Department of Law Subcommittee utilized the FY10 adjusted base. The basic approach of the subcommittee revolved around the preservation of the budget base while maintaining the ability of the department to continue beneficial litigation for the State of Alaska.

ISSUES

In FY10, the Department of Law anticipated various issues that would require various funding increases. These issues include lease cost increases and funding lapses; training and position costs; and one-time incremental items. All transactions were approved, with the exception of the request from the Environmental Law section. It was the determination of the subcommittee that the amount requested could be made up within the flexibility of the Civil Division and re-allocated if necessary.

OTHER ISSUES

Three items were removed from the proposed budget and are recommended to be moved to the language section so as to not affect the adjusted base going forward. The three allocations were for BP Corrosion litigation, which is anticipated to be filed in FY10, and two Oil, Gas and Mining issues, which are Oil and Non-Gas Pipeline Matters and Trans Alaska Pipeline System Strategic Reconfiguration. These items comprised of the bulk of the funding increase in the Governor's Budget. It is the recommendation of the subcommittee that these items should be approved and the amount of funding should be determined by the co-chairs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The subcommittee recommends that all items be approved, with the exception of the fund change for the Environmental Law section. Also, the subcommittee further recommends that the proposed Oil, Gas and Mining and BP Corrosion appropriations be moved to the language section and funding amounts should be determined by the co-chairs.

The following Legislative Finance reports are attached:

1. Agency Totals – FY10 Operating Budget – House Structure
2. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (GF) – House Structure
3. Appropriation/Allocation Summary (all funds) – House Structure
4. Transaction Comparison (Adj. Base and House Subcom)
5. Transaction Comparison (Gov. Amd and House Subcom)
6. Wordage Report – FY10 Operating Budget – House Structure

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If you have any questions, please contact John Coan in my office at 2812.

Submitted,

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House Finance Subcommittee Chairman
Department of Law

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