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Memorandum

To: Representative Mike Hawker
Co-Chair, House Finance Committee

From: Bill Stoltze, Chair – Public Safety Budget Subcommittee *DWS*
Representatives Lynn, Harris, Dahlstrom,
Salmon and Kawasaki, Public Safety Subcommittee Members

Re: Public Safety Budget Close out

Date: March 2, 2009

Introduction

The Department of Public Safety sub-committee used the FY10 adjusted base when determining appropriation levels. The subcommittee accepted all departmental budget transactions from the FY09 Management Plan to the FY10 adjusted base.

Your office has the attached spreadsheet along with the legislative finance close-out reports document recommended subcommittee level of spending for FY10.

FY10 Language recommendations (Language sections)

The subcommittee recommends that the language section provision be adopted in full finance that allocates \$1,270,000 in general funds to the Alaska State Troopers appropriation in the event the agency is unable to obtain federal rural alcohol interdiction funds in the upcoming federal fiscal year.

The subcommittee recommends that the language section provision be adopted in full finance that allocates \$1,392,200 in general funds to the Alaska State Troopers appropriation in the event the agency is unable to obtain federal drug and alcohol enforcement funds in the upcoming federal fiscal year.

FY10 recommendations to the full Finance committee

The subcommittee recommends that a majority of the increments to fully fund all trooper positions be accepted. The subcommittee did deny some smaller increment request for these efforts.

With regard to the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, the subcommittee recommended an increase of \$296,000 of permanent fund felon funds for FY10. The subcommittee also switched out \$1,381,900 in general funds and replaced those funds with excess permanent fund felon funds. The freed up general funds were used to help fund the Alaska State Trooper increments.

The subcommittee recommends that partial funding for increased vehicle costs, trooper dispatching and prisoner transportation costs be accepted.

With regard to the Village Public Safety program, the subcommittee added funds to annualize the positions added in FY09. The subcommittee added 1/2 funding for new positions and for the COLA and merit increases requested in FY10.

The subcommittee also recommends the follow intent language be added to the operating budget:

It is the intent of the legislature that the Department of Public Safety provide additional state trooper coverage for international border communities to help meet Federal and Homeland Security requirements.

If you have any questions, please contact James Armstrong in my office at 6824.

cc: Dan Spencer, Department of Public Safety